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## North Kingston Forum

**Neighbourhood Planning:  
A Positive Vision on the Future Development of  
North Kingston**

**Kingston up Thames Society 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019**



**NK FORUM**  
northkingstonforum.org

*Residents of North Kingston  
You have two simple choices*



### **Support the North Kingston Forum.**

*By spending ten minutes  
to complete a short survey  
you can help the NKF  
reflect the wishes & views  
of North Kingston's  
residents on the future  
development of our  
neighbourhood.*

*Alternatively, do  
nothing and  
surrender our  
right to have a  
say over what  
developments  
are approved in  
our area and  
where they go.*



*Visit this website or scan the QR  
code with your phone camera, please  
complete the survey. **Bit.do/NKF2019***

The North Kingston Forum is a resident led, non-political group ratified by government to  
prepare a Neighbourhood Plan  
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## **Neighbourhood Planning: The third tier of planning in London**

Originally introduced by the Localism Act 2011 and is **a right which communities in England can choose to use.**

It gives communities **the right** to have a say over the future development of the neighbourhood area, but not by undermining its delivery.

Our Neighbourhood Plan will be a positive vision for the inevitable future change of our neighbourhood.

# What is Neighbourhood Planning all about?



- By establishing a Neighbourhood Forum of people elected from the local area Neighbourhood Planning provides the opportunity for communities to set out a positive vision of how they would like their area to develop over the following 10, 15, 20 years in ways that meet identified local needs and make sense to the people that live and work there.
- They are able to choose where new homes, shops and offices might be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided.
- It provides a powerful set of tools for local people to ensure they get the right types of development for their community, **where the ambition of the neighbourhood is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area.**
- Based on the outcome of extensive local consultation, a Neighbourhood Plan is prepared. Subject to the outcome of the Examination, formal adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan follows the consent of local people in a referendum.



>14 million people

Average 'YES' vote >88%

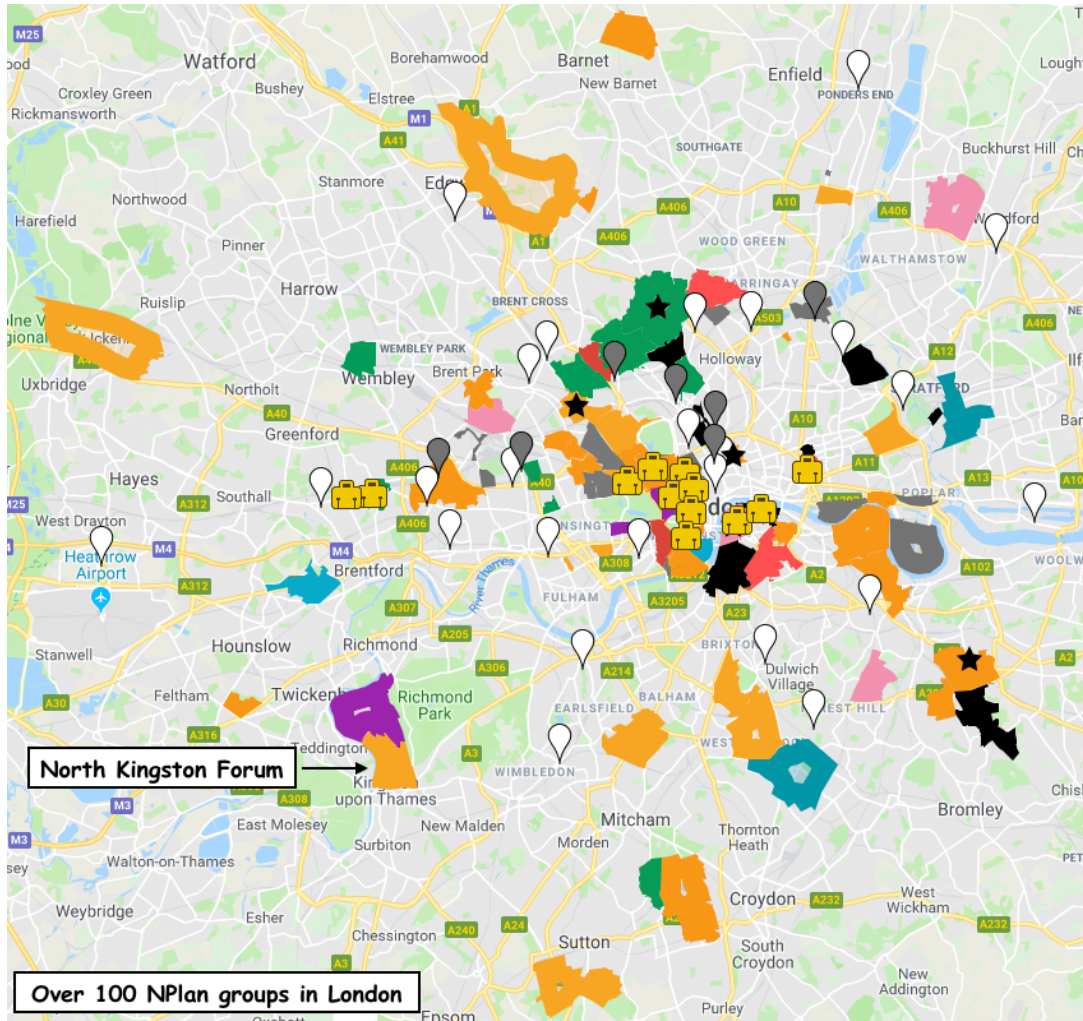
Average turnout 32% - beating local elections

