



# Hull Local Plan: 2016 to 2032

## Brunswick House and The Strand Supplementary Planning Document 18

Consultation Statement

## **Background**

- 1.1 In preparing Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) the Council is required to follow the procedures laid down in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulation 2012.
- 1.2 Regulation 12 states that before adoption of a SPD the local planning authority must prepare a statement setting out:
  - the persons that the local authority consulted with when preparing the SPD;
  - a summary of the main issues raised by those persons; and
  - how those issues have been addressed in the SPD.
- 1.3 This Consultation Statement accompanies the Brunswick House and The Strand Supplementary Planning Document. This document provides additional planning guidance on Policies of the Hull Local Plan: 2016 to 2032, which was adopted on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017.

## **Consultation**

- 2.1 Preparation of the draft SPD involved engagement with other Council departments, including, Property, Youth Services and Development Management officers. The draft SPD has been through the Council's committee regime and elected members have had the opportunity to comment on the draft document.
- 2.2 The draft SPD was made available for public consultation for six weeks between Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019. A public notice to publicise this event was published in the Hull Daily Mail on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019. The consultation was also reported at Planning Committee in June 2019 and Cabinet Committee in June 2019.
- 2.3 The draft SPD and associated documentation was made available for inspection on the Council's website and at the following Council locations:
  - the Wilson Centre;

- Guildhall reception;
- Hull History Centre; and
- all Council Customer Service Centres and libraries.

### Consultation responses and main issues

3.1 Following the six week consultation period the Council received sixteen representations. However, some of the single representations received express the views of a number of people. All representations, together with the Local Planning Authority's response, are contained in Appendix 1.

### Main changes to the SPD

4.1 All the responses received to the consultation relate to the inclusion of Kingston Youth Centre within the SPD boundary. As such these comments will be brought to the attention of relevant council departments and committees. The final adopted SPD will reflect the Council's decision on this matter.

### Appendix 1: Summary of representations

Respondent	Comments Received	Council Response
Social Worker	I am concerned to hear that the Local Authority are considering selling off the Kingston Youth Centre site for other development. This centre which opened in the early 1990's is a versatile and fantastic resource for young people and it would be a great shame to lose such a central location. The site has good facilities and plenty of parking. It has been used extensively by young people I have worked with and is a safe haven engaging young people in positive and character building activities. Every aspect of the building and grounds are used and the Council would be unable to replicate this facility in such a central location. This is a community resource for young people and should remain so. It was handed over to Hull as a resource for young people and it is a pity to me that income generation would take precedence over the vital work that is completed here.	These comments relate to the proposed disposal of Kingston Youth Centre and as such will be brought to the attention of those involved in decisions regarding its future.

	I do hope the Local Authority will decide to keep this site and the services provided here.	
ARTS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER	It is not clear where Kingston Youth Centre fits with the plans. This needs to be clear in the document and include a description of current activity. Arts Development works closely with Youth Development Service and has a youth arts partnership with them called Creative Voice. Its facilities were developed to centrally support youth arts activity and many groups and projects from across Hull take advantage of this. It is interesting that the history of the site shows that the area including the Youth Centre has always supported the education of young people. This needs to be considered and young people need to be properly informed.	Kingston Youth Centre is clearly shown within the boundary of the area proposed for redevelopment.
Service User	<p>We have been using Kingston Youth Centre for a number of years now and in this time have found the staff extremely helpful in every aspect, there is easy parking and it is very central so all my players can reach it very easily. We are a local football team based in West Hull and have players from Orchard Park, Springbank, Beverley Road and Boothferry Estate. These kids come mainly from under privilege Backgrounds, many of which are one parent families living on benefits, also very different ethnic backgrounds. Kingston Youth Centre has accommodated our team every Thursday evening at a very low cost, with-out the centre we wouldn't be able to run our team as there are no places in Hull were we can afford, most places are fully booked up to with the richer clubs in the Sunday League, other establishments are asking between £50-£60 an hour for hire of facility. If Kingston Youth Centre was to close it would take away the young peoples only sporting out-let that they have, these young people all have a special relationship through sport and if we were forced to fold our team it would be soul destroying for the young people and me personally.</p>	These comments relate to the proposed disposal of Kingston Youth Centre and as such will be brought to the attention of those involved in decisions regarding its future.
Service User	Kingston Youth Centre is fantastic facility, it is a place where I can go and play football with all my teammates without getting any abuse and were I feel safe and happy.	These comments relate to the proposed disposal of Kingston Youth Centre and as such will be brought to the attention of those involved in decisions regarding its future.
Service User	I live on Beverley Road and use the centre 3-4 times weekly, it gives me a great opportunity to meet new	These comments relate to the

