Our neighbourhood is changing:

Help us shape it or it will be left to the developers

Our vision

"Our vision for North Kingston is of a green and pleasant neighbourhood, one in which a growing population has been accommodated without losing cherished local amenities or our sense of place. As our area evolves, the North Kingston Neighbourhood Plan will ensure that inevitable change is appropriate and brings benefits to our community.

Our objective is to work with the local community to achieve this vision by setting out planning policies suited to our neighbourhood in the North Kingston Neighbourhood Plan.

North Kingston: our neighbourhood

The pressure and demand for housing in London is huge, with central Government setting targets for the number of homes to be built and the Mayor's draft London Plan requiring 1,364 new homes per year in Kingston for the next ten years, double the previous target (which Kingston failed to reach); North Kingston will be expected to take its share of new buildings.

Councils like Kingston that fail to meet housing targets can have the power to set local planning targets and refuse speculative planning applications removed.

We believe that planning should be managed locally, and the North Kingston Neighbourhood Forum exists to ensure that the North Kingston community also has a say in planning our neighbourhood. Assuming that future development and population growth are inevitable, we are asking you to tell us about the future you'd like to see in North Kingston.

Respondents to our initial consultation in summer 2018 told us what they wanted for our neighbourhood. This included principles for successful and sustainable future development:

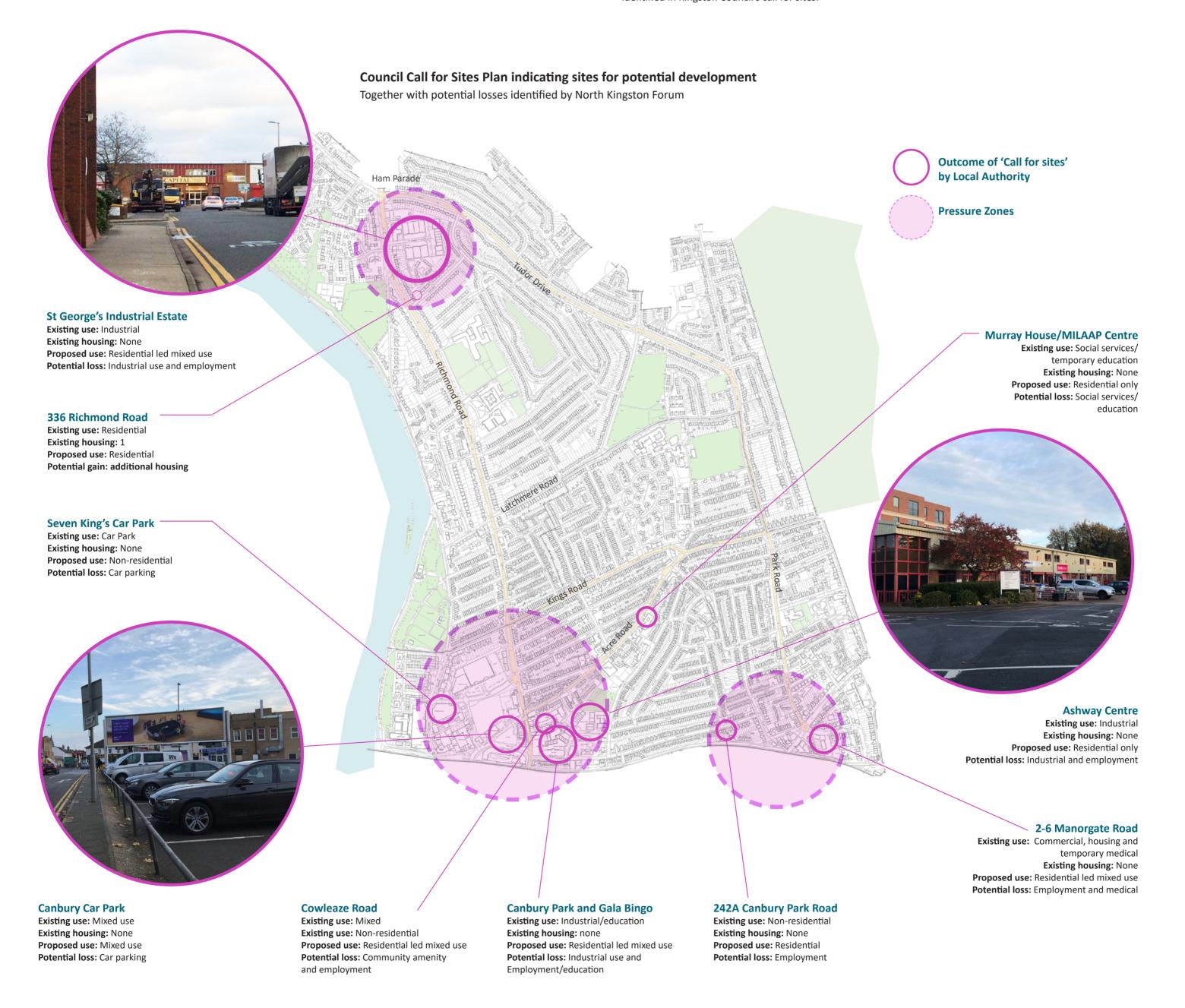
- The Neighbourhood Plan should guide redevelopment to include design and development principles, an affordable housing mix and commercial space.
- There was a preference for new homes in the key locations identified by the North Kingston Forum, but some consideration for small sites if designed sensitively.
- Development should fit in with local character and prioritise sufficient social infrastructure to support our growing community.
- The Neighbourhood Plan should designate locally significant industrial sites and guide their potential redevelopment.

For a healthy environment: There is support for the Neighbourhood Plan to conserve and enhance the environmental assets of our neighbourhood, via proposals/policies on air quality, energy efficiency, generation and light pollution, sustainable transport, flood risk, green infrastructure and biodiversity.

For a vibrant local economy: There is support for the Neighbourhood plan 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 for the Neighbourhood Plan 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.

We have redrafted the North Kingston Neighbourhood Plan with those initial responses in mind, and are now consulting on revised proposals, which include some additional possible development pressure recently identified in Kingston Council's call for sites."



The Challenge and opportunity:

The neighbourhood is under pressure for intensification through a number of development sites

These sites are predominantly fragmented townscapes so do offer opportunities to enhance our neighbourhood