

Kettering Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Statement

April 2026

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Introduction

1. Kettering Central is preparing its first Neighbourhood Plan. After early research undertaken by the Neighbourhood Planning Committee from February 2024, the decision to proceed with developing with a Neighbourhood Plan was made by resolution of the Town Council in July 2024.

2. The neighbourhood area was designated in October 2024, and work quickly progressed to engage with the community about the plan contents. An Advisory Panel made up of community members, and a Neighbourhood Planning Committee made up of Town Councillors was established by Kettering Town Council to lead the project.
3. The Advisory Panel first met in February 2025, and met monthly throughout 2025 to work on policies and evidence gathering, including community engagement. The draft plan was approved by Kettering Council to proceed to Regulation 14 in January 2026, and the submission plan was approved in April 2026.

Timeline of Events

Date	Event	Purpose
15 th February 2024	Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting	agreed a scoping document for the coverage, geography and objectives of a new neighbourhood plan
12 th June 2024	Workshop with Councillors, facilitated by external advisors	about purpose, scope and geography of the plan, to inform Council
10 th July 2024	Kettering Town Council Meeting	agrees scope of plan and geography, and to ask NNC to designate the plan area and to seek tenders for planning consultancy support.
24 th October 2024	Technical stage	Area of the plan designated by North Northamptonshire Council
30 th October 2024	Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting	Tenders from consultants received and considered by committee who identified a preferred bidder and invited them to their next meeting on 20 th November 2024
20 th November 2024	Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting	Constitution and membership of the Advisory Panel (comprising

		Councillors and community members) agreed by committee
11 th December 2024	Kettering Town Council Meeting	Council appoints ONH as planning consultants to project manage and help develop the plan.
30 th January 2025	Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting	Project plan agreed by committee.
19 th February 2025	Kettering Central Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Panel	Advisory Panel has first meeting and continues to meet monthly throughout 2025 to work on plan policies and evidence gathering. (10 meetings including 2 held jointly with the NP Committee)
26 th February 2025	Town Meeting	took place with 50+ attendees, to start first stage engagement, in workshop format to consider scope and direction of plan
6 th March 2025	Tresham College Students meeting	Similar session with Tresham students (50+ attendees) to progress engagement, supplemented by a session Tresham convened themselves with some adult learners.
February-March 2025	Conversation 1 Consultation period	Online public survey running
14 th June 2025	Kettfest	Engagement with 90+ attendees at Kettfest on principles of plan and local issues to be addressed.
23 rd July 2025	Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting	First draft of policy outline submitted to and agreed by committee.

		Revision to timetable to reflect withdrawal of government grant and need to stretch resources into following financial year.
29 th August 2025	Technical stage	Screening Opinion for SEA and HRA submitted to NNC and then on to statutory consultees.
End September 2025	Kettering Town Council	Owners of buildings and land specifically mentioned in the plan written to by Town Council, seeking views on proposed designations (Key buildings, Local Green Spaces and Local Heritage Assets).
1 st October 2025	Second Town Meeting	(55 attendees) to consider policy areas and detail of policies in workshop format
To end October	Conversation 2 Consultation period	Online public survey running
13 th October 2025	Technical stage	Screening opinion decision by NNC not to require an SEA or HRA
16 th December 2025	Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting	considers final draft pre-submission document for onward recommendation to Full Council in January 2026
January 2026	Kettering Town Council Meeting	approval to proceed to Regulation 14
2nd February – 23rd March 2026	Regulation 14 consultation	Pre-submission public survey running

2nd April 2026	Kettering Central Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Panel	reviews Regulation 14 responses and agrees changes to NP
15th April 2026	Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting	approval by Neighbourhood Plan Committee prior to ratification by Full Council in May
20 th May 2026	Kettering Town Council Meeting	Approval by Town Council to submit Neighbourhood Plan to North Northamptonshire Council

The Early Engagement Process

1. Kettering Town Council has a strong presence online and on social media, including Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.
1. The Kettering Town Council website includes a permanent Neighbourhood Plan page, and a separate Kettering Central Neighbourhood Plan website was also created. <https://ketteringcentralplan.co.uk> The website includes background information and interactive maps, it was also used as the home of digital surveys for consultation and other contact information.
2. Members of the Advisory Group, Town Council Officers, and the appointed consultants worked together to develop a communication strategy for the project that included in person events, digital and print options, with particular care taken to reach out to harder to reach groups.
3. Kettering ensured information about the project was available to those who are not online, through a number of approaches. For example multiple separate articles appeared in editions of '4Locals' a free local magazine delivered to all homes in Kettering, additionally press releases, newspaper articles and social media posts were used at regular intervals to keep everyone up to date with the current project status.

Conversation 1: Neighbourhood Plan Ideas

1. The first consultation was held between February and March 2025.
2. The consultation introduced the community to the possibilities of Neighbourhood Planning, the Neighbourhood Area, and possible policy areas that could be included.

3. Questions were open ended and allowed respondents to tag particularly locations on maps, submit photos, describe their concerns and submit policy ideas.

Examples of Conversation 1 publicity

2. QR codes and links were used to link to the neighbourhood plan website to find out more about the project and take part in consultation.
3. The consultation began with an in person Town Hall style event on Wednesday, February 26 in Kettering Arts Centre, which included a presentation and themed tables with materials designed to allow all attendees and online contributors to submit their ideas about locations within the Neighbourhood Area – including gathering data on what respondents felt it was important for the neighbourhood plan to include, from specific locations to policy topics.



4. The presentation included an introduction to neighbourhood planning and illustrative maps of potential policy areas

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KETTERING CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

INFORMAL ENGAGEMENT: MARCH 2025

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POLICY PRIORITIES

What policy areas do you think are most important?

Think about the types of policies that could be included. Circle the 3 that you think are most important.

SURVEY QUESTIONS

- Open spaces, green infrastructure and biodiversity
- Neighbourhood management
- Typic size and nature of new housing
- Design quality of new buildings
- Active Travel
- Community facilities
- Town centre uses
- Heritage conservation

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CONTENT

- Background
- What is a neighbourhood plan?
- Neighbourhood plan boundary
- What can be included in a neighbourhood plan?
- Kettering town centre area action plan
- Policy areas & survey questions
- Your valuable input
- Next steps

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NEW HOUSING & BUILDINGS

Minimum space standards

Access to public transport and good walking and cycling routes

Access to private and shared amenity space

Preserving the historic environment

Using modern construction methods

Energy efficiency

Mix of handy habitats and corridors

When considering the design of housing in Kettering Central, what do you think is most important?

Tick next to the factors you feel are most important.

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BACKGROUND

Since 2011 it has been possible for community groups and Town Councils to create a Neighbourhood Plan which will guide the development of their area in the future.

Kettering Town Council was formed in 2021 after changes in local government. Kettering sits within the North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) Planning Authority area. NNC agreed to the Town Council's request to allocate the Central Kettering Area for a Neighbourhood Plan in October 2024.

The Town Council now intends to work with the community to agree what policies should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan, and what they should say.

There are two groups at the Town Council that will be working on the Neighbourhood Plan, including an Advisory Group.

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SURVEY QUESTIONS

Where is your favourite place to go in Kettering Central?

If you know the address, please tell us, or mark it on the map.

Why is this local on your favourite?

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WHAT IS A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?

Neighbourhood planning allows communities to directly shape the development and growth of their local area, based on a shared vision.

Neighbourhood plans can allocate where new homes, shops and offices should be built, have a say on what those new buildings should look like and what essential community infrastructure should be provided with them.

Neighbourhood planning must align with the strategic needs and priorities of the local area and are a powerful set of tools for local people to plan for the future, having a real say in what the future of their area will be like.

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KETTERING VISION

The existing vision for Kettering Town Centre is that it should be 'Characterful, Distinctive and Fun'. Is this vision still appropriate and relevant for Kettering?

What would your vision for Kettering Town Centre be?

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DOES THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COVER ALL OF KETTERING?

No, the Neighbourhood Plan will cover the town centre and surrounding areas and is referred to as 'Kettering Central'.

(The area does not include the South West Kettering Woodlands Community – which has its own Neighbourhood Plan area)

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THE KTCAAP RECOMMENDED SPLITTING THE TOWN CENTRE INTO 8 'QUARTERS'

Quarter	Focus
1. The Riverside Quarter	High quality housing
2. The Basin	Water environment and amenity
3. The Riverside Quarter	Conservation of historic buildings and streets
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5. The consultation was well advertised in advance. Press releases were sent to the local paper who printed articles advertising the event.



