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Hi

Thanks for completing the survey on First draft of the new Local Plan.

Your responses are listed below.

What is your name (optional)

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What is your email address?

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Please can you give us the first part of your postcode? eg KT1, KT2 etc

KT1

How did you find out about this consultation on the first draft of the Local Plan?

Kingston Council social media
Recommended by a family member, friend or colleague

Do you support the introduction text and key challenges?

Yes, with some suggestions which are provided below

Please let us know what you support in the introduction, or if anything is missing or needs changing?

More targets need to be SMART* rather than fluffy and aspirational, to facilitate tracking and accountability. *specific, measurable, assignable, realistic and time-related 1.47 should include mandating strong pro-climate (carbon-reducing) policies such as all new build to PassivHaus and retrofit to EnerPHit, all new build must have meaningful solar PV where possible, etc. RBK should also support businesses and households renting to overcome the split-incentives problem by providing support and advice to them and the landlords and mandating some work by landlord, eg well beyond MEES on residential, and solar PV on light industrial/commercial spaces and car parks and schools.

Do you support the draft vision and objectives for the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, set out in the draft Local Plan?

Yes, with some suggestions which are provided below

Please let us know what you support, or if anything is missing or needs changing?

SMART targets please, even in this part of the plan. Hold your successors' feet to the fire. We don't have time to mess around.

Do you support the characteristics and aspirations for each neighbourhood?

Yes, with some suggestions which are provided below

Please let us know what you support, or if anything is missing or needs changing? Please specify which neighbourhood you are referring to in your response.

SMART please

Do you support Draft Sustainable Development Policy K1: Sustainable Locations for Good Growth

Yes, with some suggestions which are provided below

Please let us know what you support, or if anything is missing or needs changing in Draft Strategic Policy K1?

SMART please.

Do you support draft Sustainable Development Policy K2: Spatial Strategy for the Kingston Town Centre Area (A Plan for the Kingston Town Centre Area)

Yes, with some suggestions which are provided below

Please let us know what you support, or if anything is missing or needs changing in Draft Strategic Policy K2?

SMART please.

Do you support Draft Strategic Policy KC1: Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability?

Yes, with some suggestions which are provided below

Please let us know what you support, or if anything is missing or needs changing in Draft Strategic Policy KC1?

SMART please. Aggressive greening of all new build, eg: PassiveHaus and PV for all new build, EnerPHit for any significant retrofit, insistence on low-carbon heating and a proposed plausible plan for each building to reach Net Zero to gain permission for any significant work. Insistence that any cosmetic works are matched in cost with carbon reduction works up to the above standards. Have RBK refuse to do non-essential business with any entity locally that does not undertake building (and other) carbon reduction activities that pay off financially within 5 years (similar to NYC rules). Forbid retail premises from leaving doors open wasting energy with same exceptions as NYC (small non-chain food premises).

Do you support Draft Policy KC2: Air Quality?

Yes, with some suggestions which are provided below

Please let us know what you support, or if anything is missing or needs changing in Draft Policy KC2?

SMART please. As far as possible forbid or resist installation or replacement of any combustion appliances (such as wood stoves) causing significant particulates NOX and other issues with few exceptions, and insist on proper operation with appropriate fuels with monitoring where permitted. Aggressively act on complaints from environmental health point of view.

Do you support Draft Policy KC3: Flood Risk?

Yes, with some suggestions which are provided below

Please let us know what you support, or if anything is missing or needs changing in Draft Policy KC3?

SMART please. Fully and aggressively enforce SuDS/similar.

Do you support Draft Policy KC4: Sustainable Drainage?

Yes, with some suggestions which are provided below

Please let us know what you support, or if anything is missing or needs changing in Draft Policy KC4?

SMART please. Fully and aggressively enforce SuDS/similar, including historic non-compliance especially where deliberate.

Do you support Draft Policy KC5: Sustainable Water and Wastewater Management?

Yes, without any changes

Please let us know what you support, or if anything is missing or needs changing in Draft Policy KC5?

SMART please.

Do you support Draft Policy KC6: Managing Heat Risk?

Yes, with some suggestions which are provided below

Please let us know what you support, or if anything is missing or needs changing in Draft Policy KC6?

SMART please.

Do you support Draft Policy KC7: Minimising Greenhouse Emissions?

Yes, with some suggestions which are provided below

Please let us know what you support, or if anything is missing or needs changing in Draft Policy KC7?

