



Kingston Opportunity Area: Planning Policy Position and Transport Studies

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Planning Policy Context

Kingston's Development Plan:

- Core Strategy (2012)
- Kingston Town Centre AAP (2008)

No reference to OAPF in local policy.



- London Plan (2015) – Annex 1 Para A1.4:
“The Mayor is working with boroughs ... to identify, assess and realise the potential for new Opportunity and Intensification Areas ... in the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames (Kingston town centre).”

Policy Issues



i. The Status of an OAPF

Formal policy designation is essential for the OAPF to carry weight in decision making.

ii. Programme Schedule

– Links to the London Plan Review

Risk that an OAPF will not conform to London Plan if prepared prior to the London Plan review.

– Links to Kingston's Local Plan

Premature to identify key housing sites in KTC before Borough-wide Local Plan allocations.

Policy Options

i. The Status of an OAPF

- Option 1: non-statutory planning document which carries limited weight in the decision-making process
- Option 2: policy hook in the London Plan and the OAPF would be developed as SPG to the London Plan.
- Option 3: RBK would produce an OAPF as an AAP, i.e. review the KTC AAP with an intensification of uses and expansion of its area boundary.

All options are to be explored and legal advice is being sought .

ii. Programme Schedule

RBK will work closely with the GLA to ensure plans are aligned .

Movement Study

- Provides a Vision for Movement in Kingston
- Investigates a range of transport options
- Seeks to remove traffic from Wood St/Clarence St
- Supports development aspirations to 2031
- Underpins OAPF Transport Study



Bus Study

- Provides a Bus Strategy for Kingston TC
- Links directly to the Movement Study
- Eden Quarter is the area of focus
- Integrated bus station proposed on RBK-owned site
- Accounts for major town centre initiatives



OA Transport Study – Board Considerations

- OA growth levels and development scenarios required by TfL before Transport Study can commence
- Removal of traffic from Wood St/Clarence St worthy of further consideration
- Commitment to assess the viability of an integrated bus station
- OA Transport Study to involve an 18 month programme
- Long term vision for Kingston based on implementation of Crossrail 2



Opportunity Area: Wider Challenges

- Identification, programming and delivery of transport infrastructure
- Gearing up for Crossrail 2
- Supporting delivery through intervention
- Identifying and securing funding sources
- Managing Landowner/Developer aspirations
- Securing private sector investment