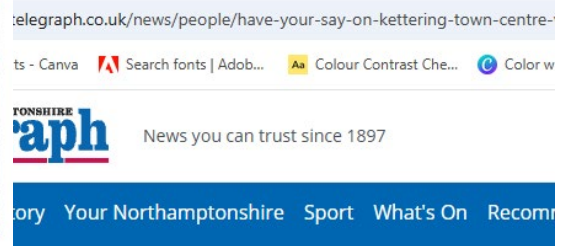
Now people are being invited to come and hear about the plan and give their views in the town meeting on Wednesday, February 26 at 7pm in Kettering Arts Centre.



Kettering town centre will be discussed at a meeting at Kettering Arts Centre/National World

Cllr Scott Edwards, chairman of the neighbourhood planning committee, said: "If you care about our town centre and the people who work and live in it, and the surrounding areas, then please do join us to contribute to the plan.

discussed on the night.



len girl congratulated by Chief Scout on achieving King's Scout Award

f the town centre, the design and type of housing, how and green spaces, were among the many issues

6. The newspaper followed the event with additional article talking about how to take part in the rest of the consultation period



Kettering Central Neighbourhood Plan meeting at St Andrew's Church, Kettering/National World

Cllr Scott Edwards, chairman of Kettering Town Council's Neighbourhood Planning committee, which is leading the work on this new plan, said: "Everyone in Kettering has a stake in the town centre and there are many

7. The consultation was also advertised on social media through Facebook and Instagram, by the town council. North Northamptonshire Council were also asked to share the message increasing the overall reach.

Have your say on the Central Kettering Neighbourhood Plan
 We want to hear your views on...

- How to improve the town centre
- Sustainable transport options
- Making streets safer at night
- Working for better quality housing

This is your chance to shape the future of your neighbourhood.

Come to the Town Meeting on Wednesday 26 February at 7pm
 Kettering Arts Centre at St Andrew's Church, Lindsay Street, Kettering NN16 8RG

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Join us at February's Town Meeting - we want to hear from you. Kettering Town Council is launching a Neighbourhood Plan for the town centre and we need your input to make it a success. We will be joined by expert planning consultants and a new advisory panel of local residents and will be talking about:

- How vacant sites in the town centre can be used.
- Improving the look and feel of the town centre.
- Improving housing quality.
- Expanding and enhancing public open spaces
- Offering better transport options.
- Addressing parking needs for residents and visitors.
- Creating a safer night-time economy.

8 likes
 February 5, 2025

Add a comment... Post

North Northamptonshire Council
 26 February 2025

Kettering Town Council is holding a public meeting at 7pm this evening, Wednesday 26 February 2025. All welcome.

Have your say on the Central Kettering Neighbourhood Plan. Feedback your views and ideas for shaping the neighbourhood:

- town centre improvements
- sustainable transport options
- making streets safer at night
- better quality housing

#CentralKetteringNeighbourhoodPlan
 #HaveYourSay

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8. In person events were also held with Tresham College, the local 16+ education facility, and AAT, which includes adult learning, to find out more about young people's views on the Kettering Central and the Neighbourhood Plan

Outcomes

1. More than 55 attendees at the Town Hall Meeting, two additional sessions were held at Tresham College and AAT with a further 60+ attendees. Including online and paper responses, more than 250 comments were gathered.
2. The comments focused on views about the most important elements to consider in the plan policy priorities, on favourite and valued places in the plan area, on a vision for the town centre, on housing supply and design issues and in the case of Tresham's younger student, on what would keep or draw them back to Kettering after graduation.
3. The consultation responses directly informed a draft scope and policy ideas for the neighbourhood plan.
4. A full set responses from this consultation are included in Appendix 1.

Conversation 2: Neighbourhood Plan Policy Ideas

1. After Conversation 1, and an additional drop in event held at KettFest in summer 2025, draft policies ideas were created and tested with the community as part of Conversation 2.
2. This conversation was held in October 2025 and invited respondents to verify that the policy ideas suggested were suitable and submit their own suggestions for what should be changed or added for each policy area.
3. The proposed policy ideas included for discussion were: Key Buildings; Town Centre; Conservation Area; Areas of Special Character; Shopfronts in the Town Centre; Brownfield Sites; Local Heritage Assets; Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs); Energy Efficiency; Biodiversity; Local Green Spaces; Movement and Connectivity

Examples of Conversation 2 publicity

1. The consultation was launched at a Town Meeting, which included a presentation for attendees and themed tables. At each table different draft policies were discussed and ideas suggested for additions, changes and improvements. Paper copies of the materials were available to draw, write, and stick images on. The event was advertised in advance through social media, print media and community newsletters.
2. Posters were put up in prominent positions, reminding people how to take part
3. Advance advertising in '4Locals' local free newsletter delivered to all homes in Kettering.
4. All advertising include the website link or QR codes to direct people to find out more about how to take part in the survey or attend the event.
5. Press release/newspaper articles advertising the consultation and event



BREAKING police hunt two others armed with weapons • Brand new Northamptonshire bak

People

'What will Kettering look like in ten years' - the question at the heart of the next 'vital' town meeting

By Alison Bagley



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'Fantastic chance' to make real difference to Kettering town centre by sharing your opinion of new plan

By Alison Bagley

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The plan will set planning policies for town centre and surrounding residential areas and now people are being asked for what should be in that plan in an online survey.



Residents and traders are being urged to help shape the Kettering Town Centre Plan - Kettering Market Place, and Kettering High Street /National World



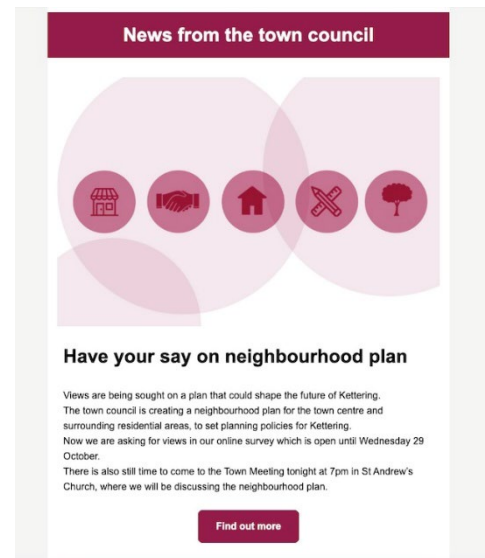
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Have your say on Kettering town centre - what you like and how it can improve...

Cllr Clive Thorley, chairman of the neighbourhood planning committee, said:

"We want as many people as possible to get involved and tell us what they think

6. Kettering Central Neighbourhood Plan website consultation event announcement and section from e-newsletter advertising the consultation and event.



7. Social media posts on Instagram and Facebook

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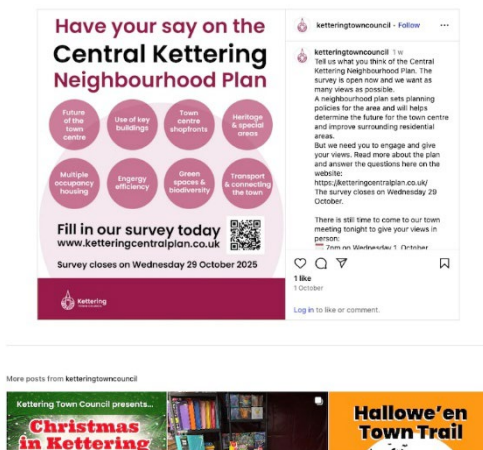


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Outcomes

1. Over 200 responses were received. After event press release resulted in an article in the local paper.
2. The policy ideas feedback was incorporated into the draft regulation 14 plan. For example, suggested Local Green Spaces and Heritage Assets were assessed for potential inclusion and views on environmental and housing policy considered.
3. A full breakdown of the results is included as Appendix 2.

Pre Submission Plan Publicity

1. Alongside advertising the consultation to residents, local businesses and anyone who lives, works or spends time in Kettering, more than 200 statutory Consultees were informed about the consultation via letter or email. A full list of statutory consultees is listed in Appendix 4.
2. Paper copies of the NP were available at Kettering Library.

Examples of Pre-Submission Regulation 14 Publicity

1. The consultation was announced online, on the Kettering Town Council website, the Kettering Central Neighbourhood Plan website and through the email newsletter.

Regulation 14 Consultation

We want to hear from Kettering town centre residents, businesses and anyone who uses Kettering town centre to find out more about what you think.

