

Kingston Parish Council Local Plan Comment

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Dear Mike,

I apologise for the slight delay in responding. I thought that the deadline was due at the end of play today. I hope that it can still be taken into consideration however.

Below is the comment from Kingston Parish Council with regards the Canterbury Local Plan.

"Kingston lies within the Kent Downs AONB and is proud of its remarkable landscape, distinct character and beauty. We were disappointed that the draft vision/strategic objectives fail to contain an explicit statement recognising the AONB, nor do they pledge that any future development within must be in exceptional circumstances only, and in the interest of the local community.

We oppose the 'preferred' growth option which involves building a vast number of new homes so as to fund a bypass. This seemingly contradicts all 'green' credentials the City Council would claim to espouse. The proposed number of new homes on top of the minimum number mandated by central government (and in addition to those already committed to in the current Local Plan) will have a devastating impact as green land will undoubtedly be lost to 'urban sprawl' and roads.

We suggest the City Council re-examines its priorities and place the focus on sustainable development, especially that in relation to public transport. 'Canterbury Focus A' would be our preferred option from the ones listed."

Kind regards,
Chris Howard
Clerk to Kingston Parish Council