

**Minutes**  
**NKForum Meeting**  
**Wednesday 2nd February 2023**  
**4pm - Zoom**

Item	Description	Action	Whom
1	<b>Apologies</b> were received from David Cockle, John Parrish, Trevor Willis, Cllr Sabah Hamed		
2	<b>Matters Arising</b> Di proposed to amend the January minutes to soften the statement around the Height and Density of buildings in item 3.4. The minutes were agreed.		
3	<b>Feedback on the Meeting with Neil Homer, Independent Consultant.</b> Take homes and how we should move forward with points raised, especially the Site Policy overlap with the Local Plan. We are awaiting comments from RBK Planners on our amended documents. Howard explained that the Plan was all about preserving the character of North Kingston. Di added, " <i>to retain and enhance the character of North Kingston by developing a Neighbourhood Plan which will be a vehicle to guide, promote and allow balanced and sustainable change</i> ".  Di talked through the differences between some Site Allocations in the Council's Local Plan and our Site Design Policies. The council are not bringing forward as much housing as we suggest on these sites. Noel suggested we should not be too troubled if		

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	<p>there is a misalignment at this stage. We will have a discussion with officers to understand how they reached their recommendations and then make any necessary adjustments.</p>		
4	<p><b>Possible Timeframe towards submission to the Council. Suggestion:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Publish the submission version of the NPlan to the Community by May for 4 weeks - <b>this is not a consultation.</b> Hopefully with posters available either in the Urban Room or another drop-in venue.</li> <li>2. AGM/EGM by June to vote in new committee and explain the changes made to the Plan taking into consideration resident comments and any changes to National and Regional policies. Agreement with the community will be necessary.</li> <li>3. Submit by July. The Council will then hold a 6 week consultation followed by submission to the Independent Examiner.</li> </ol> <p>Di stressed the fact that the council officers are being very helpful. Having a consistent team to give advice has been beneficial.</p> <p>Noel suggested the Guildhall Community Room might be of use for drop-in sessions</p>		
5	<p>Cllr Hadjimichael kindly suggested The Hive at the Kingston Station Cycle Hub may be able to allow us to use the room on a couple of days/evenings for up to 25 people to help facilitate drop-in sessions. The Kingston Urban Room will likely close for refurbishment in March and an alternative location has not yet been found.</p>		
6	<p><b>Treasurer vacancy:</b> Confirmation that the Treasurer's vacancy has been filled - we very much appreciate David Cockle's kind offer to fill the vacancy. Di said we may need additional funding for printing and advertising the plan.</p>		
7	<p><b>AOB:</b> Jonathan thanked the three councillors for their help and commitment. It would be great if one of the councillors could come to the EGM in a non-party-political basis and explain the need for a Plan.</p>		

8	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> 22nd March 2023		
9	<b>Attendance</b> Jonathan Rollason Malcolm Porter Diane Watling Saphina Sharif Cllr Noel Hadjimichael Cllr Farshid Sadr-Hashemi Howard Sheppard Cllr James Manthel		
10	Signature:		

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