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Tolworth looks to its future

The future presents many opportunities to improve Tolworth's appeal through creative new development and environmental improvements. There are currently a number of significant private sector led development proposals and public sector funding and improvement opportunities in the pipeline. As a result, the two Council Neighbourhood Committees with responsibility for Tolworth (Surbiton and South of the Borough) have agreed to prepare a strategy that will guide and co-ordinate all future development.

This will be focussed on Tolworth Broadway where there are opportunities to improve Tolworth's attraction as a district centre and to strengthen its role. It will also look at the Kingston Road corridor and sites south of the A3. (see map on back page).

A Working Group has been set up to oversee the Project and develop an overall vision and strategy for Tolworth during the coming year. To get things underway the Group would like to know what you think about Tolworth and what changes you think could improve the area.

Before you let us have your thoughts, read on for an update on some of the key initiatives in Tolworth that are proposed, underway or have recently been completed.



Tolworth Broadway

Last summer a new pedestrian crossing was completed. This crossing replaced the old subway (which was filled in) and made it much easier to get to shops on both sides of the Broadway.

The Council has been awarded further funds by Transport for London to draw up plans for environmental improvements along the whole length of the Broadway and over the A3 to Tolworth Station. The Council will work with consultants, local businesses and residents to develop a scheme that will enhance the area. Proposals will go out to public consultation later this year.



Tolworth Tower

Tolworth Tower is a key site in the area which will play a significant role in the regeneration of the Broadway.



Targetfollow, the owners of the site, have undertaken a co-ordinated programme of investment since purchasing the property in 2006, which has enhanced the building and surrounding site. Working closely with the Council, Targetfollow are currently exploring opportunities to improve the pedestrian environment and enhance the relationship between the site and the Broadway.



New Planning Application for Former Government Offices, Toby Jug and Marshall House Site

Following the withdrawal of their last planning application in 2007 the owner of the site Tesco held a series of exhibitions and workshops in 2007-08. A new planning application was submitted to Kingston Council in February.

The proposals involve a large supermarket; over 500 new homes, including flats above the proposed store; a community building; changes to Tolworth roundabout, including replacing the subways with surface crossings and a new junction on Kingston Road to access the site. The Charrington Bowl is due to remain.

There will be separate consultation on the planning application and full details of these proposals will be available for viewing in person at Tolworth Library, the Hook Centre and Kingston Guildhall, and on the Council's website www.kingston.gov.uk/tesco.

The planning application will be considered by the Council later this year. In the Council's Development Plan, the former Government Offices site is allocated for housing (around 400 homes were envisaged) and community facilities.

Red Lion Pub Site

In January 2009 a two-day public inquiry was held into Kingston Council's refusal to grant planning permission for proposals to redevelop the old Red Lion pub site.

The plan for retail units, a restaurant/bar and 61 flats was refused because of concerns about the amount of development being proposed for the site. The decision of the independent Planning Inspector is expected soon.

Tolworth Station

Network Rail, South West Trains, Kingston Council and Transport for London have been in discussion for some time to try and secure much-needed improvements to Tolworth Station and its forecourt.



New Hotel Planned for Esso Site



Proposals for a five storey, 105 bedroom hotel on the former Esso filling station on Kingston Road were granted outline planning permission at the end of 2008.

Details of what the hotel will look like are due to be submitted to Kingston Council later this year.

Kingston University Sports Ground



Works are due to start later this year on improvements to Kingston University's sports ground including a new pavilion and an all-weather pitch.

Gardencare Nurseries, Kingston Road

Proposals to provide new nursery buildings, a shop, café and toilets were approved by Kingston Council in 2007 but as yet there is no date for the works to commence.

Deckers Sports Ground

Work is nearing completion at the former Deckers Sports Ground in Kingston Road with the development of five-a-side pitches, a netball court, a new pavilion, parking, and race track for model cars.

Playscape Adventure Playground

An exciting and attractive new adventure playground opened in Jubilee Way in October 2008 and has already become a popular attraction for young people.

Parking Study

The Council is undertaking a survey of parking in its three district centres, including Tolworth. This will inform a parking strategy for each of the centres.