## More NPlans than Local Plans

**Source: Neighbourhood Planners.London**



# And now in London.....



- **123 Communities**
- **77 designated neighbourhoods**
- **24 Boroughs**
- **13 made plans**

*Source: Neighbourhood Planners.London*

# London's Pioneering Communities with made plans .....



**Norland**

**Central Ealing**

**Fortune Green & West  
Hampstead**

**West Ealing Centre**

**Sudbury Town**

**Hampstead**

**St Quintin & Woodlands**

**Hackbridge & Beddington  
Corner**

**Kentish Town**

**Knightsbridge**

**Highgate**

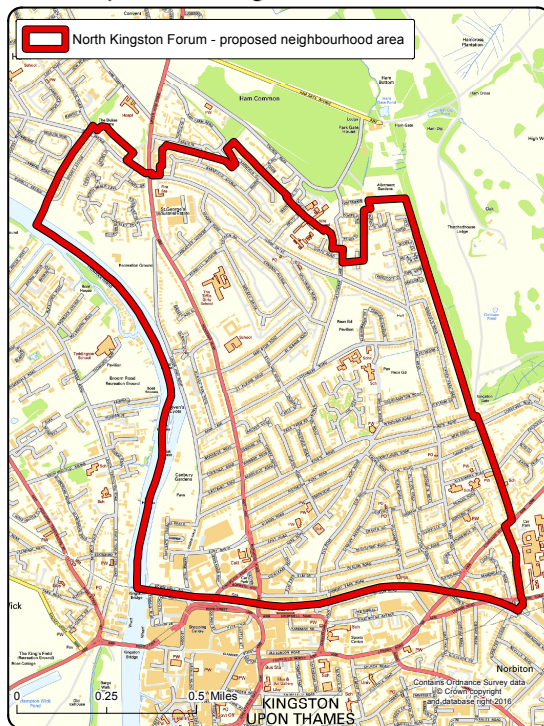
**Ham & Petersham**

**Harlesden**

# Kingston's Pioneering Communities who are making neighbourhood plans.....

Annex 1

North Kingston Forum  
Proposed Neighbourhood Area



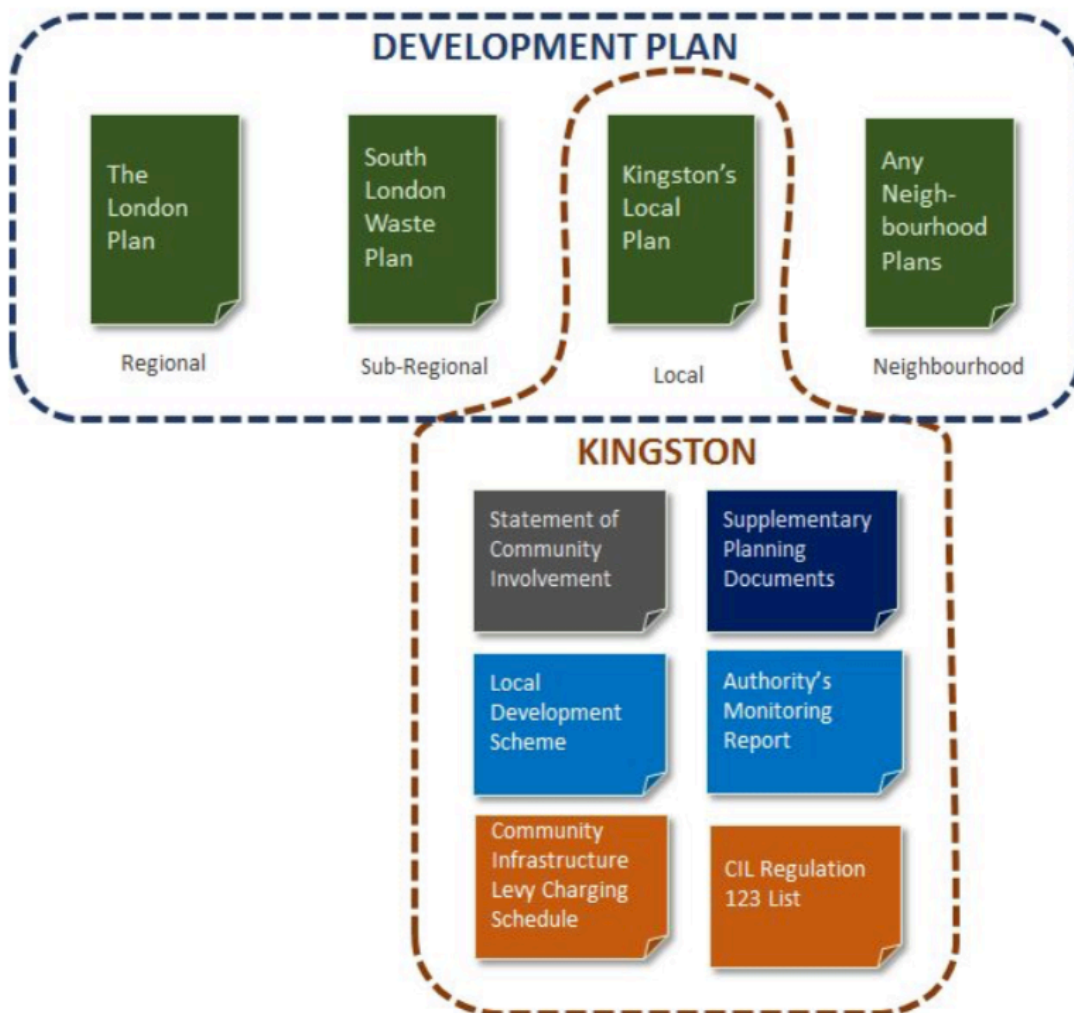
## 1) North Kingston Forum

Designated by the council in August 2017  
with a shelf life of 5 years from that date.

