

**draft Minutes
NKForum Meeting
Wednesday 29th July 2026
5pm - Zoom**

Item	Description	Action	Whom
1	Apologies Cllr Nicolai Due-Gundersen Trevor Willis		
2	Matters Arising The minutes for the previous meeting in April 2026 were signed as a true record.		
3	Summary of meeting with Strategic Planning-Reg 16 consultation (the Steering Committee have received a detailed brief issued earlier) • The Reg 16 is planned to start the week commencing Monday 7th September 2026 and run for 6 weeks. • The council will organise drop-in events in local venues, forum committee members can be present to answer questions but should have a passive presence. • The Council's Comms team will run publicity through the 'Kingston Let's Talk' engagement portal. • The Council will respond to the consultation. • As soon as the consultation closes, the Council will send all responses to the Examiner and the Forum Steering Committee for comment. • Once the consultation ends the council will appoint an independent Examiner • Examination process could take up to 3 months • The Forum will put a direct link and guidance note directing to the council's website on the Forum website and through a newsletter • The referendum will follow a few weeks later on a date confirmed by the electoral services team • The NKNPlan will need formal agreement to send to referendum, likely via the Place Committee.		

	• If everything goes to plan, the NKNPlan could be made by Q1 2027 • post adoption review funding - guidance from Government suggests that NCIL could be used to facilitate a review.		
4	Regeneration of the northern sector of the Town Centre: Increasing fears of potential flood risk • draft London Plan housing targets suggest a more realistic requirement for 6800 new homes borough-wide over the next 10 years with Local Plan site allocations indicating ~700 new homes in the northern sector of the Town Centre during the same period. • There is huge concern over these housing numbers and a Forum review with the London Plan targets will be necessary. • We were informed about the recent flooding incident in the Admiralty Building along with David's concerns for the stormwater/sewage capacity of the existing Victorian system. All waste-water needs to be treated before entering our rivers and streams, even storm water which could be contaminated with biologicals and oils etc. • Sustainable Drainage systems is part of the solution along with more tree planting but a full flood mitigation strategy needs to be sought if not already available from RBK. • David shared the Government's Planning Flood Map with us: • https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/map?cz=518564,170165,15	Review drainage	David
5	Local Plan feedback from the CAACs meeting with Strategic Planning: Issues raised: • Tall Buildings and Heritage Assets • Malcolm raised the issue of the possibility of tall buildings being replaced by even taller buildings		
6	AOB: • London Plan: consultation and advice that adoption date likely March 2028 • Concerns about affordable housing: Sachin thought the council were managing to obtain grant funding for affordable housing such as through the London Social and Affordable Homes programme 2026-2036. • Date for a Social meeting with Cllrs: to be arranged • Canbury Gardens update: John thought that a new plan will be coming out for the River Thames close to Canbury Gardens		

	• Latchmere Rec update: not available • The Keep: Malcolm raised a concern that the planning application for flats on top of The Keep, refused by the council, has gone to appeal. • Gala Bingo Hall: Jonathan asked if there was any update - nothing heard back from Jericho Estates yet		
9	Date of next meeting: Wed 23rd September 2026		
10	Attendees: Jonathan Rollason John Parrish Diane Watling Malcolm Porter David Cockle Saphina Sharif Cllr Sachin Tulyani		
11	Sign off signature:		

The next steps for the NKNPlan



- Sustainability Appraisal (updated)
- Habitat Regulation Assessment
- Consultation Statement
- Basic Conditions Statement

Present the Submission Version of the draft NKNPlan to the community for approval at AGM as outlined in §10.3 of the Constitution

Submit the approved NKNPlan to the Council
Regulation 15 for validation - **DONE**

Council runs a Regulation 16 consultation
on the NKNPlan for 6 weeks

External Examination

REFERENDUM

The question residents will be asked :

"Do you want the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames to use the Neighbourhood Plan for North Kingston to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

If the Plan achieves more than 50% 'YES' vote, it becomes a part of the Local Development Framework and all Planning Applications will be judged by the Plan policies in the Neighbourhood Area

A Plan for Our Place: Why North Kingston Needs the Neighbourhood Plan

THE CHALLENGE:

UNMANAGED GROWTH



London Plan mandate. Without a local plan, risk of unmanaged share and town cramming.



Overwhelming majority want tight controls.



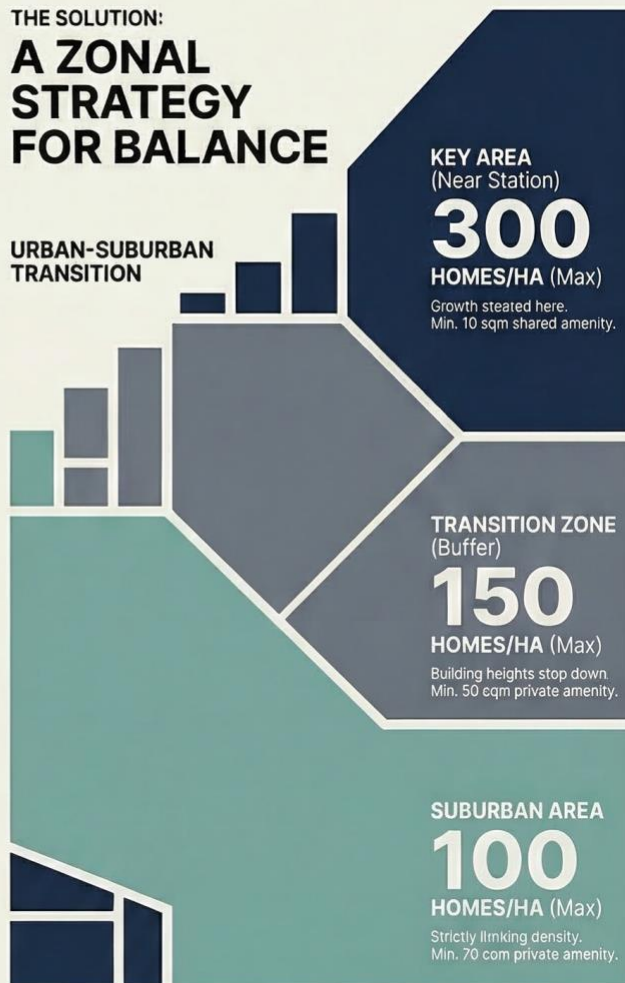
THREAT TO GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE:

Risk of permanent loss of parks, allotments, and private gardens.

THE SOLUTION:

A ZONAL STRATEGY FOR BALANCE

URBAN-SUBURBAN TRANSITION



THE BENEFITS: SUSTAINABILITY & IDENTITY



PROTECTION OF LOCAL GREEN SPACES (LGS):
Designates community hubs like Lotchmere Rec & Park Road Allotments.



CLIMATE RESILIENCE & BIODIVERSITY:
Not biodiversity pain, sustainable materials to mitigate urban heat & flooding.



THE 10 CHARACTERISTICS OF DESIGN:
Adopts National Design Code; ensures new buildings enhance surroundings and respect history.

A VISION FOR 2041

"A thriving residential suburb."

Envisions population growth with positive community investment, without destroying village atmosphere.



STATUTORY PLANNING WEIGHT:
Becomes part of the development plan once approved, giving community vision full legal weight.