Tolworth Court Farm and Hogsmill Valley Walk

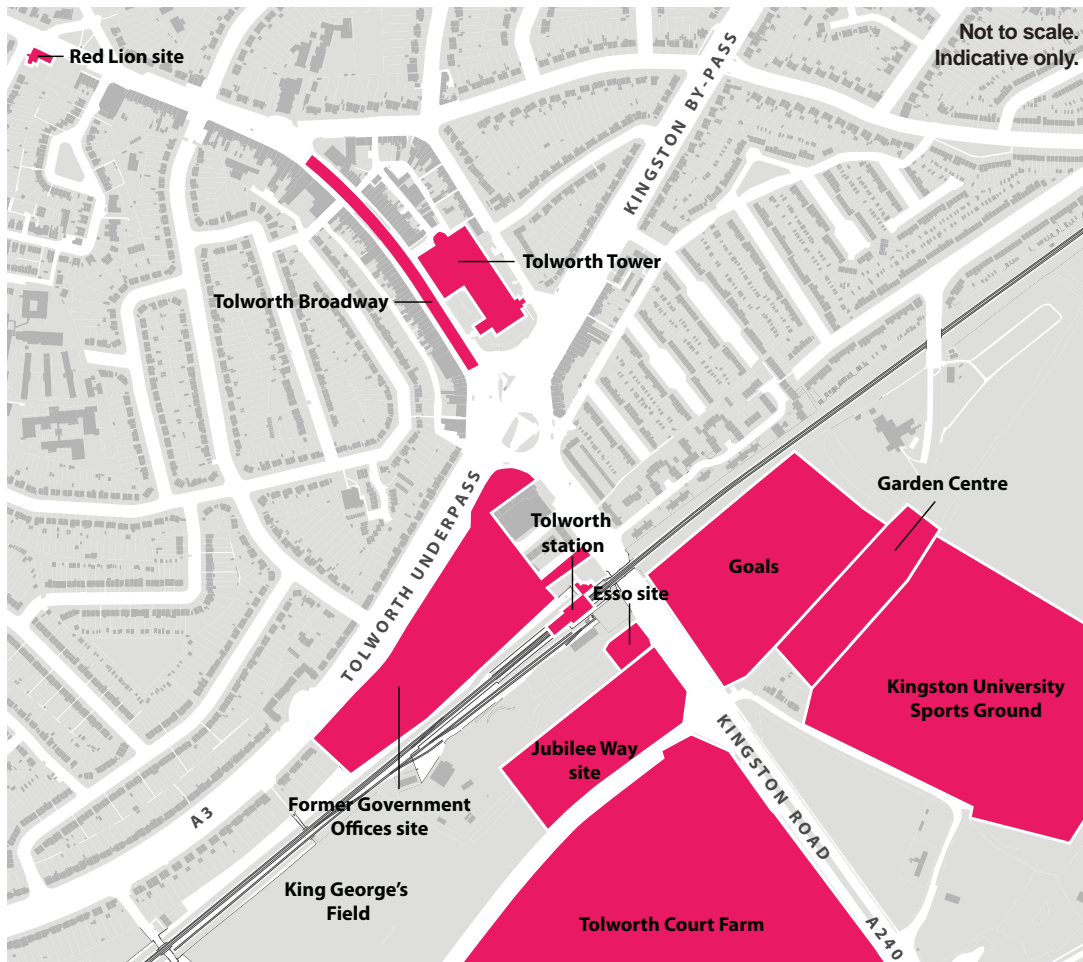
Tolworth Court Farm is managed on behalf of Kingston Council under a Management Plan and Countryside Stewardship Agreement until 2012. The main site is a Local Nature Reserve and it is now proposed to extend 'nature reserve' status to also include the smaller 'Manor Farm' site to the east of Kingston Road.

Following the work to re-align the Bonesgate Stream as part of Flood Alleviation works, plans are being prepared for improvements to the Hogsmill Walk. They will go out for consultation in due course. A bid for funding would need to be made to Natural England.



Walking and Cycling Improvements

A range of improvements for cyclists and pedestrians are planned. Work has already started on a scheme in Red Lion Road and further improvements have been approved for pedestrians outside Our Lady Immaculate School and on Ewell Road, including at the Warren Drive / Raeburn Avenue roundabout.



Have your say

Please let us know your views by completing the enclosed questionnaire and returning it to us via the FREEPOST service or completing it online www.kingston.gov.uk/tolworth_project by Friday 27 March 2009.