The Kettering Central Neighbourhood Plan is published for statutory consultation under Regulation 14 of the Regulations. Comments on the proposals and content of the plan and its other published documents are welcomed from everyone living and working in Central Kettering and the surrounding area as well as local organisations and landowners.

They must be made either by:

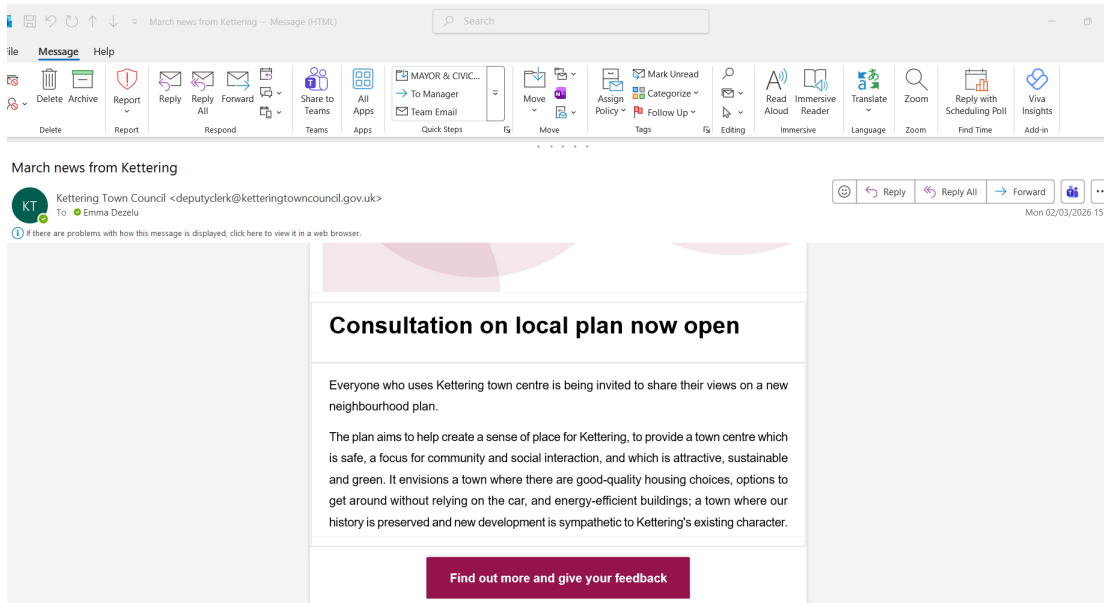
- [online form](#)
- **email:** localplans@ketteringtowncouncil.gov.uk
- **post:** Kettering Town Council 10 Headlands, Kettering, NN15 7HP

by Monday 23 March 2026 at the latest.

Any comments made after that deadline may not be considered by Kettering Town Council. Anyone submitting comments to KTC must provide an email or postal address and contact name. KTC will keep this information confidential. However, it must forward information to NNC in due course for the sole purpose of notifying all those that have submitted comments that it has received a final version of the plan for examination.

If you need a paper copy of the survey, please contact clerk@ketteringtowncouncil.gov.uk

[Give your views in our consultation](#)



2. Posters and flyers were put up in highly visible places, including Council noticeboards and windows.



3. Flyers were distributed to all homes in Kettering via the '4Locals' free local newsletter. Each flyer and posters included a QR code to the website and details about how to take part.
4. Press release about the consultation featured in local newspaper



BREAKING Higham Ferrers schoolchildren get art lesson from acclaimed artist • Tribute to 'fa

KTC is now seeking public feedback on the proposals and supporting documents before the plan is finalised. All feedback must be received no later than Monday, March 23, 2026 – responses received after the deadline may not be considered.



Kettering Central Neighbourhood Plan meetings were held last year /National World



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BREAKING Northamptonshire bake shed offers free-from gluten and dairy treats • Boy who stood

Cllr Clive Thorley (Green Kettering Central), chair of the KTC Neighbourhood Plan Committee, said: "This is a vital opportunity for everyone who lives, works, or spends time in Kettering town centre to shape its future."



Neighbourhood plan consultation opens

Everyone who uses Kettering town centre is being invited to share their views on a new neighbourhood plan.

Kettering Town Council has today launched the Regulation 14 statutory consultation for Kettering Central Neighbourhood Plan and is now inviting residents, businesses, community organisations, landowners and anyone to comment.

The draft plan, developed by local councillors, community representatives and planning specialists, sets out a vision for how the area should evolve over the coming years.

The plan aims to help create a sense of place for Kettering, to provide a town centre which is safe, a focus for community and social interaction, and which is attractive, sustainable and green. It focu a town where there are good-quality housing choices, options to get around without relying on the car, and energy-efficient buildings; a town where our history is preserved and new development is sympathetic to Kettering's existing character.

The council is now seeking public feedback on the proposals and supporting documents before the plan is finalised. All feedback must be received no later than Monday 23 March 2026 and responses received after the deadline may not be considered.

Clr Clive Thorley, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee, said: "This is a vital opportunity for everyone who lives, works, or spends time in Kettering town centre to shape its future.

"The Neighbourhood Plan has been built around local priorities, but we now need your feedback to make sure it truly reflects the needs and aspirations of our community. Your voice will help guide development and investment in the heart of our town for years to come."

The plan focuses on the following areas:

Character – Strengthen Kettering's distinct identity, celebrating local character and heritage.

Ease of Movement – Make the town centre easier and safer to move around, with more pedestrian-friendly routes and people-focused streets.

Legibility – Improve how easily people can understand and navigate the town through clear routes, landmarks and gateways.

Continuity and Definition – Create well-defined streets and spaces, with clear boundaries and active frontages that add life and natural surveillance.

Quality of the Public Realm – Provide attractive, accessible and uncluttered public spaces that work well for everyone.

Adaptability – Encourage flexible buildings and spaces that can evolve over time and support a variety of uses, from independents to national retailers.

Comments can be submitted online <https://ketteringcentralplan.co.uk>, via email to localplans@ketteringtowncouncil.gov.uk or post to Kettering Town Council, 10 Headlands, Kettering NN15 7HP

Anyone providing comments must include a contact name and either an email or postal address. Kettering Town Council will keep this information confidential, but will be required to pass contact details to North Northamptonshire Council solely for notifying respondents when the final plan is submitted for examination.

Paper copies are also available at Kettering Library or on request by emailing clerk@ketteringtowncouncil.gov.uk or calling 01536 697490.

More information: <https://ketteringcentralplan.co.uk>

Posted: Mon, 2 Feb 2026



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5. Flyers were distributed to all homes in Kettering via the '4Locals' free local newsletter. Each flyer and posters included a QR code to the website and details about how to take part.
6. A pop up stall was held at the Kettering Half Marathon, which has more than 2,000 entrants each year. Information about the policies was on display, and flyers with information about how to take part.





Kettering Central Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Consultation

2nd February – 23rd March 2026

We want to hear from you!

How can I take part in the consultation?

Visit: www.KetteringCentralPlan.co.uk or scan the QR Code to read the draft plan and reply to the consultation.
Email: localplans@ketteringtowncouncil.gov.uk
Post: Kettering Town Council, 10 Headlands, Kettering, NN15 7HP



What is the aim of the Kettering Central Neighbourhood Plan?

The neighbourhood plan uses locally written planning policy to complement and improve Kettering town centre and surrounding neighbourhoods.

The draft plan aims to ensure that future planning decisions will improve amenities in the town centre and surrounding neighbourhoods. Allowing us to have an attractive and safe centre of Kettering that is community-focused, enjoyable to be in, and a great place to shop, eat, and spend time.

Kettering Central Neighbourhood Plan Consultation deadline: 23

Who has written the draft plan?

You did! The plan has been written based on Kettering residents, businesses and community group ideas gathered throughout 2025, with support from the Town Council and planning specialists.

Your ideas now form neighbourhood plan policies. We would like to know what you think about the draft plan.



What kind of policies are in the plan?

The draft plan includes policies about:

- Key Town Centre Buildings
- Town Centre Land Uses
- Shopfronts
- Brownfield Development
- Design in the Conservation Area
- Areas of Special Character
- Local Green Spaces
- Local Heritage Assets
- Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs)
- Energy Efficiency and Biodiversity
- Movement and Connectivity

Where can I read a copy of the draft plan?

Visit: www.KetteringCentralPlan.co.uk to read the draft plan and policy maps or find a paper copy at Kettering Library.