## 2) Malden Rushett – Applied for formal designation May 2019

# What are the advantages to having a Neighbourhood Plan and where does it sit in the scheme of Planning?

1. It is a statutory document that contains planning policies and will become a part of the Borough's Development Plan. This means we have more influence over the development of the area
2. Once the neighbourhood plan is adopted, the North Kingston Community will be eligible to 25% of the neighbourhood portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) developer contribution



# What are the advantages to having a Neighbourhood Plan continued.....



## 3) Presumption proofing.....

§14 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) provides extra protection for Neighbourhood Plans where the ***presumption in favour of sustainable development*** applies subject to meeting certain criteria:

- the neighbourhood plan became part of the development plan two years or less before the date on which the decision is made;
- the neighbourhood plan contains policies and allocations to meet its identified housing requirement;
- The local planning authority has at least **a three year supply of deliverable housing sites** (against its five year housing supply requirement, including the appropriate buffer as set out in § 73); and
- **the local planning authority's housing delivery was at least 45% of that required over the previous three years.**

# The Housing Delivery Test(HDT) and *the Presumption in favour of sustainable development*:



The purpose of the HDT is to hold councils to account over the supply of new housing – the pressure is coming down from Central Government

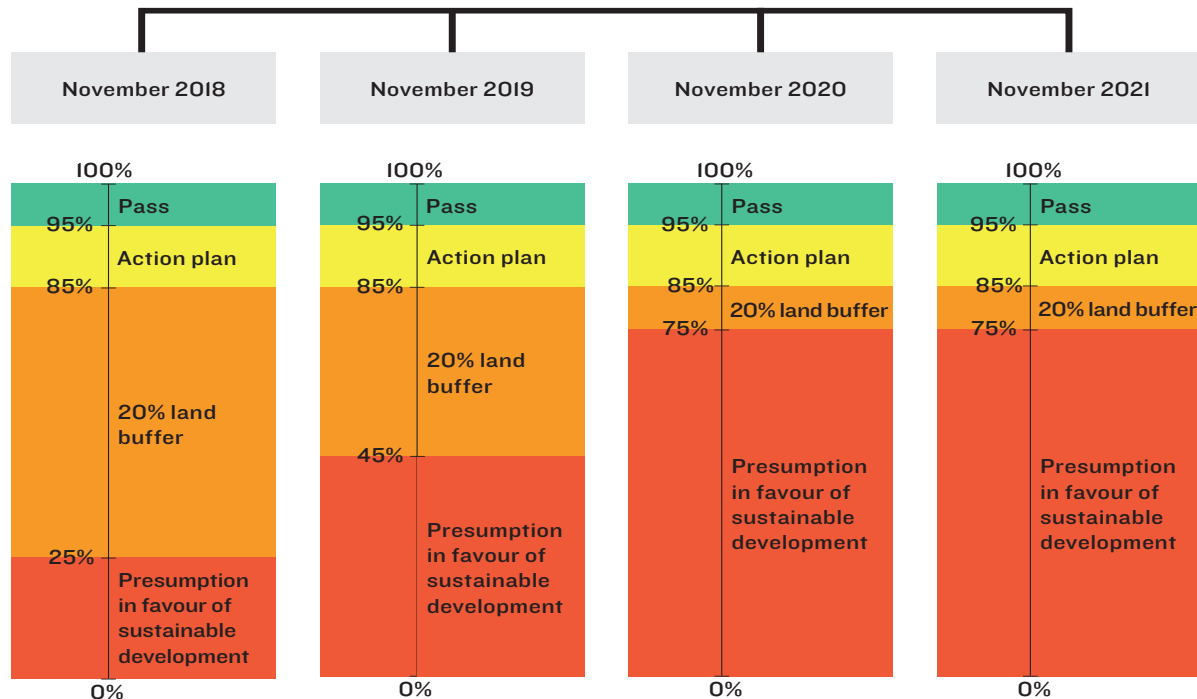
Councils now have to:

- submit their annual **housing delivery** figures to Central Government
- Kingston has delivered less than 95% of the London Plan target (currently only 75% of the current target of 643 homes p.a.), and needs to prepare an **Action Plan** to identify how it will increase housing delivery.
- Kingston will also need to add an additional buffer figure when calculating its 5 Year Deliverable Land Supply (equiv. to an extra years worth of housing)



# The Housing Delivery Test (HDT):

Kingston Council has delivered 75% of target to November 2018  
- what does that mean?



