



## A Neighbourhood Plan for North Kingston

Neighbourhood Planning gives communities the opportunity to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area for the next 10-20 years.

### The Key Issues:

The draft London Plan will require Kingston to build 13,640 new homes over the next 10 years and North Kingston will be expected to play its part. While there is no specific target for North Kingston, and the numbers are yet to be finalised, the implications are that the Neighbourhood will need to accommodate a large number of new dwellings. Under developed sites, especially those close to railway stations will come under pressure for large scale development and already built-up parts of the Neighbourhood will inevitably be considered for redevelopment to a higher density. The Forum Committee believes that total opposition would be counter productive and it would be better to engage with the council to ensure that the impact of new development is not only fully mitigated but that it is accompanied by a full range of amenities and infrastructure for the benefit of both current and future residents.

### Future Densification will put pressure on:

- Existing Business Land and premises – greater threats of loss by redeveloping into higher value housing.
- Suburban character – likely change to our heritage assets if poorly managed.
- Increasing the burden on local transport, social and green infrastructure if there are no capacity improvements.
- Local environment – less able to adapt to climate change.

**We would like your views on how North Kingston should respond to ensure sustainable development.**

### What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

- A Planning Document created by a Neighbourhood Forum which sets out a vision for the Neighbourhood Area, and contains a range of policies and projects for the development and use of land in the area.
- Must be subjected to an independent examination.
- Must conform to Local, London, and National planning policies and European Regulations.
- Must be approved by a majority vote of the local community at a local Referendum.
- If approved by the Community, it will then sit alongside the Local Plan prepared by the Local Authority.
- Decisions on Planning Applications will be made using both the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan, and any other material considerations.

### What is a Neighbourhood Forum?

- The North Kingston Neighbourhood Forum is a resident-led, independent, non-political group established to further the social, economic and environmental well being of the Neighbourhood Area.
- There can only be one Forum per area.

**Our Neighbourhood Area consists of Canbury and Tudor Wards.**

### Neighbourhood Plans have more Influence and local relevance.

- Becomes part of the Statutory Development Plan for the area.
- Carries more weight as a consideration in planning decisions.
- Gives our local community more influence over development in our area, but **SHOULD NOT UNDERMINE ITS DELIVERY.**
- Focuses on the needs of the local community.
- To help deliver our vision, by taking a proactive approach and drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan, we will benefit from 25% Community Infrastructure Levy arising from new development to deliver community projects.

### Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL):

- CIL is a levy that councils can choose to charge on new developments. The money should be used to support development by funding infrastructure that the council and neighbourhoods want.
- CIL can be charged on new developments over 10 residential units in size.

### Sustainable Development is:

Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. *(The Report of the Brundtland, our common future, 1987 CPRE)*

