

# **KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

### **What does a Neighbourhood Plan do?**

It gives communities the chance to decide how their local area should develop and the style of what should be built. It's powerful: once 'made' the neighbourhood plan becomes part of the development plan. It needs to be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Dacorum Local Plan

### **What's the connection between our Neighbourhood Plan and the DBC Local Plan?**

The DBC Local Plan is a strategic plan for the whole borough so cannot cover all the local detail that is so important to us in Kings Langley. When finally adopted, our Neighbourhood Plan becomes a chapter of the Local Plan focussing on what we would like to see in Kings Langley

### **It's not about choosing sites for new development – that's with Dacorum**

However, by embedding design codes in the plan we can influence the style of any new building, we can protect green space and define what makes up local heritage and secure it.

### **Our vision for the plan**

To preserve and enhance what villagers most value about Kings Langley in line with the priorities suggested by the 2019 Parish Plan Survey – its village status, environmental action, greenbelt, proximity to open countryside, canal, woods and common, its thriving high street and strong sense of community.

### **Our 4 key objectives**

#### Objective 1:

To direct new development to within sites allocated by the Dacorum Local Plan and to protect, so far as possible, the Green Belt, valued green space in and around Kings Langley and local character and heritage. Development should contribute towards a proven local need.

#### Objective 2:

To require of any new development, an assurance of the credibility of the developer and an assurance of the environmental sustainability of any proposed development, with plans ideally approaching a 'zero carbon' goal through building materials, alternative energy sources, energy saving design, encouraging walking and cycling.

#### Objective 3:

Development must deliver community benefit, in line with initiatives promoted by the other three Parish Plan working groups, for instance car free/car sharing development; enhanced public access; contribution to recreation facilities and on-site food growing land allocation.

## Objective 4:

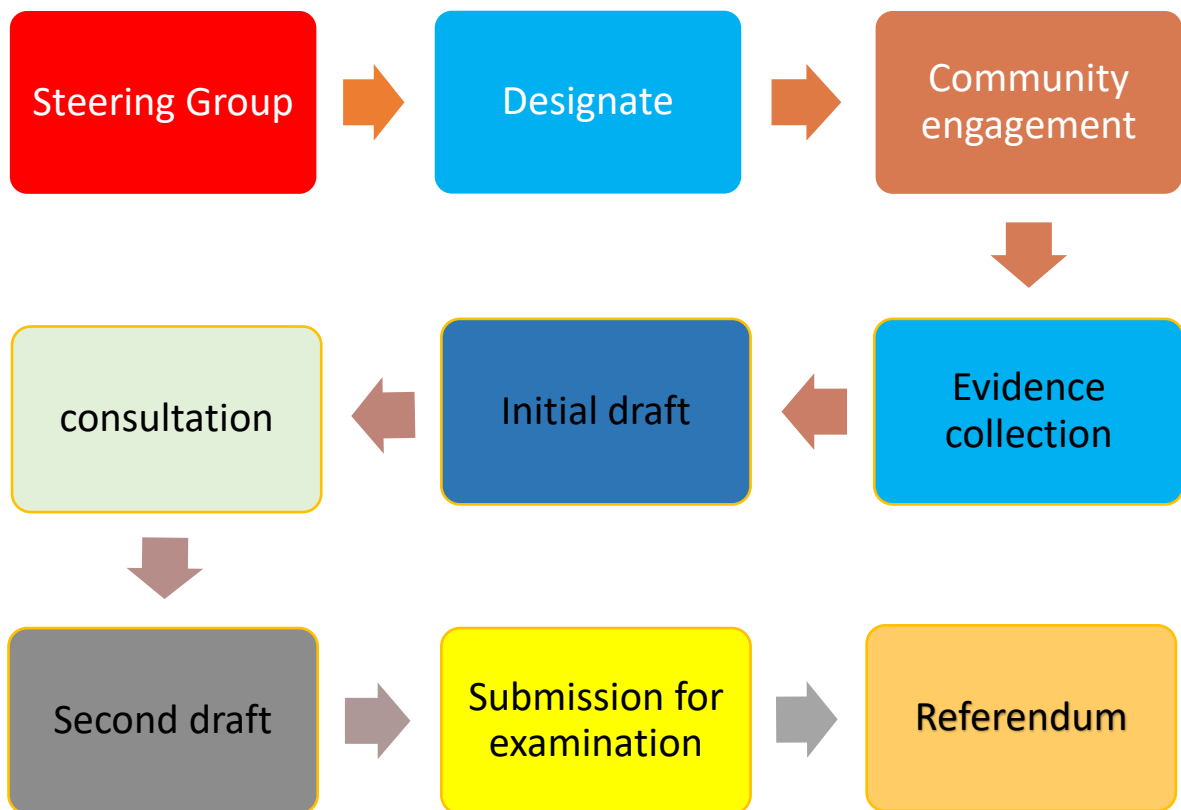
To support a vibrant and diverse High Street and a strong local economy that offers job opportunities to local people. Any future development, large or small, must not diminish existing business workspace or local employment opportunities. To generate new employment and replace any lost workspace, we will seek to provide small business units.

