

Kingston and North Kingston NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY PLAN

Vision	To make Kingston and North Kingston Neighbourhood a better place to live, work and play by having high levels of resident engagement in community-driven activities which improve quality of life and benefit health and well-being.
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 and are at the forefront of how we work.
Aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To enable as many people as possible in the neighbourhood to identify their needs and aspirations for the future of their area and stimulate community spirit. ● To become a key supporting document for neighbourhood committee decision making - in particular allocation of the Neighbourhood Grants fund. ● To provide evidence which can support future funding bids. ● To raise issues that may feed into statutory Council plans (e.g. the Local Plan) ● To raise issues that may feed into more general plans or inform delivery of services by the council or other local organisations.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 local Kingston area. ● Encourage the establishment of community hubs, "Friends of" groups, resident associations and community forums, and ensure the effective use of the Community Grant Programme funding.

Introduction

The Kingston and North Kingston Neighbourhood Community Plan has been developed to help inform local decision making, in particular, decisions relating to the award of the Kingston and North Kingston Neighbourhood Committee's Community Grants Programme. The plan includes ideas submitted to the Council during engagement undertaken in 2019/20. These ideas were subsequently reviewed and prioritised by local community volunteers in February 2020. These ideas and priorities have been used to develop the outcomes set out within this plan.

Further engagement was undertaken in February 2022 as part of the seizing the moment research and engagement project and more recently as part of the Local Plan consultation. The feedback received during these consultations supports the aspirations and the feedback captured during 2019/2020.

New ideas are always welcome and the plan will be reviewed annually by the Kingston and North Kingston Neighbourhood Committee at the start of each municipal year. During this review, the Committee will be given an opportunity to amend the existing plan as well propose new additions based on:

- feedback received from the Community during the previous year
- ideas, needs and priorities identified through resident engagement

Underneath the Community Plan sit a range of core council strategies and plans which capture other important activities not set out in this Community Plan.

Environment	
Priority	Actions:
1 - Support and improve access to well maintained parks, green spaces and the riverside.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support community projects and/or activities that support greening, planting, high level window boxes, development of pocket parks in built up areas or seek to improve access to existing areas. ● Work to support local groups to develop and deliver projects that aim to improve opportunities for physical activity in parks and open spaces. ● 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. ● The Neighbourhood Committee supports and prioritises grant applications for community led projects that support and improve access to well maintained parks, green spaces and the riverside ● Ward Councillors support and prioritise community led projects that support and improve access to well maintained parks, green spaces and the riverside through donations from their Ward funding.
2 - Develop and encourage a sense of pride in Kingston and North Kingston Neighbourhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Promote and support activities where residents can get involved in litter picks. ● Work to support local groups to develop and deliver projects that aim to make public spaces more green. ● Continued partnership working with officers and residents to create unique outdoor spaces and innovative concepts for regeneration. This includes looking at tree planting and the installation of seating areas and benches, both in parks and in communal areas across the neighbourhood. ● The Neighbourhood Committee supports and prioritises grant applications for community led projects that develop and encourage a sense of pride in Kingston and North Kingston Neighbourhood ● Ward Councillors support and prioritise projects that develop and encourage a sense of pride in Kingston and North Kingston Neighbourhood through donations from their Ward funding.
3 - Working together to improve air	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Take action to encourage more people to cycle rather than use motor vehicles.

<p>quality and support the climate change emergency agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Do more to encourage people to stop engine idling particularly around schools and significant traffic light junctions● Encourage schools and parents to work together to explore alternative transport methods to and from school.● Work to ensure that communities are consulted and able to influence the installation of electric vehicle charging points in the Neighbourhood.● The Neighbourhood Committee will prioritise Neighbourhood Grants and NCIL allocation for projects that support carbon reduction/better air quality in the Neighbourhood.● Ward Councillors support and prioritise projects that support carbon reduction/better air quality in the Neighbourhood through donations from their Ward funding
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Communities	
Priority	Actions
1 - Support local groups and voluntary organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Encouraging local voluntary and community sector organisations, faith groups, charities and not-for-profit organisations to access Community Grants Funding and expand their capacity. ● Support for community groups to access community venues and empower them to set up and sustain making processes easier. ● Work with community and resident groups to identify community projects and potential grant applications, including lottery funding and other external grants. ● Help to identify, promote and enhance community hub spaces for local community groups and residents associations which can be used for both social gatherings and events. ● Work with the community and partners to establish a bi-annual local community event which looks to bring together all the voluntary and community sector groups within the neighbourhood to celebrate and promote their work, share knowledge, best practise and raise awareness of local and voluntary organisations ● The Neighbourhood Committee will prioritise Neighbourhood Grants and NCIL applications for projects that support the aspirations of community and voluntary groups ● Ward Councillors support and prioritise projects that support the aspirations of community and voluntary groups through donations from their Ward funding.
2 - Support people to come together for a purpose through open consistent events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support residents and community groups to hold regular events with a purpose to bring people together, advertise skills and see what is happening in the area. ● Encourage the establishment of community hubs, "Friends of" groups, resident associations and community forums. ● The Neighbourhood Committee will prioritise Neighbourhood Grants and NCIL applications for projects that support people to come together. ● Ward Councillors support and prioritise projects that support people to come together. through donations from their Ward funding.
3 - Showcase and expand local cultural activities by providing spaces and infrastructure for public events and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Encourage community schemes such as Play Streets

activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Neighbourhood Committee will support grants applications from groups that want to enhance arts programmes within the Neighbourhood.● Ward Councillors support and prioritise projects that enhance arts programmes through donations from their Ward funding.
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Infrastructure	
Priority	Action
1 Work to deliver a safer, cleaner environment where residents and visitors alike feel safe, are healthy and encouraged to use alternative forms of transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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.
2 - Ensure the continuity of the neighbourhoods cycling routes and ensure that are considered with the whole Neighbourhood in mind.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Collaborate with Go Cycle to ensure the discussion, identification and promotion of the best routes for future cycle lane improvement to ensure disconnect is minimal including completion of basic go cycle network. ● Promote everyday cycling activities rather than just promoting individual events. ● Help to find and create secure bicycle parking to encourage more people to cycle including street cycle hangers ● Promote and prioritise cycling training for all. ● Work to develop a cycle/walking route that connects up key destinations across the neighbourhood including parks and open spaces.