



## **Kingston Church of England Secondary School – Call for support**

6<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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Kingston Council planning committee will shortly make their decision on the Kingston CofE Secondary planning application so we are appealing for your support to ensure the plans are approved.

### **Please find below FIVE quick ways you can assist a successful outcome:**

1. **Comment on the planning application** (you can comment more than once). Please add your name (job title and/or organisation if related to education) and address to your comment.

It would be great if the Council could hear about the level of interest received from prospective families and the wider church community. We have listed below some supportive planning points that you might like to include:

- The proposals are for a high quality and sustainable teaching and learning environment both in the new building and outside spaces, creating a 21<sup>st</sup> century facility for pupils to thrive and reflecting the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education's vision and values.
- Both the Diocese, once the school is operational and the main contractor, during construction, will offer job opportunities and training to local people as well as working with the community and local businesses.
- There is an identified need for additional education facilities in the Borough. Two-thirds of school places will be allocated based on proximity to the school site. It is expected that the majority of the school catchment will be from a 1.5 mile radius which will likely shrink as the school grows in year groups and popularity.
- It is these communities neighbouring the Kingsmeadow site from which families have struggled to secure Year 7 places in recent years (KT1, North Kingston part of KT2 and New Malden part of KT3).
- The site is positioned in an ideal and sustainable location for educational use as it is readily accessible through walking, cycling or public transport. The school will be car-lite and include managed car parking on-site for staff.
- The site is suitable in operational terms for the Diocese as the new school will collaborate closely with their other schools close by.
- No other Council-owned site within the area of need has been identified as being suitable for secondary school use and the project team have created a design that mitigates issues around the site size.
- With input from statutory and community stakeholders including a Design Review Panel the



proposals will bring significant benefit to current and new community users of the school and site facilities.

- The design, scale and layout of the proposed development seeks to respond positively to the site context. Good quality materials, sensitive elevation treatment, building heights and staggered setbacks will respect the character of the area and amenity of adjacent properties.
- Improvements have been made to the gateway experience to the Kingsmeadow site, particularly emphasizing priority for pedestrians and cyclists.
- The plans provide the opportunity for a more coordinated parking management plan between the different Kingsmeadow users.
- The new building is to be set within attractive new landscaping, with green elements incorporated at ground and roof levels. The landscaping and ecological proposals will secure the required Urban Greening Factor and Biodiversity Net Gain targets, as well as preserve and enhance biodiversity.
- A thorough community engagement exercise found 84% of survey respondents supporting the plans.

*The Council require you to register to comment on planning applications. If you are not already registered, you can register when you submit your comment.*

- *View the application, planning reference 23/03181/FUL, [here](#). Click 'Comments'.*
- *If you are registered and already signed-in your details will automatically appear.*
- *If you are not already registered, select 'Register here' follow the instructions and you will receive an activation email.*
- *All fields with a \* need to be completed.*
- *Write your comment in the box.*
- *Submit your comments.*

*Further Council guidance on how to comment is available [here](#).*

**2. Copy and paste your supportive comment in an email to Council leadership, planning committee members and Ed Davey MP, email addresses are below:**

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3. **Email the same message to your Kingston Council ward councillors.** You can find out who that is using this [website](#) you can then find their email address [here](#).
4. **Please encourage your friends and family to also share their support.**
5. **Join the supporters group** – We are helping to bring together a group of supportive people in the community, if you would like to join please email us [info@kingstoncofesecondaryplans.co.uk](mailto:info@kingstoncofesecondaryplans.co.uk)