### What are Projects?

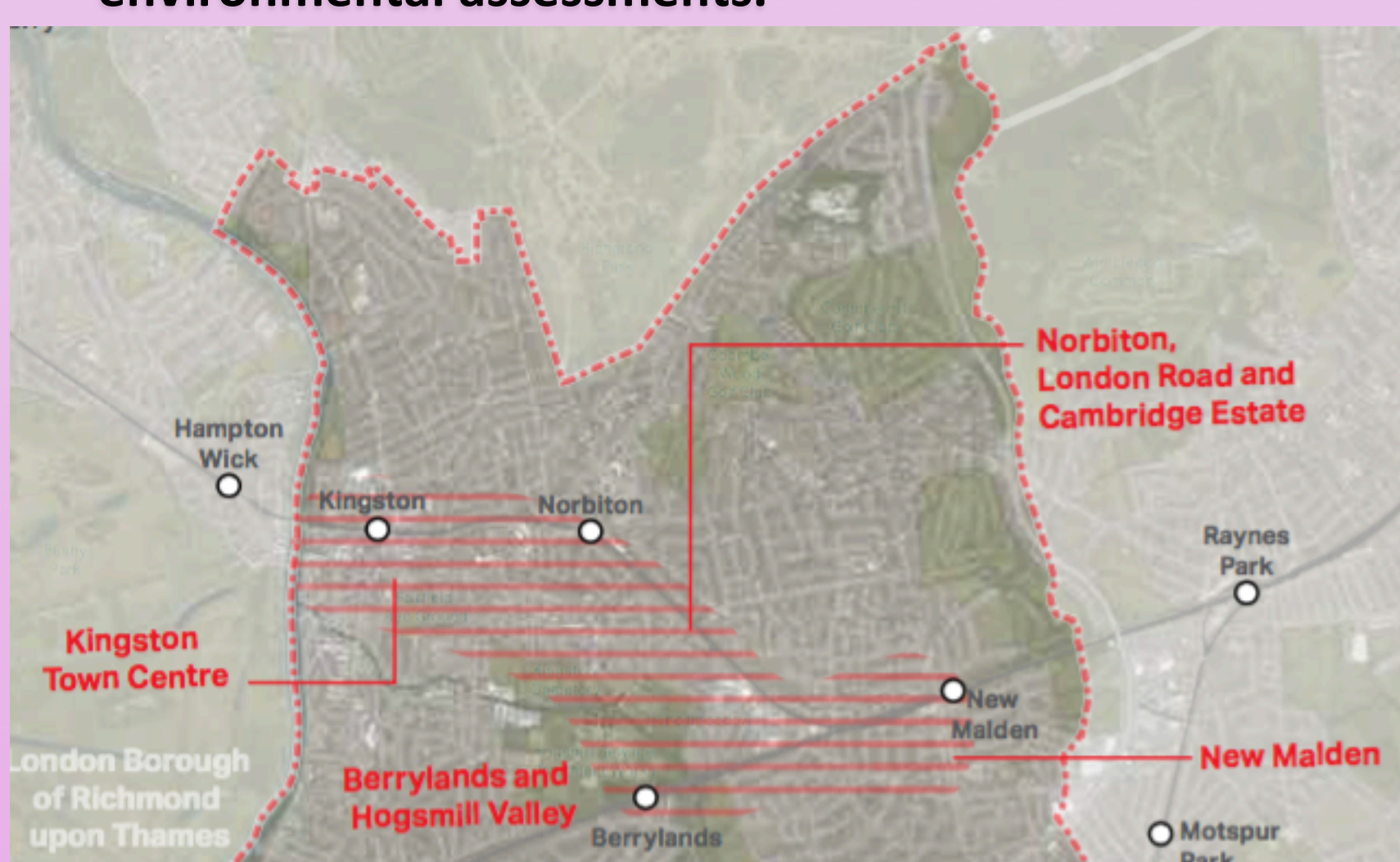
- Projects will be actively promoted and taken forward by the community.
- Generally relate to improvements to a particular part of North Kingston.

### What are policies?

- Policies are statements of how the community would like to control and guide future development in North Kingston.
- Intended to encourage third parties to invest in North Kingston.
- Meant to be positive and encourage the types of development the community wants and needs.

### Opportunity Areas - what are they all about?

- They are London's major source of brownfield land which have significant capacity for development – such as housing or commercial use – and existing or potentially improved public transport access such as the potential enhancement and opportunities Crossrail 2 will deliver if adopted.
- Typically accommodate at least 5,000 jobs, 2500 new homes along with supporting infrastructure and facilities.
- The Kingston Town Centre Area Action Plan/Opportunity Area Planning Framework (AAP/OAPF) is a joint initiative with the Mayor of London and includes part of the North Kingston Neighbourhood Area.
- AAP/OAPFs are subject to public consultation, equality and environmental assessments.



RBK Direction of Travel document- proposed OA

### Timeline of Plan Making and the Neighbourhood Forum :

- June 2015 - First meeting in the Queens Head.
- September 2015 – NPlan Public Meeting.
- January 2016 – TARAK AGM and Hawker Centre presentation
- June/July 2016 – First meeting with Council, Interim AGM and Public Meeting (Opportunity Areas).
- August 2016 – Submitted Forum and Neighbourhood Area application to council.
- Oct /Nov 2016 – CARA AGM & BRaG Winter warm up events
- Spring 2017 – Awarded councillor funding, Public meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with council.
- April 2017 – FORUM AREA DESIGNATED by council.
- June 2017 – Awarded Locality Funding to hold a vision workshop and Dragon Boat racing event.
- August/September 2017 – FORUM DESIGNATED by council & held Inaugural AGM.
- December 2017 – Awarded council funding.
- February 2018 – Third meeting with council.
- May/June 2018 – Informal Consultations.

### Next Steps:

Autumn 2018 – AGM and Public Meeting  
Autumn 2018 – Pre-Submission consultation (Regulation 14)  
Christmas 2018 – Submission to the council  
2019 – Community Referendum

### Where do Neighbourhood Plans sit in the great scheme of the Planning System?



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