

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

FOR KINGSBRIDGE, WEST ALVINGTON & CHURCHSTOW

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Dear Sir or Madam,

**Kingsbridge, West Alvington and Churchstow (KWAC) Neighbourhood Plan:
Regulation 14 Consultation: 20th May to 19th July 2020**

We have now reached a crucial stage of the local Neighbourhood Planning process - your first sight of the Plan, based on your views in community surveys over 2018 and 2109 and developed by focus groups of local people. The Plan presented here made is on behalf of the Town and Parish Councils and has been prepared by a group of volunteers covering the three parishes and taking into account neighbourhood planning legislation that guides this process. The Plan has been approved by the Town and Parish Councils before this consultation.

What are you expecting of me now? To go online <https://kingsbridge.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/> take some time to read the Plan, and respond with your comments through the screen button marked 'Online Response Form'. The Plan is a complicated document over 100 pages long. This is not of our choosing; the legislation is complex, and we have to provide a lot of statutory information in the Plan.

I haven't got or don't use a computer. No problem, you've still got various options to enable you to see the Plan. Contact the Town or Parish Clerk or speak with a Councillor and you can be provided with a hard copy. Or go to Kingsbridge library where there will be a hard copy or make use of their free internet access to view the plan online at <https://kingsbridge.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/> Alternately, go to the Kingsbridge Town Council Offices where there will be several full copies of the Plan which will enable you to read the details and then complete a hard copy response form to give your views.

What if I have questions? There will be series of drop in events both online and at public venues for you to ask these questions of the group. Please see overpage for details.

And then what? The NP Group will collate all responses, edit the Plan and policies as appropriate and then submit the final draft to South Hams District Council. They will then undertake a further formal public consultation after which The Plan will go to an independent examiner and then finally to a formal Referendum (we hope later in 2021).

Why is this important? Because once the Plan passes Referendum and is approved it becomes planning law that will inform all future development in the Parish.

And what will change if this Plan is approved?

- The Town and Parish councils will have more say in determining Planning applications based on the Plan,
- Safeguarding the countryside and the AONB will have more weight in planning considerations,
- Affordable homes within housing proposals will have a higher priority in future development .
- The area's historic character and distinctive natural environment will be better respected,
- Local Green spaces we have proposed, if accepted at examination, will be protected from development,
- Kingsbridge, West Alvington and Churchstow will remain separate settlements and cannot be 'merged'
- New employment opportunities will be supported and existing employment areas safeguarded.

Yours faithfully,

Kingsbridge, West Alvington and Churchstow Neighbourhood Plan Group

If you have any questions please email the Town and Parish Clerks on:

reception@kingsbridge.gov.uk; westalvingtonpc@gmail.com; churchstowpc@gmail.com

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Question and Answer Sessions

Date	Venue	Time	Details
Saturday 19 th June 2021	Kingsbridge Farmer's Market	9.00AM to 1.00PM	Look out for the red banner
Wednesday 23 rd June 2021	Zoom online event	6.00PM to 9.00PM	To join Zoom meeting please click; https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88401401494
Saturday 3 rd July 2021	Kingsbridge Farmer's Market	Kingsbridge Farmer's Market	Look out for the red banner
Wednesday 7 th July 2021	Zoom online event	6.00PM to 9.00PM	To join Zoom Meeting please click; https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84413094726