Turn over for more details about how to take part in the consultation.

Or scan this QR Code with your phone camera to go straight to the website!



7. Social Media was used, including short form videos by the Mayor of Kettering to encourage participation, examples below from Facebook and Instagram

Kettering Town Council
Published by Emma Hardwick · 52m ·

The consultation on the new Kettering Central Neighbourhood Plan is now open, and we're inviting everyone who uses Kettering town centre to share their views. The draft plan sets out a vision for a town centre that is...

- Greener and more sustainable
- Easier to move around, especially on foot
- Home to quality housing choices
- Respectful of Kettering's heritage and character
- A vibrant space for community life

The plan focuses on:

- Character – Strengthening Kettering's identity and protecting heritage.
- Ease of Movement – Creating safe, well-connected routes for pedestrians.
- Legibility – Clear landmarks and routes that make the town centre easier to navigate.
- Continuity & Definition – Well-structured streets and active frontages that bring life to public areas.
- Quality Public Realm – Attractive, inclusive and uncluttered public spaces.
- Adaptability – A flexible town centre that supports a mix of uses, including independent and start-up businesses.

Deadline for comments: 23 March 2026
Take part at: <https://ketteringcentralplan.co.uk/>
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Original audio

mayorofkettering 5w
Following my last video, it's clear there are some really strong views about Kettering town centre.

That's completely understandable - people care about where they live, and want to see it improve.

What matters now is making sure those views actually help shape what happens next.

The consultation on the Kettering Central Neighbourhood Plan is now open, and this is your chance to have a real say in the future of the town centre - how it looks, how it works, and the kind of place we want it to be.

Whether your views are positive or critical, they're important - but they need to be part of the process to make

58 likes · 3 comments
March 17

Outcomes

1. The Pre Submission Plan received 74 comments from non-statutory consultees, mainly residents. Additionally, six statutory consultees took part in the consultation.
2. The views of all respondents were considered and amendments were made where doing so was considered both reflective of community wishes and possible within neighbourhood planning regulations.
3. A report on the responses is included in Appendix 4.
4. Amendments were made and the Submission draft of the Neighbourhood Plan was developed in direct response to these comments.

CENTRAL KETTERING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 26TH FEB 2025

WORKSHOP TABLE 1- POLICY PRIORITIES

Summary of feedback

The three categories which scored the highest were

- Community facilities
- Housing design
- New housing

Also a tranche of comments about employment mix as well around the need for more diverse employment offer, one which attracted/retained more young professionals, reduced reliance of logistics as an industry and which improved levels of aspiration locally

Comments under each of the 8 headings were:-

Open space

- General points about greening the town centre more – eg with more trees
- Protecting and enhancing what already have
- Improve the green corridor that was Slade Brook

Brownfield Sites

Following sites identified as needing development

- Bottom of Hill St
- Carey St
- Sackville St
- Corner of Water St

New Housing

- Desire to apply better environmental standards on new housing
- Proposal that an Article 4 Direction should be implemented to manage HMO spread
- New housing should reflect the character of the area it was in and predominant layout
- More affordable housing required
- Better parking provision for new housing
- Flats above shops – make it easier/incentivize

Design

- New build should match existing character
- Aim to create the “Market Harborough effect”
- How best to manage bins on streets
- Apply minimum size standards to flats and HMOs

Heritage

- Make use of boot and shoe heritage -helps visitor economy
- Promote walking trails in town centre/map; QR codes – develop civic pride
- Keener protection of historic buildings
- Shop front design code

Town centre uses

- Identify where retail should be protected and where not

Community facilities

- Need more centrally located facilities, supported by events
- Urgency of bringing library, gallery and museum back into use
- Public toilets
- Improve swimming pool
- Youth clubs
- Indoor market
- Cinema in town centre

Active Travel

- Enforce existing traffic rules – yellow lines, no access areas, poor parking, poor use of e-scooters
- More cycle paths

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WORKSHOP TABLE 2 VISION

Overall direction

- Been more focused on supporting visitor economy with facilities and features – e.g. uplighting of buildings in town, walking trails, cultural and heritage promotion
- Get rid of shoddy 70s buildings like the Newlands Centre but also newer buildings like the Curve were criticized for their poor quality.
- Protect the older industrial and architectural heritage
- Green the town centre more
- Convert empty retail into affordable housing
- Need to protect cultural heritage – eg Wicksteed Park
- The original vision for The Yards has been lost
- Need to encourage more civic pride and this won't happen until the authorities are seen to be more proactively looking after the public realm and buildings (see below)

Some frustrations

1. With the planning system – which allowed us to lose the Cinema for no good reason; with its inability to control over-concentration of uses – e.g. takeaways in Silver St,
2. With the way the town centre is managed and cared for - raised planting beds not cared for or litter picked, lack of enforcement on parking, litter and ASB; levels of litter – could the Town Council employ loiter pickers as well?

Town centre look and feel

Improving safety at night – lighting, policing, diversionary activity for young people.

More public art

Better street furniture

Creation of “parklets” at strategic intervals

Facilities

Cinema in the town centre

Use of the Gala Bingo site for theatre and cinema, arts and leisure

Housing Design

Need better standards in shared accommodation or HMOs – e.g. more communal space, and more private amenity space.

Minimal space standards

Improved build quality

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WORKSHOP TABLE 3 FAVOURITE PLACES

See photo attached

Places listed on map, supplemented by comments or reasoning captured on flip chart paper

Town Centre buildings

- Museum - currently closed but great when it was open
- Library – needs sorting out re roof
- Art Gallery – needs to be re-opened
- Kino Lounge – “how I want Kettering to feel”
- Toller Meeting House – beautiful building
- Old Market Inn – architecturally interesting; currently closed
- Shire Horse Pub in Newland St – nice building
- Railway Station – needs drop off area to be improved in front of building
- Gala Bingo site – lots of opportunities – “some day”

Local facilities/leisure sites

- St Andrews Arts Centre – great for events
- Bonkers Theatre – three mentions
- Eden Centre, Montagu St
- Jonny’s Happy Place, Rockingham Rd youth centre
- Cuetopia Snooker Club, Montagu St – about to be relocated
- Gudwarda, Sikh Temple, King St
- The Yards – quirky shops, mini Camden, not as visible/accessible as it could be ; could be a good place for events; feels safe as does Market St alongside it.
- Midland Band Club
- Athletics Club, Rockingham Rd
- Thunderbowl, bowling alley, Rockingham Rd

Shops and businesses

- Café Bloc
- T K Maxx
- Kino Lounge – tone and style of the place.
- Northfield Avenue retail park
- Raj Takeaway, Rockingham Rd
- Franks Pizzeria, Havelock St

Streetscapes

- Market Place
- Market Place fountains
- Town centre hanging baskets and planters
- Town centre pedestrianized area – feels safe
- Clock and area around it – Bakehouse Hill
- Sheep St historic area

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- West St – cobbles and lovely buildings
- Tree lined streets such as St Peters Avenue
- Bowling Green Rd with its planting beds
- William St bunting
- Decorated BT Boxes – protect the 6 that have bene done and do more of them

Town centre open space

- Manor House Museum Gardens
- Meadow Rd Park
- Westfield Gardens
- Slade Brook corridor – could be enhanced with more planting, paths away from highway, and as a wildlife corridor
- London Rd cemetery – tranquil, lots of trees, full of history
- Jubilee Gardens at top of St Mary’s Rd

Residential open space

- Rockingham Rd Pleasure park
- Mill Rd park – nice but has some ASB . Could be better connected to Carey St
- William St Community Gardens, next to church- but not a religious space; multi use community space
- Union St pocket park
- Grafton Park popular with teenagers
- Pocket park near Northfield Ave and Rockingham Rd junction

Outside NP area

Kettering Conference Centre and athletics track/sports area

Kettering General Hospital

Northampton Rd Recreation Ground

The Green Patch

Wicksteed Park

Weekly Hall woods

Tresham College

Other comments made during the workshop

- Better bus connections to Wicksteed Park from town
- Uplighters on key buildings in town
- More events in town but valued those we have
- Businesses need a stronger social media presence
- Indoor market as per Market Harborough
- Things for older people to do

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WORKSHOP TABLE 4 DESIGN

Commercial

Demolish the Newlands Centre – multiple supporters for this idea. Replace with futuristic flats.

Shop front guidelines and policies to improve the quality of buildings as ground floor level, to reflect the quality often on show for upper stories.

We need to protect our existing heritage and tackle the eyesores.