SMART please. Aggressive reduction in carbon emissions from existing new build as mentioned above, dwellings and other buildings. RBK should flex all its powers to force thinking ahead, early reduction of emissions (since the cumulative total matters), insisting on building standards for new build and any work on existing build well beyond part L and related minimums. PassiveHaus for new build, EnerPHit for any refurb, possibly applying to the entire building being when any significant part is updated, compulsory PV including over spaces such as car parks (eg Berlin and Paris as examples). Spending on emissions reduction must be demonstrated to match or exceed cosmetic and other non-essential works until those targets are met. DO NOT ALLOW ANY USE OF OFFSETTING THAT IS NOT A 1:1 CAPEX CONTRIBUTION TO IN-UK RENEWABLES BUILD.

Do you support Draft Policy KC8: Energy Infrastructure?

Yes, without any changes

Do you support Draft Policy KC9: Ground Contamination and Hazardous Substances?

Yes, with some suggestions which are provided below

Please let us know what you support, or if anything is missing or needs changing in Draft Policy KC9?

SMART please.

Do you support Draft Policy KC10: Sustainable Construction and Supporting the Circular Economy?

Yes, with some suggestions which are provided below

Please let us know what you support, or if anything is missing or needs changing in Draft Policy KC10?

SMART please.

Do you support Draft Policy KC11: Waste and Recycling Management?

Yes, with some suggestions which are provided below

Please let us know what you support, or if anything is missing or needs changing in Draft Policy KC11?

SMART please.

Do you support Draft Strategic Policy KH1: Meeting the Borough's Housing Needs?

Yes, with some suggestions which are provided below

Please let us know what you support, or if anything is missing or needs changing in Draft Strategic Policy

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SMART please. In general, as someone who will in due course be displaced by the CRE redevelopment, I feel that RBK should be far more aggressive in reclaiming public realm currently given over for free to private vehicles, eg for car storage (on street free parking). My family copies the footprint of 4 car spaces (on two floors). Rather than only bulldozing and densifying in ways that sit easy with motor vehicle owners, discourage private car ownership (especially oversized damaging and dangerous vehicles). CRE could have gained 50% of the additional housing targetted simply by reclaiming the free car storage space.

Do you support Draft Policy KH2: Affordable Housing?

Yes, with some suggestions which are provided below

Please let us know what you support, or if anything is missing or needs changing in Draft Policy KH2?

SMART please.

Do you support Draft Policy KN2: Open Spaces?

Yes, with some suggestions which are provided below

Please let us know what you support, or if anything is missing or needs changing in Draft Policy KN2?

It is not entirely honest to treat some areas as open spaces (such as the Bonner Hill Road Cemetery that was blocked to locals for a while during covid until appeals were made via councillors) for purposes such as CRE redevelopment, given that it is an area of depravation by GLA rules. I think RBK needs to reconsider its own actions and what it is allowing development to skimp on, and claim, risibly, about existing flora and fauna prior to development.

Do you support Draft Policy KN3: Biodiversity?

Yes, with some suggestions which are provided below

Please let us know what you support, or if anything is missing or needs changing in Draft Policy KN3?

SMARTer please. I'd like to see a committment to develop / use better metrics as they become available, and actively benchmark against surrounding areas and further afield on biodiversity targets.

Do you support Draft Strategic Policy KT1: Strategic Approach to Transport?

Yes, with some suggestions which are provided below

Please let us know what you support, or if anything is missing or needs changing in Draft Strategic Policy KT1?

SMARTer please. Discourage private car (and larger vehicle) ownership, especially oversized and dangerous SUVs. Discourage free use of public land for storage of such vehicles. Make electric bikes and scooters (with appropriate support from central government as needed) the default obvious desirable step up from pure human-powered active travel such as bikes as walking. Ensure elderly and infirm etc have good access to health care without needing private vehicles when unwell (eg active travel is least accessible). Be more aggressive. Reclaim space and access that has been *assumed* the prerogative of car owners, without justification. Raise parking charges (and lobby for law changes as necessary) to reflect externalities (eg health and amenity costs) to other residents. No more free riding for private vehicles. Discourage employers from forcing employees to park commercial vehicles (especially large ones) in residential areas. Apply the comments to other KT policies as appropriate please.

Do you support Draft Policy KI1: Infrastructure and Developer Contributions?

Yes, with some suggestions which are provided below

Please let us know what you support, or if anything is missing or needs changing in Draft Policy KI1?

SMARTer please.

Do you support Draft Policy KI2: Monitoring?

Yes, without any changes

Do you agree with the list of infrastructure projects, set out in Section 3 of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, which have been identified to support the level of development in the draft new Local Plan, between 2019 and 2041.

Other (please specify) - Since I and my family will almost certainly be forced out of RBK by the CRE works, I have a conflict of interest here.

What is your religion?

No religion

Thanks again

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