

Minutes NKForum Meeting Wednesday 18th March 2026 4pm - Zoom			
Item	Description	Action	Whom
1	Apologies Howard Saphina Trevor		
2	Matters Arising The minutes for the previous meeting in September 2025 were signed as a true record.		
3	NKNPlan submission: The Reg 15 submission has been validated by Kingston Council - next step is for the Reg 16 Council-led consultation. Councillors have been updated. One paper copy of the Reg 15 submission documents has been delivered to Guildhall (over 1000 pages in 9 folders.) The dates for the next steps towards the referendum are to be determined. Our consultant has suggested Examiners for the council's consideration. The outgoing councillors offered their support and suggested a date is put in diary to update the new councillors covering North Kingston. James suggested a summary is drafted to bring them quickly up to speed.	draft a summary doc/poster see below	generated by AI with Glen's help.
4	NKNPlan printing costs:		

	An invoice for printing costs to deliver 1 copy of the submission NKNPlan to the council as required by the regulations was approved, a cheque will be issued to Di for £420 which will need to be counter-signed by the Secretary.	approval signatures Treasurer and Secretary	
5	Local Plan: The Reg 19 submission for consultation will need to be approved at the Place Committee on the 16th June followed by a special meeting of the Council on the 22nd June. We should have sight of the Local Plan 1 week before the Place Committee meeting. Note added after meeting: A 3rd round 'Call for Sites' was launched in February 2026 and the NKForum submitted Canbury Court Garages for the council's consideration.		
6	AGM: 22nd April in Canbury Gardens Pavillion at 7:30pm. The borough's Biodiversity Officer will be invited to speak. It is important we try to encourage attendance.		
7	Development Management - Peer review Challenge: Di attended a meeting representing both NKF and Kingston Town CAACs. Four resident groups were represented to review and identify improvements in the planning process. We expect the review report soon.		
8	AOB: David raised his concern that the Canbury Arms PH may be up for sale by Youngs, a developer could step in. Gala Bingo is in a terrible state which has been raised with the council and councillors. We are also concerned by the state of the paving outside on the Richmond Rd along with the trip hazard of metal sheeting placed over drain access covers.		

	The Willoughby PH is having its Asset of Community Value status renewed by CAMRA. CARA: the play area and public toilets update is awaiting a response from the Canbury Gardens Working Party(CGWP). The consultation for the designation of the Thames at Ham and Kingston as a site for public bathing will close on the 23rd March. https://consult.defra.gov.uk/water/13-proposed-bathing-water-sites/ The Dragon Boat race will be on 18th July The disabled toilet will be installed at the southern entrance to the gardens, hopefully before 2027. The National route 4 cycle path is being considered for review by the CGWP. FOLAR: no update at this time		
9	Date of next meeting: 15th April prior to the AGM by Zoom		
10	Attendees: Jonathan Rollason John Parrish David Cockle Peter Greenwood Diane Watling Councillor Farshid Sadr-Hashemi Councillor James Manthel		
11	Sign off signature:		

The next steps for the NKNPlan



- Sustainability Appraisal (updated)
- Habitat Regulation Assessment
- Consultation Statement
- Basic Conditions Statement

Present the Submission Version of the draft NKNPlan to the community for approval at AGM as outlined in §10.3 of the Constitution

Submit the approved NKNPlan to the Council
Regulation 15 for validation - **DONE**

Council runs a Regulation 16 consultation
on the NKNPlan for 6 weeks

External Examination

REFERENDUM

The question residents will be asked :

"Do you want the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames to use the Neighbourhood Plan for North Kingston to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

If the Plan achieves more than 50% 'YES' vote, it becomes a part of the Local Development Framework and all Planning Applications will be judged by the Plan policies in the Neighbourhood Area

A Plan for Our Place: Why North Kingston Needs the Neighbourhood Plan

THE CHALLENGE:

UNMANAGED GROWTH



London Plan mandate. Without a local plan, risk of unmanaged share and town cramming.



Overwhelming majority want tight controls.



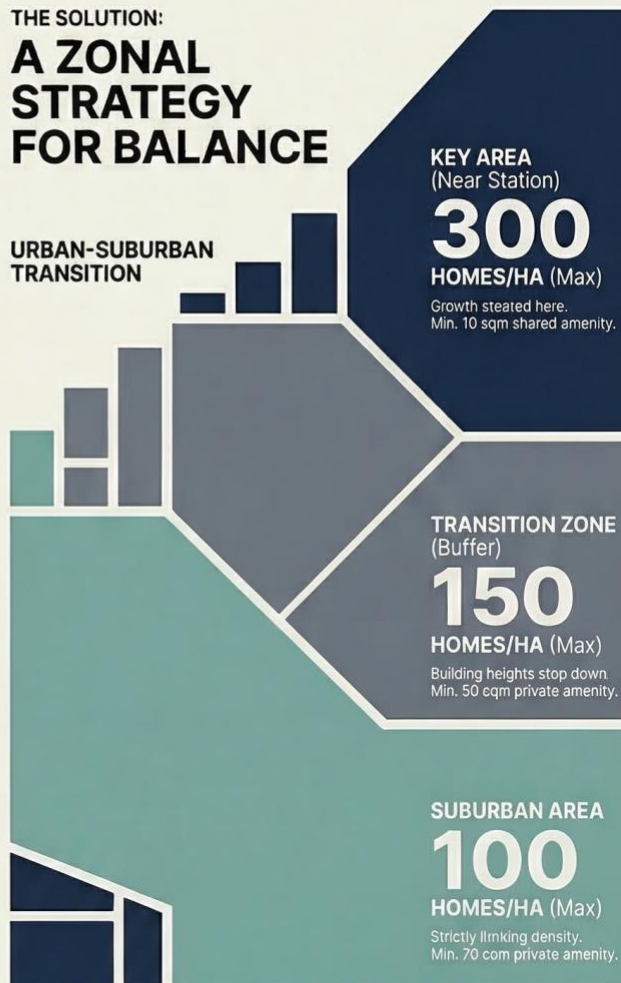
THREAT TO GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE:

Risk of permanent loss of parks, allotments, and private gardens.

THE SOLUTION:

A ZONAL STRATEGY FOR BALANCE

URBAN-SUBURBAN TRANSITION



THE BENEFITS: SUSTAINABILITY & IDENTITY



PROTECTION OF LOCAL GREEN SPACES (LGS):
Designates community hubs like Lotchmere Rec & Park Road Allotments.



CLIMATE RESILIENCE & BIODIVERSITY:
Not biodiversity pain, sustainable materials to mitigate urban heat & flooding.



THE 10 CHARACTERISTICS OF DESIGN:
Adopts National Design Code; ensures new buildings enhance surroundings and respect history.

A VISION FOR 2041

"A thriving residential suburb."

Envisions population growth with positive community investment, without destroying village atmosphere.



STATUTORY PLANNING WEIGHT:
Becomes part of the development plan once approved, giving community vision full legal weight.