New development should reflect our small town architectural heritage in terms of scale and height.

Remove the clock

Keep historic facades but have modern internal layout – examples being Fuller Church and St Andrews church

Housing

Encourage mixed use buildings in town centres - retail. Housing, shared work spaces

Controls over HMOs needed – density, concentration, location, standards of accommodation

Very few larger houses are being built in older areas of town.

New buildings with green roofs/roof gardens

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WORKSHOP TABLES 5-8 OTHER ISSUES RAISED**

COMMENTS ON TOWN CENTRE QUARTERS

- General consensus that the old quarters are not fit for today
- Aim to be more like Market Harborough
- Main uses should be retail, leisure and housing

“IDEAS”

Open space

- Linking together open spaces and parks with green “fingers” across town
- A “Slade Brook walk” across town to railway station

Brownfield Sites

- Need to sensitively and quickly redevelop the police and courts site for residential and retail

Economy/tourism

- Links to local features and attractions outside town – eg Boughton House
- Enterprise or incubation hubs in the town centre for hot desking/new businesses
- More seats on streets/outside dining etc.
- Business Improvement District

New Housing

- Restrict uncontrolled growth of HMOS especially in places like King St
- Housing for younger people in town or close to town centre
- Build upwards – higher density nearer the town centre

Design

- Complete public realm improvements especially around the clock (move clock)

Heritage

- Develop an interpretative plan for cultural heritage, including Trails and walks round the town centre
- Uplighting of significant buildings in Kettering

Town centre uses

- Dressing empty shop fronts with posters and vinyls
- Should be retail and leisure focus
- Improve area on Silver St fill of takeaways

Community facilities

- Free Public toilets
- Better signage and wayfinding
- Improved lighting

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- Improve bus interchanges so more pleasant to use
- More activity in the Yards
- Pop up shops and galleries
- More community events
- More varied markets
- More public art around town – murals, statues, street art – have an art trail ; community art
- Better use of the William Knibb centre for events, services and facilities
- Potential use of the old M&S building
 - o Indoor market
- Potential uses of the old Gala Bingo club
 - o Cinema in town centre
 - o Spaces for inter generational contact
 - o Sure start facility or assisted living centre
 - o Events
 - o Indoor market
 - o Incubation hubs

Active Travel

- Cheaper or free car parking
- Electric shuttle buses
- Improve public transport from railway station to town centre
- Better management/use of Voi scheme
- Carey St – needs speed limits and traffic calming
- Dedicated and safe cycle routes
- Secure cycle storage
- Evidence that people who walk and cycle into town spend more time there – encourage both
- Build on the LCWIP by developing more localised routes for walking

OTHER GENERAL POINTS

Less litter

Less refuse bins on streets

Care of the environment – renew warden team to deal with ASB/parking/litter/homeless people

Difficult to find out what is going on – needs more means of communicating events etc

Kettering Neighbourhood Plan Session

Feedback from AAT Learners at Kettering Learning Centre

Monday 17th March 2025

1. The existing vision for Kettering Town Centre is that it should be 'Characterful, Distinctive and Fun'. What would your vision be for Kettering?

Three words:

- Prosperous
- Accessible
- Community

Additional Comments:

- Better public transportation
- More employment
- A cinema would be great, Kettering to be livelier (a lot of learners said this)
- Better bus connections
- More shops and restaurants (a few learners mentioned this)
- Better roads – fixing the potholes
- More rubbish bins
- Catholic schools
- A Primark (a few learners mentioned this)
- Better Mental Health support/help
- Bring Voi bikes
- More small businesses
- Kettering to be restored, beautiful again and clean
- Watery splash playground for children
- Yacht clubs
- Family centres
- Religious secondary schools (Catholic, Muslim etc)
- Free parking
- Play centre for children
- An extended bus service for the bus no. 50 from Kettering to Corby
- Big houses for big families at an affordable price
- Introducing a university

2. What do you like most about Kettering and the town centre?

- Kettering Learning Centre and Tresham College
- Wicksteed Park (a lot of learners said this)
- Kettering General Hospital
- The local market
- Old buildings
- Local businesses
- A variety of cuisine in restaurants
- It's good that everything in town is closely knit and easily accessible

What could be better?

- Improved public transport
- Provide electric bikes
- More job opportunities

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- More playgrounds
- More open space

3. Where is your favourite place in Kettering?

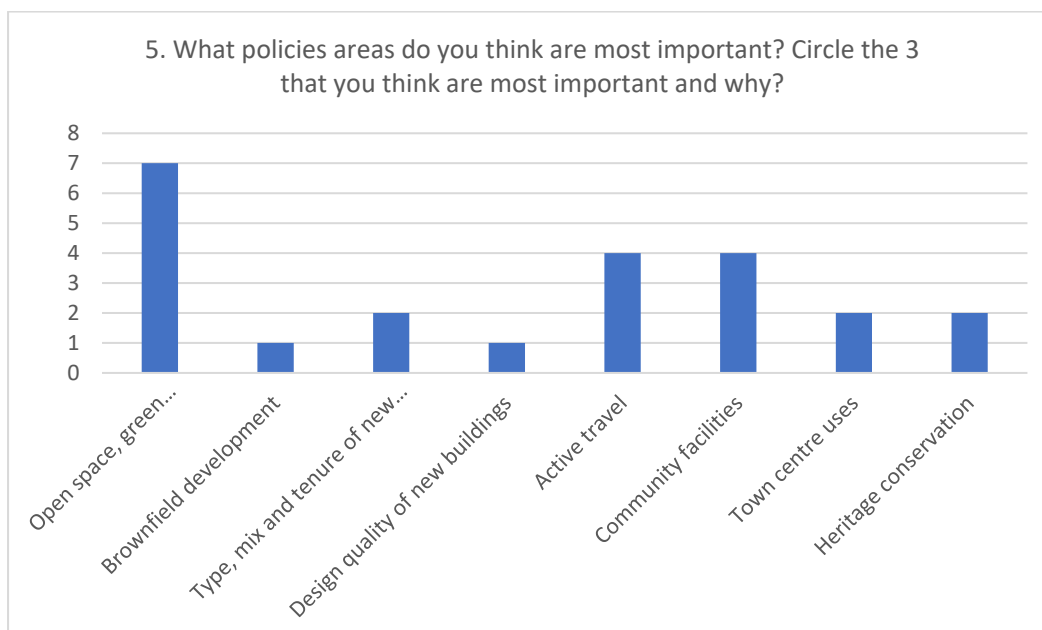
- Kettering Learning Centre
- Wicksteed Park (a lot of learners said this)
- Charity shops
- Tenpin bowling centre
- Women's Centre (C2C social action)

4. What would keep you living in Kettering

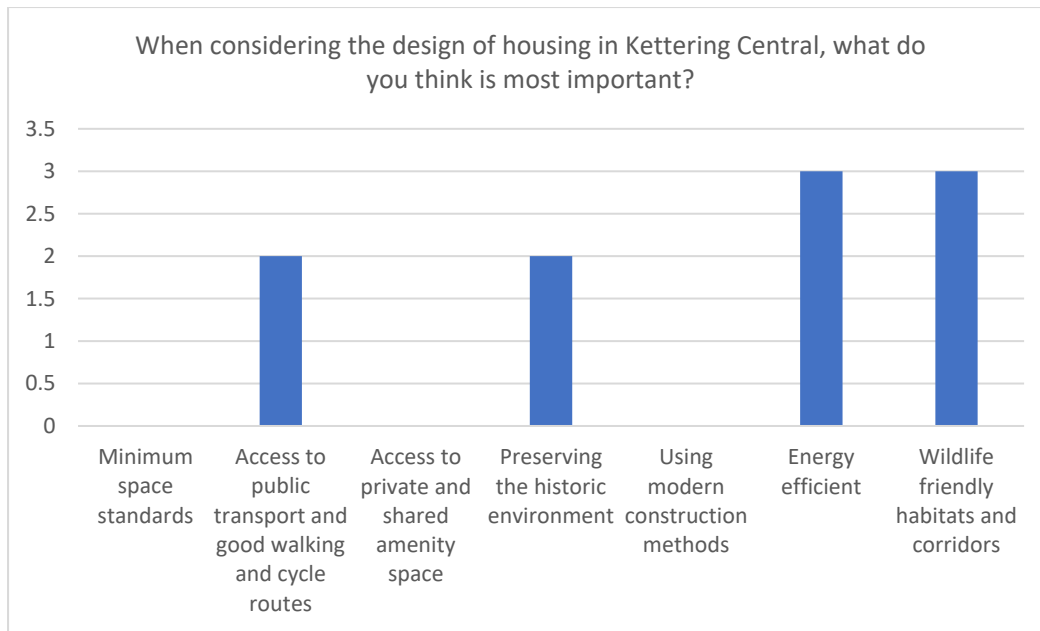
- If there were more facilities for families and young people
- A good, well-paying job and a university opportunity / a university nearby
- A lovely house
- Local work
- Green spaces
- Pleasant community
- To be a cleaner place to live in
- Have more job opportunities
- Kettering to have more shops and restaurants
- Nothing – Kettering is going downhill!
- Not paying for public toilets – You may not have any change with you, and also paying for public facilities like this gives an image that Kettering is in poverty