	friends and interact with people from different background and ethnic cultures, and without it my life would be restricted to staying in my house night after night.	proposed disposal of Kingston Youth Centre and as such will be brought to the attention of those involved in decisions regarding its future.
Service User	This centre is brilliant, it allows me to meet other people and my team-mates, and it allows me to play football a sport which I love.	These comments relate to the proposed disposal of Kingston Youth Centre and as such will be brought to the attention of those involved in decisions regarding its future.
Service User	My dad has run this team for 10 years and has worked very hard, to see the team fold due to no training facility would be heart-breaking.	These comments relate to the proposed disposal of Kingston Youth Centre and as such will be brought to the attention of those involved in decisions regarding its future.
Service User	To lose this facility would be like splitting a family up.	These comments relate to the proposed disposal of Kingston Youth Centre and as such will be brought to the attention of those involved in decisions regarding its future.
Service User	I have used this centre for a long time now, it's like an extension of my family, it's a place I can go to exercise to stay fit and healthy and play football with my mates.	These comments relate to the proposed disposal of Kingston Youth Centre and as such will be brought to the attention of those involved in decisions regarding its future.
Service User	Kingston is a place where I can enjoy my sport and express myself without being judged.	These comments relate to the proposed disposal of Kingston Youth Centre and as such will be brought to the

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Service User	It's a place I can meet new friends and feel welcome and safe.	These comments relate to the proposed disposal of Kingston Youth Centre and as such will be brought to the attention of those involved in decisions regarding its future.
Service User	A great club were everyone is so friendly and I get to see my friends.	These comments relate to the proposed disposal of Kingston Youth Centre and as such will be brought to the attention of those involved in decisions regarding its future.
Service User	We have used Kingston Youth Centre for quite sometimes now. To take it away when it is such a valuable part of a young person's life would be a catastrophe, these young kids love to attend the centre for an array of reasons, but above all it's a place where they can share great times with their team-mates, meeting new friends and above all a sense of belonging which can only help them socially and emotionally.	These comments relate to the proposed disposal of Kingston Youth Centre and as such will be brought to the attention of those involved in decisions regarding its future.
Service Manager	<p>Having read the supplementary Planning Document, I felt compelled to share the plans for the redevelopment of the area with young people who are part of a Voice and Influence group that meets at Kingston Youth Centre each week. As a group we considered the proposal and what it meant for young people in the city and felt that we needed to share our feedback.</p> <p>Young people felt that the proposals do not reflect the true value that Kingston Youth Centre provides to young people both locally and city wide and that the document talked about Kingston Youth Centre as a building, but not what that building does, or feels like for young people. Any plans to take away Kingston, needs to consider the wider context of the work that takes place and the impact of it not being there.</p> <p>Young people said that Kingston is like a 'home' for them, that it feels safe, welcoming and a place that</p>	These comments relate to the proposed disposal of Kingston Youth Centre and as such will be brought to the attention of those involved in decisions regarding its future.

they are familiar with. Familiarity is important to young people and the long history of the Youth Centre means that often young people attending today, have parents who attended in the past. They also describe the centre as relaxing and a place where the staff are friendly and 'amazing'. The feelings that young people experience within the building are not articulated in the plans and are therefore not able to be considered when reading the document that has been presented for consultation, not painting a true picture of Kingston Youth Centre. During our discussion young people described the building as artful, warming, themed, old fashioned, creativity, and memoryful, they felt that Kingston was not just a building, but unique and was everything for young people. There is no other building like this in the city and it is seen as a hub for youth work as well as a meeting place for different youth and community groups to come together.

In addition to the main building the outside space has been developed over a number of years with young people and has matured into a space that they use for reflection, group work, and one-to-one work. The garden supports young people to develop relationships with their peers, and staff as well as provide a space for their emotional needs to be met. The loss of the garden will make a significant impact on the lives of young people who access the centre.

The voice and influence group felt that the document was very difficult to find and understand and their youth centre was often described as Kinston college. Young people were concerned also that the community would be unlikely to look at this document as Kingston youth centre is not named in the title.

