

North Kingston Forum
Minutes of the workshop/ 27th meeting at Canbury Arms 24th April 2018

Apologies:

Howard Sheppard

John Parrish

Di took the meeting through progress to date. See attached slides which summarised the communities feedback to the 2 survey questions that have been on the website for more than 1 year:

- What do you like about North Kingston
- What could be improved about North Kingston

Neil joined the meeting at 7.00pm by video.

Neil was very impressed by the work completed by the UCL students and thinks their reports have helped generate sufficient evidence now. We need to collate it.

Di shared some possible questions for residents with the group. See attachment. Neil said we could summarise the reports and ask questions around the conclusions. Another would be to simplify the reports into a series of simple questions to solicit rich feedback. Neil thought our questions were very detailed which might make the questionnaire too long. It is important that we outline the challenges we are going to face. Di stressed that we need to embrace the challenges and be positive.

David Cunningham expressed concern that we do not really know what the challenges are. However, it is important that we do try to identify what those potential challenges could be.

All NPs have to operate under uncertain conditions. The objective of the plan is to anticipate change and to put in place policies that ensure that any future change is for the better, not worse.

The best plans define how any anticipated change should be managed. We will have to get across how change can be **successful**, and manage any uncertainty the community may have.

Neil's advice is to assume things won't change very much in the short term. We can only deal with what we have.

We will need to strengthen up local design guidelines.

It was suggested that we limit height by working with the council officers.

We should ask the community how important is building height compared to other design matters such as mixed use. A subtle way needs to be identified.

Action: Neil will sketch out how an alternate approach might work with 3 or 4 strands of questions.

Affordable housing. Can we aim higher? Difficult. If the right spatial decisions are made things should fall into place. Need to achieve 50% in the area. A **Community Land Trust** could be formed to deliver truly affordable housing in perpetuity using land in public ownership. Bank Lane/Canbury Court one possibility to do something truly amazing working with the council?

David asked about the use of CIL money and when that should be considered. Neil said we could use the next phase to test opinion. The pre-submission plan should include the use of CIL money.

Di asked about a planning application to convert a print works to residential use. It was approved by a delegated decision by the council. Further modifications have been submitted to include a front garden on the parade. How do we prevent this happening and what can the community do? We need to get into more detail to protect the parade.

Di asked if we felt confident to undertake the consultation process with residents. A vision for each group may help to bring the story together. A number of people have volunteered to help out at the consultation events. A sign that we do feel confident to undertake the consultations.

Agreed that resident parking should not be an issue that the Forum should cover in the future. **(note added after the meeting:** Camden has announced it is reviewing its CPZ operations in 2018, and the Highate Forum has taken the decision that they will not be taking a view on what changes are best for each street. Rather, they are keen to ensure that councils deal with the consultation exercise in a fair and open way. As London borough maps show, there can be many local solutions as each mini-community gets the times/days that best suit. There are no quick fixes, or one size that fits all).

Put together a suggested template for our story boards. We need to start looking at our story. Need to ensure residents realise that to do nothing is not an option. Should we have a scale of 1 to 5 over feelings?

We are still aiming for the suggested dates of 26/5 and 2/6 for the consultations. **However, the AGM will probably be best met in early September** to give us a chance to finish our consultations and analyse the data in a meaningful way to present to the community for their debate, discussion and agreement in moving forward to the next stage of formal consultation. **(Note added after the meeting:** Glen is also looking at the possibility of holding some out door sessions ie outside the Coop and Canbury Gdns in June).

Suggested Neil & Di do a short video on Neighbourhood Planning?

Actions and volunteers

Aim to resolve the Template, Format and Content of posters and questions at the next committee meeting on Wednesday 2nd May.

- Glen has offered to do the analysis from survey monkey.
- Glen can help with setting up the Survey Monkey questionnaire
- Structuring of questions for consultation, and post data analysis - Saphina
- Poster construction – Steve
- Printing and posters - Di

Volunteer help on 26/5 at Tudor Library

Environment: Di, Marilyn, Lucy

H&Design: Asa & Howard

Communities: Sarah

Business: Michael

Volunteer help on 2/6 at the Wych Elm

Environment: Di Marilyn (for part of time), Lucy

H&Design: ???

Communities: ???

Business: ???

Attendees

Diane Watling

Steve Ransome

Jonathan Rollason

Glen Keywood

Marilyn Mason

Michael Pearson

Asa Backman

Saphina Sharif

Matthew Rees

Cllr David Cunningham

Cllr Andrea Craig

Sarah Olney

Virtual: Neil Homer and Leani Haim