5. What policies areas do you think are most important? Circle the 3 that you think are most important and why

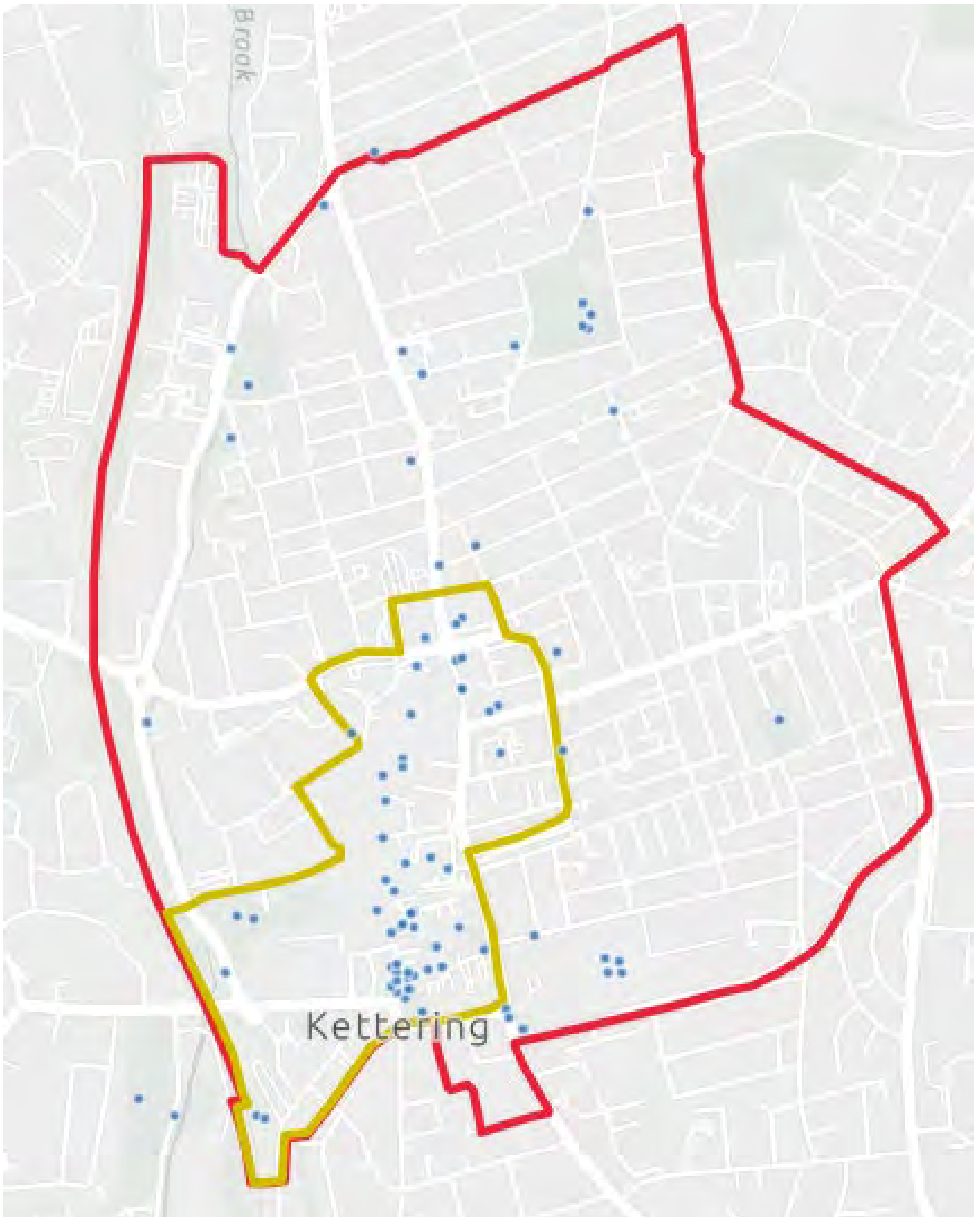
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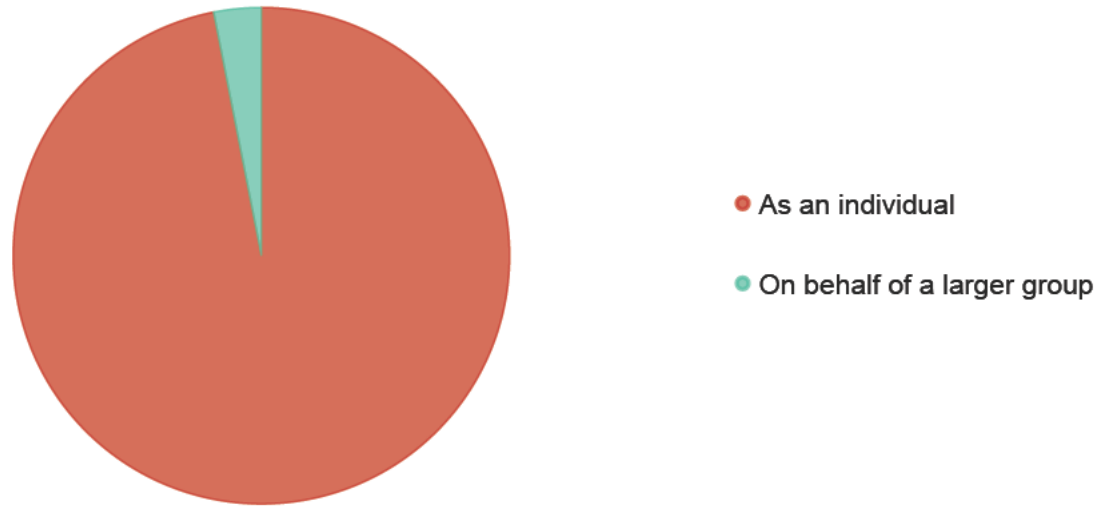
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KCNP Conversation 1 Online responses – Favourite places



Keyting NP: Early Engagement

Tell us about you

○ Are you answering this survey as an individual or on behalf of a wider group? *



Answers

Count

Percentage

As an individual

157

96.91%

On behalf of a larger group

5

3.09%

Answered: 162 Skipped: 0

○ Please tell us your postcode



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Which group are you replying on behalf of?

The word cloud requires at least 20 answers to show.

Response	Count
kettering complementary therapy group	1
Federation of Small Business members	1
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Answered: 4 Skipped: 158

