NORTH KINGSTON FORUM



Reporting planning transgressions - guidance for North Kingston residents and businesses

Kingston Council Planning Enforcement and Public Health officers rely on local residents and businesses to contact them directly to report suspected planning and environmental health transgressions. Transgressions may be obvious to neighbours but not to others, so neighbours are best placed to raise their concerns at the earliest opportunity with Council officers, who should be the first port of call when such instances arise and can advise on the next steps. Ward Councillors may also be able to advise and assist in some circumstances. See below for useful contacts.

The North Kingston Forum can only intervene or take up cases in exceptional circumstances. As outlined in the **N K Forum Constitution**:

"The purpose of the Forum shall be to improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of North Kingston by engaging in the planning of the neighbourhood throughout the North Kingston Forum Area as provided for in the Localism Act 2011." The Forum's objectives and priorities include:

- Producing and delivering a Neighbourhood Plan
- Monitoring submitted planning applications in the designated Neighbourhood Area.

We routinely scan newly submitted planning applications when available and respond, based on the principles of our developing Neighbourhood Plan. Significant applications consume a huge amount of volunteer time during the consultation and response-generating process, including attending Council committee meetings, virtually and in person. For applications to which we have responded and which the Council has approved, we can, of course, point out concerns that we are made aware of, such as changes to the Co-op plans and appearance.

We cannot, however, directly support every report of suspected planning or environmental health transgressions in the Neighbourhood

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Area or give advice on these matters to individuals, as they are not within our remit and we do not have the resources to do so. There are ~10,000 homes in our area, and we anticipate that changes over the coming years may prompt many more concerns from neighbours; we could not possibly intervene or advise on every single one.

Diane Watling, Chair, North Kingston Forum, October 2020

Useful contacts

Kingston Planning

Anthony Knight, Lead Officer Planning Enforcement 020 8547 5419 anthony.knight@kingston.gov.uk

Kingston Council Environmental Health

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Kingston and Sutton Shared Environment Service Regulatory Services - Enforcement Policy

https://beta.kingston.gov.uk/downloads/file/46/environmenthealthenforcementpolicy

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