

Kingsbridge News

A Newsletter to update Kingsbridge Estate residents on the options appraisal project – April 2021

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Ramadan

As we enter Ramadan, we would like to wish the Muslim community of the Kingsbridge Estate Eid Mubarak.

We will be minimising door knocking throughout Ramadan. However, if you wish to speak to us about the project during this time please contact us on the details above.



Consultation: Second round concluded

Our second round of consultation on the future of the Kingsbridge Estate has now concluded. Over 75% of you engaged with us, sharing your invaluable feedback on the information the architects presented to you.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that shared their views, particularly during another national lockdown and the challenges that came with it.

If you have not shared your views with us in the project so far, it is not too late. There will be many opportunities for you to give your view in the coming months.

We will shortly be launching **the next round of consultation** during which the architects will be presenting **new** and more detailed design ideas for the future of your estate. These designs have been developed as a result of the feedback you have given over the past few months.

An important task during the next round of consultation is to test the viability of the different options for change. To do this we assess each option against five different criteria. We test to see how well the options meet the **residents brief**, which is set of resident priorities, whether the options can be **afforded**, whether the options are **sustainable**, whether the options deliver any **economic benefit** to the local area and community and whether they are realistic in terms of **planning and construction**.

The purpose of this viability work is to reduce the number of proposed options down to a few that are popular with residents and that we can deliver.

Public outdoor events on the estate

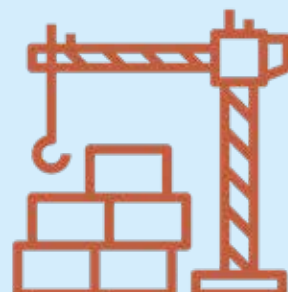
As the roadmap out of lockdown progresses, we plan to hold socially distanced public outdoor events on the estate.

These events will be a chance for residents to meet with the architects, your independent advisors, our team at One Housing and other project consultants. This will be a fantastic opportunity for us to hear your views on the upcoming designs in person.

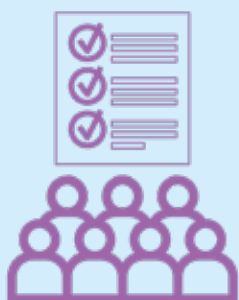
If you cannot make it to outdoor events, we can come and meet you at your front door.



