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Neighbourhood plan input sought

Kingsbridge Town Council has applied to South Hams District Council to write a neighbour-nood plan for the parishes of Kingsbridge, West Authority of the Churchstow.

Alvington and Churchstow.

The plan will impact how and where future development could take place. Those working on the plan are looking for input on whether the plan area is appropriate. If approved, the public can get involved and offer input on what they would like to see in the plan.

The deadline for receiving comments on the proposed plan area is Wednesday, November 7.

You can find out more on the SHDC website at southhams.gov.uk/article/3882/Neighbourhood-Plans.

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If you live in Kingsbridge, West Alvington or Churchstow, now is your chance to fill in a simple questionnaire to give your views on local planning and development priorities.

A questionnaire has been

sent out by the steering group for the Kingsbridge, West Alv-ington and Churchstow Neigh-bourhood Plan.

Richard Benton, chair of the steering group, emphasised the importance of this first phase of community consultation. He said: "Our first key task

as a steering group is to dis-cover what local residents of Kingsbridge, West Alvington and Churchstow think are the most important land use and local development issues that need to be included in the

Neighbourhood Plan.
"Steering group members have ideas of their own but we must make sure we take into account opinions from as wide a range of residents and businesses as possible. The proposed planning policies we write next will be based on

the feedback from these initial questionnaires, and we'll then consult local people on these

"If we don't work in this way, the plan will be rejected later by the government inspector and local people won't want to vote for it any-

way.
"To get to as many people as possible, we're delivering a paper copy of our initial questionnaire to every address in the Plan area so residents. in the Plan area so residents in the Plan area so residents and businesses can see how straightforward this is to complete. The Royal Mail will deliver questionnaires to all household and business addresses in the Kingsbridge Town Council area, which includes Dedbrooks includes Dodbrooke, during

early February.
"At the same time, West Alvington Parish Council will be delivering questionnaires to all addresses in its area, and hoping to talk about the Neighbourhood Plan to residents and

business owners as they go."

If you choose to fill in the paper questionnaire, you can drop it into the Kingsbridge Town Council office, or post it to Quay House, Ilbert Road, Kingsbridge, Devon, TQ7 1DZ. You can also complete it online

at kingsbridgeplan.org.uk. Churchstow Parish Council will also be delivering by hand, but is using a differently word-ed questionnaire to reflect the recent planning history of the parish, which has already had a good deal of discussion among residents.

This questionnaire is only available on paper, but you can drop it into the Post Office stores in the village. Church-stow residents are welcome to fill in the general questionnaire as well if they have ideas or views about facilities in Kingsbridge town.

The steering group has set a closing date for completion and return of questionnaires by March 9, and there will be posters and banners around the

area to remind you. Mr Benton added: "The Neighbourhood Plan will have a big influence on local plan-ning and development deci-sions until 2034, so it's really important.

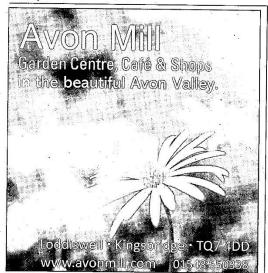






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Neighborhood plan consultation opens



Have your say on the future of the area

Kingsbridge Town, West Alvington and Churchstow Parish Councils want your help to shape the Neigh-bourhood Plan.

bourhood Plan.

The public consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan went live on Thursday, May 20, and you, as residents have the opportunity to shape the future of planning decisions in the town and parishes.

The plan has been produced by a steering group of community representatives from all three parishes and includes the contributions of those residents over the past three years as well as extensive research and incluestigation.

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The steering group is now inviting everyone to view the plan online. There you will also find a response form to add your comments to the proposed policies, the content and wording, or anything

else you feel is missing and would like to bring to the steering groups attention.

If you are unable to access the information online, copies of the plan are available for viewing at Kingsbridge Library and Kingsbridge Fown Council offices.

The parish clerks for West Alvington and Churchstow also have copies and paper feedback forms.

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If you would like further information about the NHP, a question and answer session will be held at the Farmers' market in Kingsbridge on Saturday, June 19, and Saturday, July 3, from 9am till 1pm.

In addition to the open Q&A, there will also be an opportunity to join an online session-via Zoom on Wednesday, June 23, and Wednesday, July 7, from 6pm till 9pm.

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Residents invited to open consultation

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Once the consultation period is closed the steering group will collate all the comments and produce an official consultation statement, listing all the views and opinions submitted, and setting out how the plan is to be amended as a setting out how the plan is to be amended as a

The revised NHP will be formally submitted to South Hams District Council's local planning authority.

Following a successful independent examination and referendum, the Kingsbridge, West Alvington and Churchstow Neighbour Hood Plan will be used to guide developments across the plan area until 2034.

Plan documents:

kingsbridge.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan Zoom Session: Wednesday, June 23, 6pm-9pm https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88401401494 Zoom Session: Wednesday, July 7, 6pm-9pm https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84413094726





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Entries close on Friday Octo-

Residents of Kingsbridge, West Alvington and Churchstow have less than a week left to put their comments forward and influence the future of decision making in their towns

Monday July 19 is last oppor-

tunity for residents to make their comments on the Kingsbridge, West Alvington and Churchstow Neighbourhood in the plan Plans. Policies cover safeguarding our natural environment, the challenging issue of affordable hous-

ing, supporting local employment, our rural market town economy, improving our built environment, more sustainable transport and promoting the health and wellbeing of all age groups in the community. visit: https://bit.ly/3hB9100