Source: MHCLG; Lichfields

The draft London Plan will require Kingston to build 13,640 new homes over the next 10 years



## Deliverability of Kingston's Local Plan

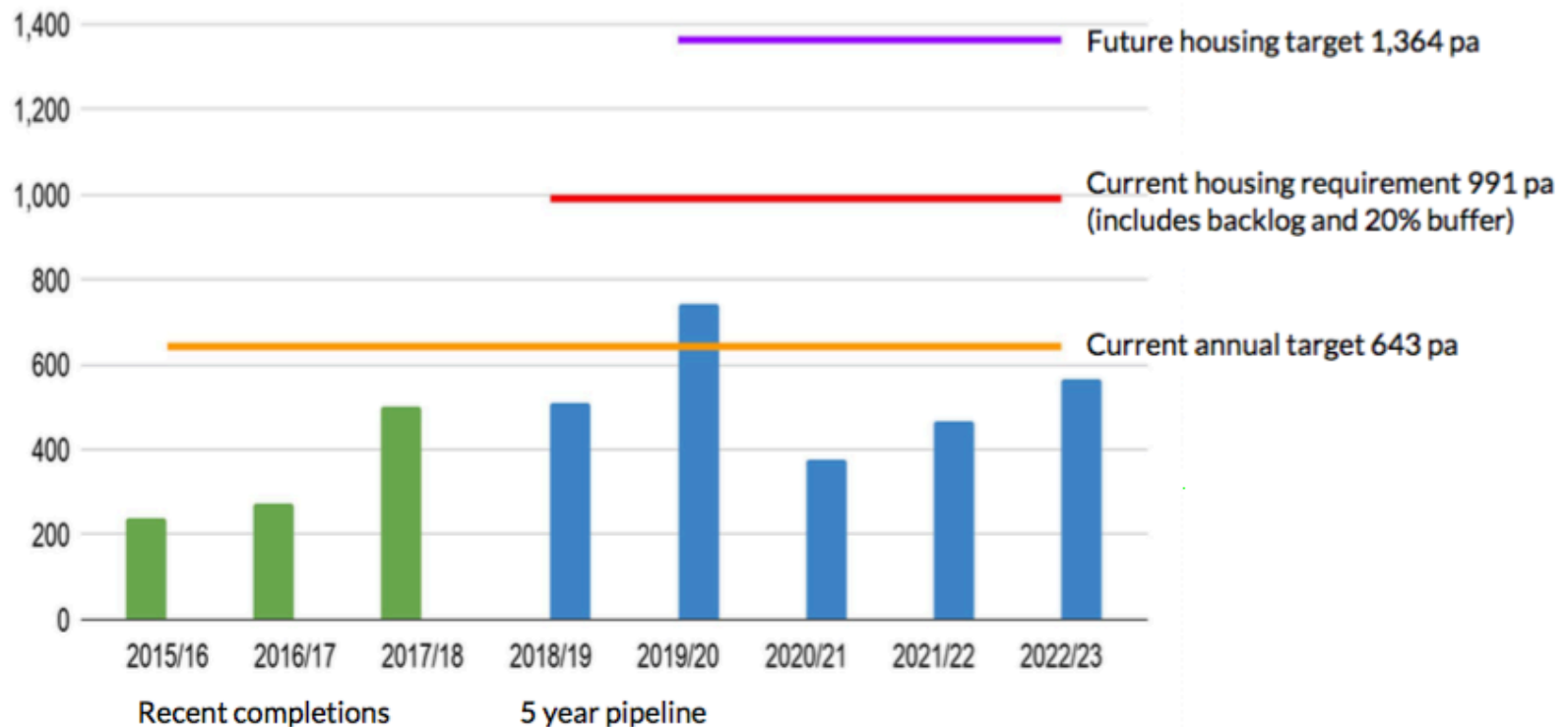


Image Source: RBK

# What will happen if Kingston fails the Housing Delivery Test?



- The NPPF considers the Local Plan to be **out of date** and the ***presumption in favour of sustainable development*** kicks in
- Crucially, the NPPF also considers plans to be **out of date where the council cannot demonstrate a 5 year supply of deliverable housing sites**
- The result of applying the ‘presumption’ is that speculative development may be permitted in locations where future growth would otherwise be restricted by Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans

