



Kingston must retain its character as a living country village

Kingston Parish Council proposal to assist South Hams District Council to undertake consultation on Kingston's Neighbourhood Plan, in accordance with the process for managing Regulation 16 in accordance with Government guidance for Covid 19.

South Hams District Council has requested assistance in undertaking the Regulation 16 consultation on Kingston's Neighbourhood Plan, in the light of the Covid 19 epidemic.

Kingston Parish Council is happy to propose the following actions to assist in the Regulation 16 process, on the assumption that Covid 19 restrictions remain in place for all/part of the consultation period.

Kingston is a small Parish where the majority of residents have access to a good internet service. There is, however, a small number of people who do not have this access or who may not be confident in the full use of computer technology. The actions proposed are intended to overcome difficulties that might, consequently, be encountered in publicising the Neighbourhood Plan proposal as a result of the Covid 19 epidemic; and to ensure that all interested parties are able to comment during the consultation.

Key actions

1. Making the plan available on request in hard copy to residents without internet.

Kingston Parish Council will have available a small number of Plans in hard copy. One of these will be situated in the inherited British Telecom Telephone Box, which Kingston uses as the base for information for villagers. The other copies will be held by Kingston Neighbourhood Plan members who, on request, will deliver a hard copy to householders, who do not have internet access.

2. Extra leafletting.

In the context of Covid 19 restrictions, leaflets will not be delivered to residences but the August 2020 Parish Newsletter (delivered to every property in the parish) will include a highlighted article, explaining the

consultation process and how a household can request a hard copy of the Regulation 15 version of the Plan.

3. Extra Posters.

NPTG will place copies of the poster provided by South Hams District Council with information about the consultation process, including the Kingston Neighbourhood Plan members on:-

- a) A wooden stake in each of the three village locations used for publishing Kingston events.
- b) The Parish Council noticeboard in the centre of the village.
- c) The notice board outside the Reading Room
- d) The village events notice board.
- f) Kingston Neighbourhood Plan Website and “KEG” - Kingston Events Group - Facebook page on the basis that those who access these will be asked to share the information with others.
- g. Each non-statutory responder at Regulation 14 will be sent a copy of the South Hams District Council poster and a standard letter of consultation.

4. Consultation timeline.

The Consultation process will be limited to the statutory six-week period from **3 August – 17 September 2020.**