Financial Viability



Implementation



Residents' Brief

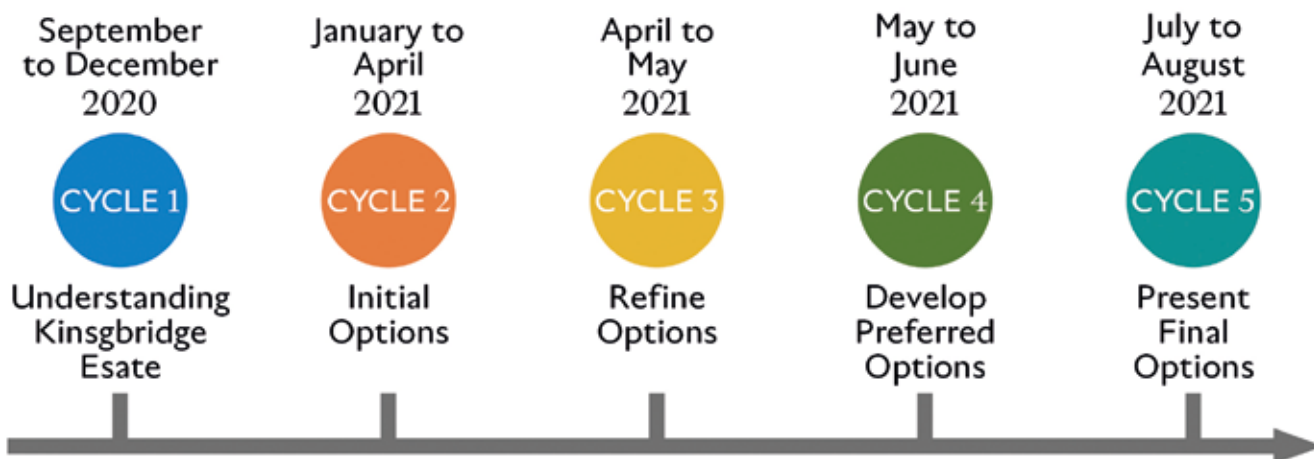


Socioeconomic Benefit



Sustainability

Indicative timeline



Update on the Resident Steering Group

Back in 2019 a Resident Steering Group (RSG) was formed to represent the interests and views of Kingsbridge residents during this project in support of the community. The group have been meeting regularly since then and choose the architect for the project (Haworth Tompkins) and New Mill Consultants as the Independent Residents' Advisor.

In recent weeks New Mill have taken the difficult decision to step down from working with the RSG, although they will continue to work on the project in support of residents. Following this decision, we have decided that the RSG

would be unable to fulfil its role without an Independent Advisor and have subsequently disbanded the group.

Although this decision was not taken lightly, New Mill, Mike Tyrrell and ourselves feel that the voice of the Kingsbridge community will be better represented through direct engagement with residents.

From our conversations with the community, we know that the slow-moving nature of the project has been a concern for many of you and we now feel that the project will be able to progress at a pace residents have asked for.

New Mill Consultants have made it clear that they remain dedicated to supporting the wider Kingsbridge community throughout this process.



Moving forward into the next stage of consultation, we will be increasing our engagement activities to ensure that there are as many opportunities for us to hear from you as possible in the absence of an RSG.

These will include:

- Holding a number of 'drop in events' such as the successful Question & Answer sessions we held in Sylheti via Zoom. These sessions will likely include block and tenure specific events.
- We will be circulating more newsletters on the estate, like this one, to keep you updated and ensure you have the contact details of your independent advisors and advocate, as well as the One Housing team.
- As soon as we can, we will be holding public events on the estate.
- We are looking into the possibility of setting up a permanent office on the estate which will allow various members of the project team to work locally and be available to residents.

A word from Mike

My name is Mike Tyrrell and I am the Residents Advocate for your estate. This means I am here to support you to probe the options, ask questions on the issues that arise on each of the options and to give advice.



The consultation is now at stage three where the options are being constantly refined in response to your feedback. In Stage 1 you have said what you like and don't like about your homes, and as a result the architects presented a range of options for the future of the estate in Stage 2.

The consultation is now moving into stage 3 where the options are being refined in response to your feedback.

I am urging you to take part in the upcoming consultation because it is important that each of the options offers the best deal for residents. We believe that residents know their estate better than any architect can and the best options can only be developed with your input.

A word from Ifte

Hi, I am Ifte Ahmed. I work as part of Newmill Consultancy with Rob and Christine as your independent resident advisor.

Some of you may remember me from the home visits I did on the estate prior to lockdown and others may remember me more recently from the Bengali resident zoom meeting I presented.

The consultation is now at stage 3 where the options are being constantly refined in response to your feedback from stage 1 & 2. I will continue engaging with residents, supporting you in being clear about the proposals and reaching options you feel are good for you, your community and your area.

I want to work with you to ensure residents get involved in all consultation programmes.

I am fluent in the following languages if you prefer to talk to me in Bangla, Sylheti & Hindi. I feel residents know their area better than anyone else as you live here and it is vital you are



involved in the decision making of any future plans to change the area you live in.

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If you face any barriers that make sharing your opinion difficult, please make any of the project team aware of this and we will do all we can to support you.

Members of the project team are contactable by freephone, text, email and mobile phone. We also hope to have a more regular presence on the estate in coming weeks as Covid restrictions are lifted.

Ifte from New Mill consultants speaks Sylheti, Bangla and Hindi. If you need translation in any other language, or know a neighbour that does, please let us know.

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