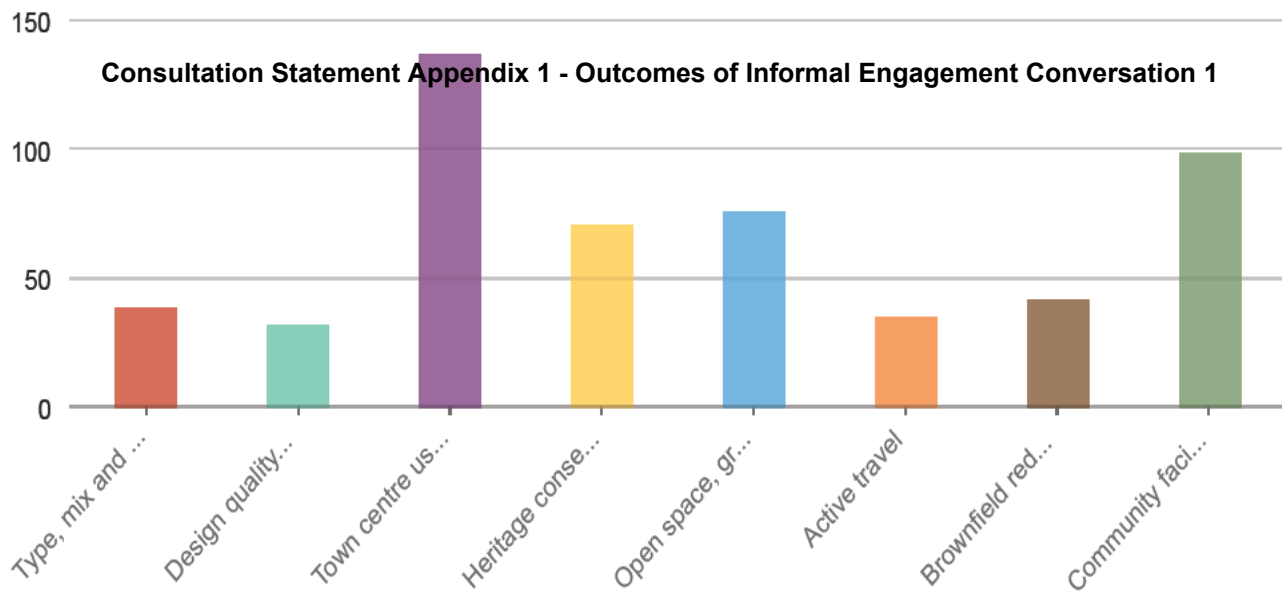


Answered: 162 Skipped: 0

Kettering Central Neighbourhood Plan Policies

What policies areas do you think are most important?

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Answers

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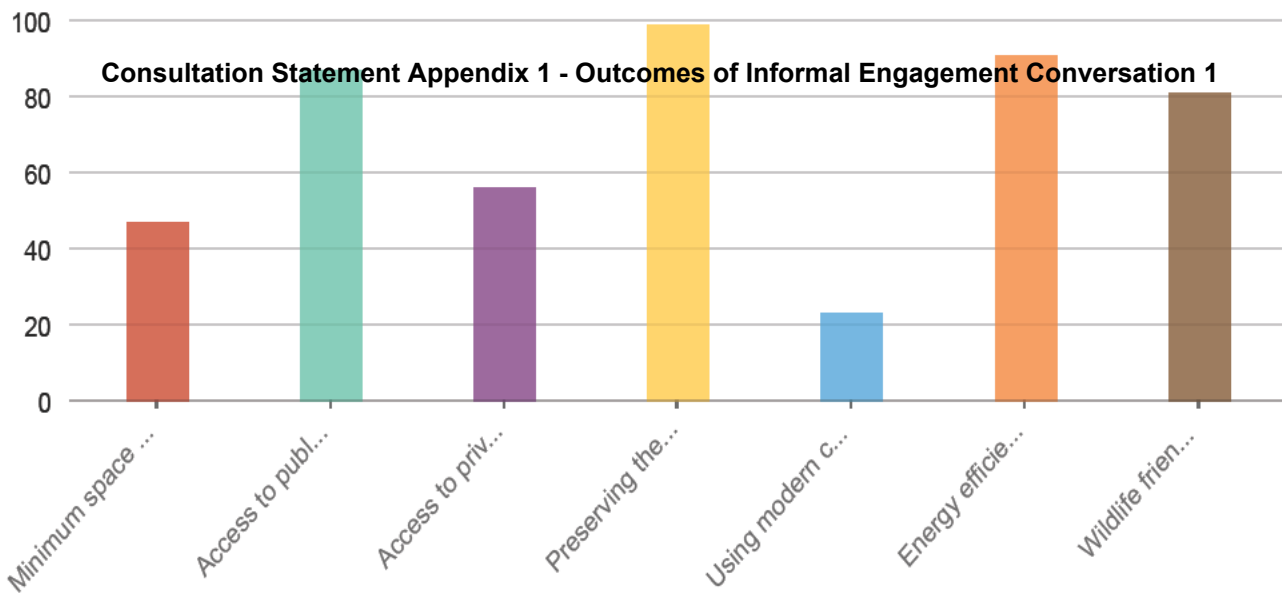
Percentage

Answers	Count	Percentage
Type, mix and tenure of new housing	39	24.07%
Design quality of new buildings	32	19.75%
Town centre uses	137	84.57%
Heritage conservation	71	43.83%
Open space, green infrastructure and biodiversity	76	46.91%
Active travel	35	21.6%
Brownfield redevelopment	42	25.93%
Community facilities	99	61.11%

Answered: 162 Skipped: 0

○ When considering the design of housing in Kettering Central, what do you think is most...

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Answers

Count

Percentage

Answers	Count	Percentage
Minimum space standards	47	29.01%
Access to public transport and good walking and cycling routes	87	53.7%
Access to private and shared amenity space	56	34.57%
Preserving the historic environment	99	61.11%
Using modern construction methods	23	14.2%
Energy efficiency	91	56.17%
Wildlife friendly habitats and corridors	81	50%

Answered: 160 Skipped: 2

Favourite Places

o What is the name of this location?



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o Why is this location your favourite?



Answered: 130 Skipped: 32

o Upload a photo of the location



Images: 14

Kettering Town Centre

o The existing vision for Kettering Town Centre is that it should be 'Characterful,...

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ObjectID	Are you answering this survey as an individual or on behalf of a wider group?	Which group are you replying on behalf of?	What policies areas do you think are most important?	When considering the design of housing in Kettering Central, what do you think is most important?	What is the name of this location?	Why is this location your favourite?
1	As an individual		Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Open_space_green_infrastr ucture,Active_travel_,Community_f	Preserving_the_historic_environ,Energy_e fficiency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Sheep street	It sets a good standard for the rest of the town centre, which is awful!
2	As an individual		Design_quality_of_new_buildings,B rownfield_redevelopment,Commu nity_facilities	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_p ublic_transport_and_,Preserving_the_hist oric_environ,Using_modern_construction		
3	As an individual		Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Open_space_green_infrastr	Preserving_the_historic_environ,Energy_e fficiency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Kino lounge	Lovely old building , good mix of people, nice end of
4	As an individual		Design_quality_of_new_buildings,T own_centre_uses,Heritage_conser	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Preser ving_the_historic_environ,Energy_efficien	Kino lounge	Trendy and lively and has plenty of character
5	As an individual		Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Town_centre_uses,Active_travel_	Minimum_space_standards	Lighthouse Theatre	There is always a variety of great entertainment here.
6	As an individual		Town_centre_uses,Open_space_gr een_infrastructure,Community_fac	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Access _to_private_and_shared_am,Energy_effici	Rockingham Pkeasure Park	Well kept, used by people of all ages, facilities well
7	As an individual		Town_centre_uses,Open_space_gr een_infrastructure,Community_fac	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Access _to_private_and_shared_am,Preserving_t Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_p		
8	As an individual		Town_centre_uses,Active_travel_,C ommunity_facilities	ublic_transport_and_,Preserving_the_hist oric_environ,Energy_efficiency,Wildlife_fr	TK-Maxx	I just love the shop so much
9	As an individual		Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Open_space_green_infrastr	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_p rivate_and_shared_am,Preserving_the_hi	Kino Lounge	Great building and good food.
10	As an individual		Open_space_green_infrastructure, Active_travel_,Brownfield_redevelo pment	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Preser ving_the_historic_environ,Wildlife_friendl y_habitats_and_	High Street	Heart of the town centre
11	As an individual		Town_centre_uses,Open_space_gr een_infrastructure,Active_travel_	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Energy _efficiency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_an	Manor house gardens Kettering	Lovely trees and gardens. Close to the church and
12	As an individual		Design_quality_of_new_buildings,T own_centre_uses,Heritage_conser vation,Open_space_green_infrastr ucture,Community_facilities	Preserving_the_historic_environ,Energy_e fficiency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Kettering Rugby Club	I have been a member, playing and now a VP since 1976. It is a great community club, teaching
13	As an individual		Town_centre_uses,Brownfield_red evelopment,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Preser ving_the_historic_environ,Wildlife_friendl y_habitats_and_	None	I don't have a favourite area - it used to be the Odeon cinema and Hobsons Choice, now scheduled for demolition I used to love shopping in
14	As an individual		Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Open_space_green_infrastr	Access_to_private_and_shared_am,Energy _efficiency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_an	Wicksteed Park.	A great place to walk around. Visit with

