NEW & OLD MALDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY PLAN

Vision	 To make New & Old Malden a better place to live by having high levels of resident engagement in community-driven activities which benefit health and well-being.
Strategy	 Making community engagement and participation more effective and sustainable, based on the ideas submitted by residents to the Council during the plan's consultation. Encouraging local voluntary and community sector organisations, faith groups, charities and not-for-profit organisations to access Community Grants Funding and expand their capacity, and to align with local residents' feedback and objectives as set out within this plan. Ensuring the benefits of community engagement and community driven activities are clearly communicated to residents.
Objectives	 Develop, promote and enhance the neighbourhood's parks, streets and open spaces to encourage more outdoor-based activity. Identify and implement innovative local projects which benefit and attract residents and businesses into the New & Old Malden area. Encourage the establishment of community hubs, "Friends of" groups, resident associations and community forums, and ensure the effective use of the Community Grants Programme, including the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding is fully utilised.

Introduction

The New & Old Malden Neighbourhood Plan has been developed to help inform local decision making, in particular, decisions relating to the award of the New & Old Malden Neighbourhood Committee's Community Grants Programme. The plan includes the most popular ideas submitted to the Council during a consultation undertaken in 2019/20. These ideas were subsequently reviewed and prioritised by local community volunteers in January 2020. Further engagement was undertaken in 2021 as part of the local plan consultation which supports the most popular ideas which were submitted previously. The Chair and Vice Chair of New & Old Malden Neighbourhood Committee have used these ideas and priorities to develop the outcomes set out within this plan for the 23/24 municipal year. New ideas are always welcome and the plan will be reviewed annually by the New & Old Malden Neighbourhood Committee at the start of each municipal year. During this review, the Committee will be given an opportunity to amend existing plans as well propose new additions based on the

feedback received during the previous year.

Infrastructure		
Priority	Outcomes	
Delivering a safer, cleaner environment where residents and visitors alike feel safe, are healthy and encouraged to use alternative forms of transport	 The Neighbourhood Committee considers this priority when it reviews transport issues, highways and footways proposals and parking schemes. Encourage health improvement initiatives such as Play Streets, School Streets and support schools to implement meaningful School Travel Plans. Residents are kept informed about local footway repairs and improvement. Promote the use of alternative means of transport such as Bikeability. 	
Make New & Old Malden a more attractive destination by collaborating with local communities and statutory partners to help improve public spaces and access to them	 The Neighbourhood Committee supports and prioritises grant applications for community led projects that help New & Old Malden to become a more attractive destination. We will work to support requests for Street/Road closures to hold community events. Collaborate with communities and statutory partners to ensure that New & Old Malden becomes a destination of choice. 	
Communities		

Assist in the provision of safe community space that is accessible to all and suitable for a wide range of activities, groups and projects	 Support widespread community engagement in the provision of a safe community space. The Neighbourhood Committee supports and prioritises NCIL applications to fund additional good quality community spaces. Support collaborative activity across the neighbourhood's voluntary and community sector that encourages the sharing of ideas, resources and expertise.
Help to improve the way in which the Council communicates and engages with the Neighbourhood's local businesses, voluntary and community groups	 Help to find new ways to share information with these groups while promoting existing tools such as Connected Kingston and the RBK Borough newsletter. We will ensure that there are various communication tools available between the Council and community groups, ensuring that community notice boards are fully utilised.
Seek to enhance engagement and communications across the Neighbourhood, particularly with those groups who are not regularly heard	 The Neighbourhood Committee will support and prioritise grant funding applications for projects that seek to enhance engagement and communications with those groups who are not regularly heard. We will work to ensure that we develop meaningful consultation and engagement opportunities with those groups who are not regularly heard.

Support for arts and New & Old Malden Neighbourhood Committee will support grants applications from groups that want to enhance arts cultural activities programmes within the area. We will ensure that community facilities are fully utilised for performance space. **Environment** New & Old Malden Neighbourhood Committee will support grant applications from groups that want to make green **Support community** ownership and places and spaces more attractive and reflect the local need. management of public We will support 'Friends of' groups, resident associations and other community organisations to take ownership and places and spaces. management of public places and spaces. • We will actively work to establish new groups, recognise local skills and support community members that have the will and enthusiasm but lack the necessary skills or knowledge. We will facilitate and encourage a local partnership approach towards ownership and management of public places and spaces. We will promote and encourage activities and events that connect people through better / alternative use of street spaces. Encourage a sense of We will develop a local promotional/advertising scheme to encourage a sense of pride. We will work towards making better use of green / open spaces including pocket areas. pride and ownership in the We will work to ensure that the community is engaged in the Local Plan consultation. local community We will work to ensure that residents have the opportunity to have their say on any local work to improve biodiversity and wilding in parks and green spaces.

• We will work to ensure that community halls/spaces are available for use by the community at a favourable rate.

Support communities to make New & Old Malden a cleaner and greener environment

- We will work to ensure that the communities are consulted and able to influence the installation of electric vehicle charging points in the Neighbourhood.
- New & Old Malden Neighbourhood Committee will prioritise Neighbourhood Grants and CIL allocation for projects that connect green spaces, support greening and or planting and support carbon reduction/better air quality in the Neighbourhood.
- We will work with schools and other youth organisations to develop an awareness raising campaign.