**The North Kingston Forum believes the possible loss of planning control should be avoided at all costs**

# North Kingston Forum and how it all came about.....



It started up the pub one evening.....

- Applied for formal designation August 2016
- Neighbourhood Area formally designated in April 2017 – covers the whole of Canbury & Tudor wards
- Neighbourhood Forum formally designated August 2017
- Inaugural AGM was in September 2017 where we elected our steering committee
- 1<sup>st</sup> informal consultations May/July 2018
- 2<sup>nd</sup> informal consultation events April/June 2019



# **2018 consultation Summary – You told us:**



## **The Neighbourhood Plan should:**

- **Guide development to fit in with local character**
- **Guide redevelopment to include design and development principles, affordable housing mix and retain employment space**
- **Preference for new homes in key locations, but some consideration for small sites if designed sensitively**
- **Prioritise sufficient social infrastructure to support our growing community**
- **Should designate Locally Significant Industrial Sites and guide their potential redevelopment**

## 2018 consultation Summary (continued) – You told us:



**For a Healthy Environment:** There is support to conserve and enhance environmental assets via proposals/policies on air quality, energy efficiency, energy generation, light pollution, sustainable transport, flood risk, green infrastructure and biodiversity - **now is the time to designate Local Green Space protection**

**For a vibrant Local Economy:** There is support to protect our local shopping parades where possible, establish neighbourhood hubs to help local business thrive, and protect our public houses

**To protect our Heritage:** There is support to protect our Victorian and Edwardian building stock and the Tudor Estate, to protect and improve our green spaces, to protect our heritage buildings and improve our built environment





- protect sites from over development and,
- guide future possible developments to consider appropriate use, height, density & character,
- encourage more green and sustainable infrastructure and community facilities

# **How we have informed and consulted with our community.....**



**Since we started in summer of 2015, we have held:**

- **4 public meetings & 3 AGM**
- **Held 2 major consultation exercises with 10+ informal consultation/information events**
- **Invited to speak at 2 RA AGMs**
- **Held over 30 open committee meetings**
- **Informed via social media, email newsletters including planning updates**

**And had 3 meetings with the council**

# The next steps.....



- **To meet with the council to discuss our emerging policy scope and see if a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required**
- **To have a draft plan for formal community consultation by the end of the year**
- **To have a draft plan ready for submission to the council early 2020**

None of this would have been possible without the **HUGE** amount of support from:



The steering committee who have put in a **HUGE** number of hours and kept me sane

**Incredible *Pro Bono* support from:**

- DoubleTree by Hilton - meetings
- Hawker Centre – meetings
- Canbury Pavillion - meetings
- KVA – for being our accountable body
- Charlotte Salaman – for designing our Logo
- Local Landscape Architect – 2019 consultation posters
- Local architects – helping with design briefs
- The support from our ward councillors past and present
- The Kingston Town neighbourhood managers both past and present

And, our independent planning consultant Neil Homer, for understanding how tough it is for Neighbourhood Forums and has therefore not put his price up!

All those local suppliers who have given us ‘a few extra bob off the price’

# *Thank you for listening!*

"I USED TO THINK **SOMEBODY** SHOULD HELP PRESERVE  
THE THINGS THAT MAKE NORTH KINGSTON SPECIAL"



"UNTIL I REALISED  
I AM THE **SOMEBODY**"



**Make a plan**  
**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Help shape the future of our area  
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