

Parish Priorities Statement



I. Your Details

Information Required	Response
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Details of public consultation and engagement used in the preparation of the PPS	An article published in the parish newsletter Information published to the parish noticeboards (3) Advertised on the community whatsapp group Online and paper questionnaire delivered to all residents. 2 x drop-in Sessions at the Community Pavilion: 16 attendees Dedicated page on the parish website 98 questionnaire responses received.

The vision for the future...

What are the three key changes you would like to see in your Parish over the next 15 years? These changes should relate to the priorities set out below. It will also be helpful to explain when you think these changes should happen over the 15 year period.

<p>Development – accepting some development to take place but in consultation with the parish council. Any development should be limited to small affordable housing to meet the needs of existing residents. Development MUST be sensitive to the area and within the current settlement boundary. All new build development and refurbishment of existing properties to incorporate measures to mitigate climate change eg; solar panels, Air Source heat pumps and greywater reuse and be constructed to perform beyond current building regulations (eg Passivhaus standards).</p> <p>Traffic Management – To make the village a safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists reduce both the volume and speed of traffic on the C324 through the village; reducing its use as a 'rat-run' Increase enforcement of the current traffic restrictions and thereby reduce the number of large overweight vehicles currently passing through the village flouting the restrictions. (NB KPC is currently working up a proposal to improve traffic management.)</p> <p>Green space – To protect the public green spaces from built development: ensure they are managed for the benefit of all the community enhancing bio-diversity and nature recovery together with playing of sports and games. Privately owned green spaces should be protected from development if it adversely impacts the characteristics of the village and surrounding landscape. Encouragement should be given for the land to be managed to enhance bio-diversity and support nature recovery.</p>

Development and management of land

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<p>What type and level of development would you like to see in the parish?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small scale development in keeping with the existing mix of different styles in the village. • Housing to enable young and elderly people to remain in the parish to meet the changing (housing) needs. • The land between Kingston and Lewes should remain undeveloped to ensure Kingston does not become a suburb of Lewes.
<p>Are there any areas of the Parish you would like to see developed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no obvious sites for development due to the conservation area, the location in the National Park and the visual impact from the top of the downs. • Any development should be within the current settlement boundary. If for exceptional reasons development is sited outside of the boundary this must be sympathetic to the surrounding environment, characteristics of the village and on a

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	small scale. Existing natural habitats should be protected and retained. All plans must be discussed with the parish council.
Are there any specific areas you want protected for other uses?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Pancras Green • The Village Green • Church Yard • Conservation area <p>All of these are to remain protected.</p>

Homes

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What type of homes would you like to see in your local community?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small scale and affordable development to enable local young people to stay in the village and the elderly to downsize. • 2/3 bedroom homes to include bungalows • No executive homes (4 bed plus) to be built. • Homes to meet the highest energy and environmental efficiency standards.
What size of home is needed locally?	<p>1-3 bedroom homes</p> <p>There is a need for houses suited to Kingston residents to downsize so they can remain in the community. This will release family homes for incoming residents.</p>
Any other requirements?	<p>Energy efficient Passive heating Adequate garden space</p>

Design

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Are there any areas of local character which are particularly important to the local community?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Street • Views deemed to be important in the CAAMP (Character Appraisal and Management Plan) • The view of the village from the top of the Downs
Particular features of buildings of local character	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kingston Conservation area - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hanging tiles ○ The use of flint ○ Timber weatherboarding

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kingston Downs Estate – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alterations should be sympathetic to the existing architecture. ○ Avoiding marked differences to neighbouring properties

The natural environment

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<p>Opportunities to make nature bigger, better and more joined up</p>	<p>This is an important issue to Kingston Parish Council. The council has produced an environmental plan and has commissioned an ecological mapping project, and set up a nature recovery group to propose projects to enhance the natural environment of Kingston.</p> <p>We would want this work to be considered when the Local Plan is produced, and nothing proposed that is detrimental to this work.</p>

Jobs

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<p>Information about business you would like to protect and business opportunities that should be provided</p>	<p>The Juggs Inn should remain as a public house and along with the car-park should not be allowed to be converted into housing.</p> <p>From the survey results there is a desire for a community village shop however this would require a viable business plan and willing volunteers.</p>

Public spaces

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<p><i>Public Open Space, Public realm, Pocket Parks</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Pancras Green • Village Green • Snednore Green – not owned by Kingston Parish Council • Churchyard – not owned by Kingston Parish Council <p>Managing the open spaces to increase bio-diversity and nature recovery. Allowing nature and wildlife to co-exist with the other uses of the open spaces such as sports, the summer fete, exercising of dogs.</p>

Infrastructure

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<p><i>Active travel priorities, roads / parking, community buildings needs, waste / water infrastructure, broadband, renewable energy</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lack of frequent public transport options. We would like to see more regular bus services. • Broadband connection can be slow. • Domestic solar installation should be encouraged. • Cycle paths and footpaths should be maintained regularly, and the network improved and extended to allow greater connection to Lewes (C7) and Brighton (A27) and the South Downs Way National Trail network and other routes. • Surface water flooding should be addressed. • Traffic volume and speed through the village needs to be addressed and mitigated to improve road safety for non-motorists. • To ensure the future viability of the village school

FINALISING YOUR SUBMISSION

As a reminder, before finalising your submission, please check you have addressed the following:

- **You have completed the details in section I, including details of public engagement events and consultation activities which have informed the statement. Where possible please identify the percentage of the community that have engaged in the preparation of the PPS.**
- **Please try to summarise the community's views and aspirations as much as possible, do not provide details of individuals who have commented, and bullet points for key priorities where possible.**
- **If you have supporting evidence or information please use a hyperlink to the data where available, and summarise the information as much as possible in the PPS.**

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The assessment process and outputs will feed into the Local Plan review process but we cannot guarantee the delivery of specific community aspirations in the South Downs Local Plan policies, allocations or designations.

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