Young people who gave this feedback suggest that Kingston youth centre is removed from the new development proposal on the basis of it providing a home to them already. The suggestion for a new or different youth centre did not appeal to them as this would not recognise the history and comfort this existing building has offered and continues to offer to them and the local community.

### **Recommendations**

Planning documents should be put together in a way that all members of the community that are going to be affected by the proposal could be more easily understood

<p>Freedom Road Creative Arts</p>	<p>I am the Project Coordinator of Freedom Road Creative Arts (FRCA), a registered charity;1124982, which was launched in July 2008 following work by Hull's Children's Rights Project; (The Rights and Participation Project, RAPP). RAPP was funded by Hull City Council 1997 - 2013</p> <p>Partnership work between RAPP and a range of organisations, which included the HCC's Youth Service, The Warren, Creative Voice, Schools, Pupil Referral Units in the City and ReFresh (between 2001 and 2008), helped develop, and maintain, an outlet for those young people referred to RAPP to explore their creative talents with the aim of building their confidence and extending their aspirations.</p> <p>Due to the demand on RAPP to meet the need of the growing influx of referrals for young people to participate in the arts related projects it was facilitating, FRCA was launched to help deal with this. FRCA is primarily funded through Children in Need. However, we also receive smaller grants from Headstart, Sir James Reckitt Charity and the Arafest Charity.</p> <p>At present FRCA facilitates the following workshops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday – Drama</li> <li>• Tuesday – Music (this at KYC)</li> <li>• Wednesday – Percussion Lessons (these at KYC)</li> <li>• Thursday – Drama</li> <li>• Saturday – Music</li> </ul> <p>FRCA also facilitates school holiday projects and many of these depend on the free use of KYC, in particular, the musical instruments and the recording studio. Without this resource available the opportunity to develop, engage and develop their interests would be lost.</p> <p>As an example; a young person who suffers from the effects of Foetal Alcohol Syndrome (and who currently accesses FRCA), has developed his skills through the use of KYC's recording studio and rehearsal space with his band.</p> <p>D; (as he will be known as), has just left the Pupil Referral Unit he attended. Initially in years 7 and 8 he was regularly excluded due to unmanageable behaviour around peers and authority figures.</p> <p>However, with the constant support and “sticking” by him despite these issues, FRCA were able to empower him and to cultivate his interests. D. has just</p>	<p>These comments relate to the proposed disposal of Kingston Youth Centre and as such will be brought to the attention of those involved in decisions regarding its future.</p>
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	<p>received his GCSE results which have been described as some of the best a pupil at the unit has ever received. The change in his aspirations have been partly, (or mostly, as is parents say), due to opportunities he has been afforded while attending FRCA sessions.</p> <p>He begins his Hull College course in September.</p> <p>This is just one story of the impact FRCA has made to a young person's life; a young person who now has a bright future and who will contribute to society instead of one that depends on state support throughout his lifetime; the use of KYC and its resources have played a major part in this and in my opinion to lose this will prove detrimental to lives of many more young people.</p> <p>At present up to 34 YP attended our weekly Tuesday evening sessions which gives them a positive outlet for their energy and educational aspirations.</p> <p><b>SUGGESTED CHANGES</b> Please set out any change(s) you feel are necessary to improve the SPD.</p> <p>Following on from my answer to the above answer, my suggestion for this attached document/consultation is to ensure the future of the Kingston Youth Centre.</p>	
Service Manager	<p>Young people and users groups of Kingston Youth Centre have been submitting comments over the last four weeks regarding the Supplementary Planning Document for Brunswick and The Strand Consultation. In order to ensure that young people had a voice and were able to give their feedback in the appropriate format, I have collated those responses and transcribed them for submission.</p> <p>Below is the collection of those responses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'I believe that it will be very hard to find another place to accommodate a large group of people with different interests, you could build flats on the condemned church across the street. This place holds many special memories to different people and provides valuable services' Young person DC age 14.</li> <li>• "It's a great space. I love the kitchen and sports hall. It won't be the same anywhere else' Young person R Big Buzz</li> <li>• 'Don't sell the building cause there are so</li> </ul>	<p>These comments relate to the proposed disposal of Kingston Youth Centre and as such will be brought to the attention of those involved in decisions regarding its future.</p>

many memories and if the building was to go those memories would be gone' 18/9/2019

