

People Opportunities Places

Local Plan 2026–2044

Drop-in sessions,
online survey and more
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Borough Council of
King's Lynn &
West Norfolk

Scoping Consultation, Initial Reflections and Results
LPTG 1st October 2026

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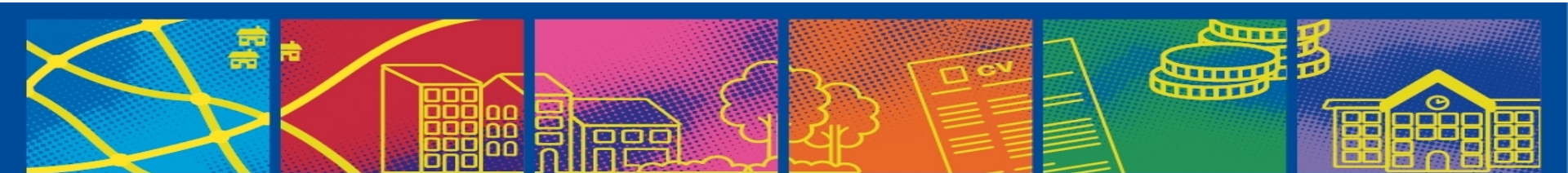
Our Approach to Consultation - Website

- Provides the journey of what the local plan covers, the site mapping, ability to submit further sites and the consultation survey form.
- What the plan should cover, understand if there is important issues that may have been missed and how we should engage people as the plan progresses.
- The Scoping Consultation available here: [People, Opportunities, Places.]



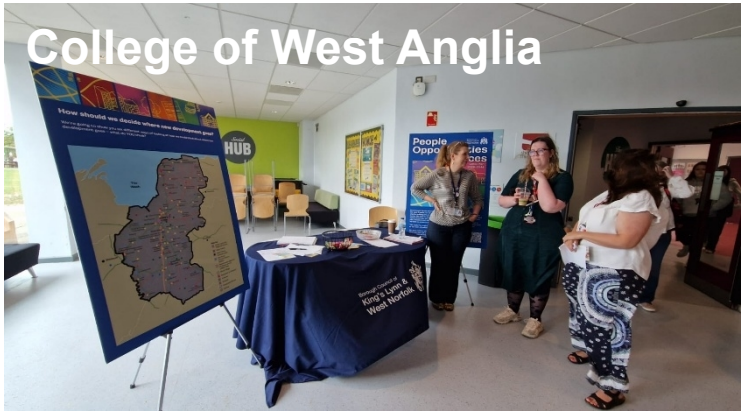


Consultation Events Held

12 Events held over 15 days

Event	Date(s)	Audience	Attendance
College of West Anglia Freshers' Week	3 and 4 September	Young people and students, aged 16–25	70
Members' virtual event	3 September	Borough councillors	12
Public online sessions	8 and 24 September	Residents and interested parties	43
The Place, King's Lynn	14 and 22 September	Residents and interested parties	41
King's Lynn Foodbank	15 and 16 September	People experiencing food poverty and health inequalities	20
Hunstanton Town Hall	17 September	Residents and interested parties	26
Parish and town council event	21 September	Parish and town councils	33
Downham Market Town Hall	23 September	Residents and interested parties	35
Total confirmed attendance			**280**




College of West Anglia
HUB


Downham Market Town Hall


Hunstanton Town Hall


The Place Kings Lynn
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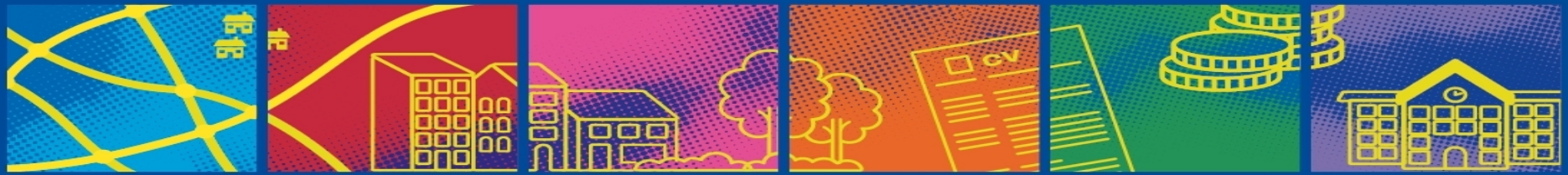
Initial Feedback

- Over 300 Survey submissions received
- Over 450 Email responses
- A good mix of Parish/Town Council reps, the general public, and landowners across all consultations.
- Great engagement with the maps to identify areas for growth.
- Supported all those in attendance (Including those that had any technical challenges)
- Some good conversations ‘thanks for your thoughts and concerns however where would you put the growth with that in mind?