## Policies included in the Kings Langley Neighbourhood Plan

We encourage you to read the Plan to appreciate the full context of the policies. Summaries are shown here:

Policies	Main intent
<b>Spatial Strategy</b>	
Policy KL1: Location of Development (Page 17)	Direct new development towards the most sustainable locations, whilst protecting the Green Belt and the green spaces within the Parish and avoiding coalescence.
<b>Housing</b>	
Policy KL2: Meeting Local Housing Needs (Page 19)	Ensure that new homes meet the needs of local people and achieve a balanced mix of development.
<b>Character, Heritage, and Design</b>	
Policy KL3: Character of Development (Page 24)	Protect and enhance the character of the area, incorporating the principles set out in the Conservation Area and Urban Design Zones.
Policy KL4: Design of Development (Pages 29-30)	Ensure good quality design is incorporated into new developments.
Policy KL5: Energy Efficiency and Design (Page 31)	Ensure all developments meet the highest energy efficiency and environmental standards.
<b>The Village Centre and Wider Employment Opportunities</b>	
Policy KL6: Enhancing the High Street and the Village Centre (Page 35)	Support the Arup Report recommendations to enhance Kings Langley High Street and Village Centre.
Policy KL7: Commercial Premises and Land (Pages 36-37)	Safeguard existing employment land (including compensation for displaced businesses) whilst also encouraging new businesses to locate to the area.
Policy KL8: Supporting Sustainable Tourism (Page 38)	Ensure Kings Langley benefits from the development of local tourism.
Policy KL9: High Speed Broadband (Page 38)	Promote the provision of high speed broadband into all residential, commercial and community development proposals.
<b>Environment and Green Space</b>	
Policy KL10: Conserving and Enhancing the Network of Green Infrastructure (Pages 40-41)	Protect, enhance and extend areas and corridors featuring valuable flora and/or fauna.
Policy KL11: Local Green Spaces (Page 42)	Protect Green Spaces that are demonstrably special to the local community.
Policy KL12: Minimising the Environmental Impact of Development (Page 44)	Protect and enhance identified habitats to ensure the Rural and Green character of the Parish is retained.
Policy KL13: Kings Langley Farming Sector (Page 46)	Protect the viability of farming, which contributes to both the local economy and the landscape.
Policy KL14: Protection of Significant Local Views. (Page 47)	Protect individual views throughout the Parish that hold particular significance of local heritage.
<b>Transport and Movement</b>	
Policy KL15: Protection and Enhancement of Key Movement Routes (Page 51)	Protect and enhance key movement routes (particularly footpaths and cycle routes) within the Parish.
Policy KL16: Public Car Parking (Page 51)	Provide additional publicly accessible off-road car parking spaces, including the expansion of the Nap Car Park.
<b>Community Facilities, Leisure and Recreation</b>	
Policy KL17: Improving Opportunities for Sport and Recreation (Page 54-55)	Set out the parameters for assessing new community, recreational and leisure facilities.
Policy KL18: Provision of Leisure Facilities for Children and Teenagers (Page 56)	Ensure all new major developments consider and provide for the needs of children and young people.
Policy KL19: Allotments and Community Growing Spaces (Page 57)	Require all major developments to provide for new allotment and/or Community Growing spaces.
Policy KL20: The Provision of Accessible Public Toilets (Page 588)	Support the provision of accessible public toilets within the Village Centre.

## The Process



### Where are we now?

We have submitted our second draft for examination following two rounds of consultation with the village.

A referendum will be held for the village to approve the plan but we cannot yet predict the date as examination needs to be completed and we will need to respond.

### Where is the full draft plan available?

Hard copies can be requested from the Parish Council Offices and the plan is on our Neighbourhood Planning website along with a lot of backup material:

[www.klnp.co.uk](http://www.klnp.co.uk)