- 'Psypher is an external group that values KYC and staff for their support. Please keep this building' Our group has already lost a safe space in Newland Youth Centre, it took lots of time and support to rebuild confidence in our users to access and accept another space. To lose another home would be devastating to vulnerable users.
- 'This building is the place that I have memories in from when I did Djing'
- This room provides space to practice without judgement'
- 'This youth centre is a life line for the children in the BME community who come here to attend sessions every weekend. They feel safe and happy here and it's the only place their parents are willing to send their children to socialise with their friends. If this building closes we will not be able to hold our youth club sessions anymore.' Al Noor
- The KYC building itself is ideal for the purposes for which it is currently used, with different rooms, perfectly suited to different activities. It cannot be replaced! Furthermore, it has a beautiful garden, designed, created and maintained for/by our local young people. What message will it send our hardworking youths when the local authority bulldozes their space and creative works?'
- 'This ridiculous. There are plenty of houses in Hull that already exist that are currently unoccupied if you need more housing' Young person E age 17
- We attend Kingston every other Friday with a group of young people with special needs. They interact with friends that they would never have made. It's hard for special needs to fit in anywhere so please think before you take drastic measures'
- 'I love it in the art room, it's so fun. Me and my friend love crafting and it gives us a chance to have fun together. Please don't close down, Young person A age 11

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘This is our safe place you can’t take it away’</li> <li>• ‘Without provisions like Kingston Youth Centre, young people would not have the support, environment or freedom to express themselves without judgements being made. Kingston provides a safe space, a vital space to be creative, a network of friendships and a focus in which they the engage! Don’t take it away.’</li> <li>• ‘The youth club provides us with a free practice space which otherwise would be unavailable. This is a positive environment where we are comfortably guided towards growth’</li> <li>• ‘We have been using Kingston Youth Centre since 2001, the young people who attend our sessions have no alternatives where they feel safe, secure and comfortable to join in. This building is also central as most of the young people live close by and are able to come alone. If this building closed our session would end and this would be devastating for our young people as this is only place to socialise and take part in sports and other activities’ AL Noor</li> <li>• ‘Need a place for kids to play’</li> <li>• ‘I don’t want the youth club to close down because it is a place I can be with friends and I can craft’ Al Noor</li> <li>• ‘At a time when youth services have been cut to the bone it’s more important than ever to keep what we have funded and available. This centre hosts a wide variety of events in a badly needed area’</li> <li>• ‘The council should be providing and opening more youth centres and not closing existing ones. At a time when young people live in a virtual world, we should be encouraging our children to socialise face to face and take part in actual physical activities. The sessions we have here is the only time our children can meet friends, because parents will not let them hang around out in the streets. Most parents are even afraid to let their children play in the local parks because they are rife with drug users and immoral behaviour. Please think this through and think about the disadvantaged young people of Hull’ Al Noor</li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'It has been proven that youth clubs prevent crimes as young people are kept off the streets. Without this club crime rates among young people will rise as they have no other way to occupy themselves'. Young person E age 16</li> <li>• 'This would be a waste of a great youth workers and an amazing building. Safe place for young people of all abilities, ethnicity, religion. A home from home for some disadvantaged youth.'</li> <li>• 'I object to the proposals to pull down Kingston Youth Centre. This building is used by a large number of people and groups. With youth services being decimated in recent years due to underfunding from central government (with uneducated/non-political people wrongly blaming the local council) the closing of KYC could be the final straw for our disillusioned youth, many of whom will find themselves cut off from the mentors, their friends, and their hobbies, risking them feeling bored, unwanted and with a strong possibility of them turning to anti-social activities in an attempt to relieve boredom and to subconsciously get the attention they need and crave'</li> <li>• 'I want youth club to stay because it is a very nice building and has a very nice variety of rooms to choose from. It changes the way children see reality and gives them an opportunity. For example the pool table and piano can inspire children in wanting to [play a sport or learn an instrument. Youth club means a lot to me because it is a place where I can spend time with my friends.' HA age 12</li> <li>• 'Why change something that works well, Put's a smile on people's faces and ruin a lovely building?. The staff do a fantastic job and keep so many young people off the streets, so many young people struggle to fit in but not when they're at Kingston'</li> <li>• 'We use Kingston main hall every other Friday for football, as our young people have special needs it's not that easy to use a public area. The young people not only have the football but pool, the music room, we play cards and board games. Where are we to find and re-home our football players?</li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="502 235 1177 392">• 'We need to keep kids off the streets to stop them going down the wrong road, give them something to do, not sit in a room alone on a play station, socialise, interact with others and that's what Kingston Youth Club are good at'</li></ul>	
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