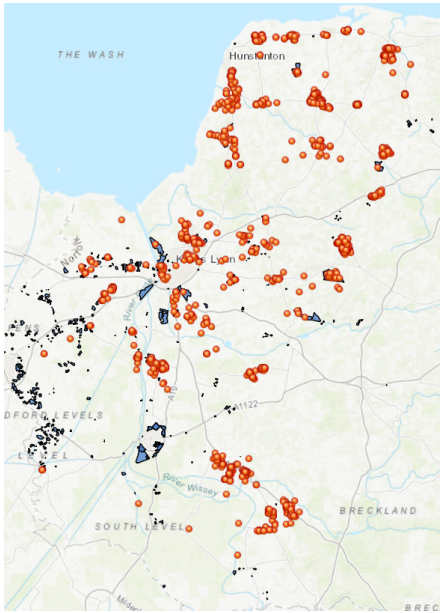


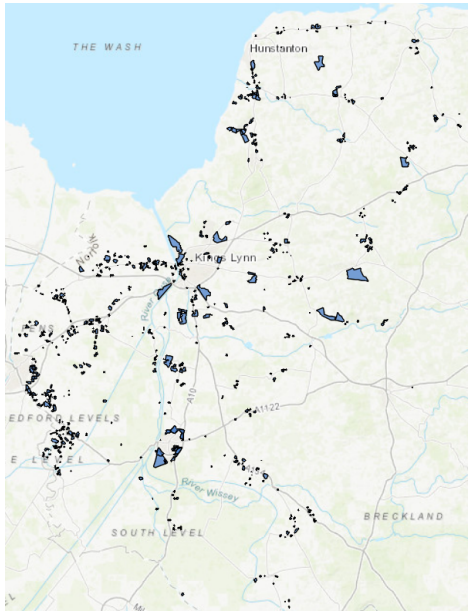




Interactive Pin Map for Call for Sites

- Interactive Pin map to comment on sites that have been put forward in the initial call for sites
- Over 16,000 views on the pin map.
- Over 1500 comments submitted across sites that have been put forward
- Over 40 sites brought forward additionally in September.







Updated Local Plan Timetable

The Government requires us to set a 30-month timetable for preparing the next Local Plan:



[Timetable for preparing the King's Lynn and West Norfolk Local Plan | Timetable for preparing the King's Lynn and West Norfolk Local Plan | Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk]

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Gateway 1 starts the 30 Month clock

30 October 2026 • Publish readiness Self assessment • No Planning Inspectorate approval required

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30 OCTOBER 2026

30 MONTH WINDOW

Published Self aassessment starts the statutory preparation period

BEFORE WE PASS

- Notice of intention to commence published In June
- Scoping consultation completed
- Current timetable published
- PID confirms governance, resources, finance, evidence and risks – 50+ Workstreams

WHAT HAPPENS

- Complete the Gateway 1 readiness Self assessment (Reg 21)
- Publish a summary on the council website (Confirm Timetable, PM and governance arrangements and our Consultation and engagement strategy)
- The passing date becomes the start of the 30 month process
- PINS does not assess or advise at Gateway 1. PAS, Planning advisory support is optional

WHAT TO TEST

- Are all legal prerequisites evidenced and public?
- Is the timetable credible, Budgets funded and resourced?
- Are ownership, decisions and escalation routes clear?
- Are evidence, engagement and delivery risks actively managed?

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Summary

- Successful execution of the scoping consultation, huge amount of work and preparation by the policy, communications and design teams to engage the borough.
- 12 Events held across 15 days.
- Over 16000 views of the pin map for comments with over 1500 comments gathered.
- Over 300 surveys completed which we will produce themes for publish as part of the scoping consultation feedback in early November.
- Updated Local Plan timeline as we head towards Gateway 1 on October 30th to officially start the countdown of the 30 Month clock.
- Produce consultation and engagement strategy
- Lessons learnt session being held for future consultations