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15	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_	Wicksteed park	Lots of play area my children
16	As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_Using_ modern_construction_metho,Energy_effi		
17	As an individual	Design_quality_of_new_buildings,T own_centre_uses,Community_facil	Access_to_public_transport_and_Using_ modern_construction_metho,Energy_effi	Lighthouse theatre	It has good shows on, very modern and is cosy inside
18	On behalf of a larger group_	Federation of Small Business members	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Town_centre_uses,Active_travel_ _to_private_and_shared_am,Using_mode	Bewiched	Local independent business, convenient
19	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Open_space_green_infrastr	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_p rivate_and_shared_am,Preserving_the_hi	Park	It's the nicest bit of green space in the area
20	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Brownfield_red evelopment,Community_facilities	Minimum_space_standards,Preserving_t he_historic_environ,Energy_efficiency	Ladies First Gym	It's a place I feel safe to walk to , is central to the town and provides facilities for all ladies of
21	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_gr een_infrastructure,Active_travel_	Access_to_public_transport_and_Using_ modern_construction_metho,Energy_effi	Weekly Hall Woods	Walking, cycling, nature, green space
22	As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Town_centre_uses,Open_space_ green_infrastructure,Brownfield_re	Access_to_private_and_shared_am,Prese rving_the_historic_environ	Pleasure park	Still more or less original and feels safe.
23	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_gr een_infrastructure,Community_fac	Access_to_public_transport_and_Prese rving_the_historic_environ,Wildlife_friendl		
24	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_gr een_infrastructure,Community_fac ilities	Minimum_space_standards,Using_moder n_construction_metho,Energy_efficiency, Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Wicksteed Park	It's nearby, it has green spaces and walks around the lake where we have
25	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Brownfield_redevelopment	Minimum_space_standards,Preserving_t he_historic_environ,Using_modern_const ruction_metho,Energy_efficiency	The Market Square	The Market Place represents a cultural and historical location which should be preserved for
26	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_gr een_infrastructure,Community_fac	Access_to_private_and_shared_am,Energ y_efficiency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_an	Wicksteed Park	Love the open space, nature and walking round
27	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Open_space_green_infrastr ucture	Preserving_the_historic_environ,Energy_e fficiency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	London Road Cemetery	https://youtu.be/2bUFe9zir4g?si=50VLxu4WAp65ekn2
28	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_gr een_infrastructure,Active_travel_,C ommunity_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_Prese rving_the_historic_environ,Energy_efficien cy,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_		
29	As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Town_centre_uses,Open_space_ green_infrastructure	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_p ublic_transport_and_,Access_to_private_ and_shared_am,Energy_efficiency,Wildlif e_friendly_habitats_and_	Weekly woods	Loveli place to walk
30	As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Town_centre_uses,Heritage_cons	Preserving_the_historic_environ,Energy_e fficiency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Kino Lounge	Good food , walking distance .

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31 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Town_centre_uses,Community_f acilities	Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Wicksteed Park	It's the opposite of the disgusting town that Kettering has become.
32 As an individual	Design_quality_of_new_buildings,T own_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Community_facilities	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_p ublic_transport_and_,Preserving_the_hist oric_environ,Energy_efficiency	The Yards	A diverse range of independent businesses offering a variety of goods
33 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_gr een_infrastructure,Community_fac ilities	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_p rivate_and_shared_am,Energy_efficiency	Library	I like using the library for books. It's good to have a public free space.
34 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Town_centre_uses,Community_f	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Access _to_private_and_shared_am,Energy_effici	The Shire Horse pub	It provides traditional town-pub traits with
35 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Open_space_green_infrastr ucture,Brownfield_redevelopment,	Minimum_space_standards,Preserving_t he_historic_environ,Using_modern_const ruction_metho,Energy_efficiency,Wildlife	Kettering Foodbank	I volunteer there , meet some lovely people . A real cross section of
36 As an individual	Design_quality_of_new_buildings,O pen_space_green_infrastructure,A ctive_travel_	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Preser ving_the_historic_environ,Wildlife_friendl y_habitats_and_	Recreation ground	I walk along here, it's a circular route, up past the station, along headlands, past Bishop school over
37 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Town_centre_uses,Active_travel_	Access_to_private_and_shared_am,Energy _efficiency		
38 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_gr een_infrastructure,Community_fac	Preserving_the_historic_environ,Energy_e fficiency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_		
39 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_gr een_infrastructure,Community_fac ilities	Access_to_private_and_shared_am,Prese rving_the_historic_environ,Wildlife_friend ly_habitats_and_	Library	Beautiful building surrounded by fantastic green space
40 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Brownfield_redevelopment	Access_to_private_and_shared_am	Kino lounge	Because it allows dogs
41 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Preser ving_the_historic_environ,Wildlife_friendl	The yards	Great shops and cafes, convivial environment.
42 As an individual	Heritage_conservation,Active_trave l_,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Energy _efficiency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_an d_		
43 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_gr een_infrastructure,Active_travel_	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Energy _efficiency		
44 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Brownfield_red evelopment	Access_to_private_and_shared_am,Wildli fe_friendly_habitats_and_		
45 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Town_centre_uses,Active_travel_	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Preser ving_the_historic_environ	Kino Lounge/Market Place	Beautiful spaces

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46 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Brownfield_redevelopment	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Preser ving_the_historic_environ,Energy_efficien cy,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Market square	Community space, historic buildings, nice eating places
47 As an individual	Design_quality_of_new_buildings,T own_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Preser ving_the_historic_environ		
48 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Design_quality_of_new_buildings, Town_centre_uses	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_p rivate_and_shared_am,Energy_efficiency		
49 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Design_quality_of_new_buildings, Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Open_space_green_infrastr	Preserving_the_historic_environ,Energy_e fficiency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Restaurant quarter	Much of the original architecture remains
50 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Town_centre_uses,Active_travel_ Community_facilities	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_p rivate_and_shared_am,Using_modern_co nstruction_metho,Energy_efficiency	Market square	It's clean, bright and inviting (except for the alleyways and day drinkers)
51 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_gr een_infrastructure,Community_fac ilities	Access_to_private_and_shared_am,Eng y_efficiency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_an d_	Wicksteed park	It has green open space, a fishing lake for the community run by edge angling club and rides for
52 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_gr een_infrastructure,Brownfield_rede velopment,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Access _to_private_and_shared_am,Preserving_t he_historic_environ	Kettering Art Gallery	Kettering is full of creative talent and we are so lucky to have an Art Gallery.
53 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Energy _efficiency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_an d_	Kino Lounge	It's the one bar that has a real identity, serving good food and drink.
54 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Preser ving_the_historic_environ	Manor House Gardens	It's got the historic buildings unique to Kettering
55 On behalf of a larger group_	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Brownfield_redevelopment	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_p ublic_transport_and_,Preserving_the_hist	none left	
56 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_gr een_infrastructure,Brownfield_rede	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Access _to_private_and_shared_am,Wildlife_frie	Kettering Cemetery	Peaceful and undeveloped

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57	On behalf of a larger group_ Family	Town_centre_uses,Brownfield_redevelopment,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and,_Access_to_private_and_shared_am		
58	As an individual	Design_quality_of_new_buildings,Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conservation	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_public_transport_and,_Access_to_private_and_shared_am,Preserving_the_historic_surround	Art gallery / church and surround	It's beautiful architecture and green space
59	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_green_infrastructure,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and,_Preserving_the_historic_environment	The Blitz Tea Rooms	As right next to the Museum. I quite enjoy the History of What Kettering
60	As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_houses,Town_centre_uses,Community_facilities	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_private_and_shared_am,Energy_efficiency	Wicksteed Park	Open spaces, facilities for children , natural beauty
61	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conservation,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and,_Preserving_the_historic_environment,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Kettering Swimming baths	Place to meet people, exercise and stay healthy
62	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Brownfield_redevelopment	Access_to_private_and_shared_am	Old Marketplace and Cafe Bloc, Kino	Old buildings well preserved and usage has
63	As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_houses,Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conservation	Minimum_space_standards,Preserving_the_historic_environment,Energy_efficiency	Disabled Parking	Only way I can visit Sick of druggies and alcoholics, cannabis smokers allowed seats near disabled parking. Not enough widened spaces and there should be NO ENTRY AT ALL
64	As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_houses,Design_quality_of_new_buildings,Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conservation,Open_space_green_infrastructure,Brownfield_redevelopment,	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_private_and_shared_am,Preserving_the_historic_environment,Energy_efficiency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Piccadilly buildings area	Nice buildings, generally tidy, nice gardens
65	As an individual	Open_space_green_infrastructure,Active_travel_,Brownfield_redevelopment,	Access_to_public_transport_and,_Preserving_the_historic_environment,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Wicksteed park	Open areas, suitable for the family time.
66	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conservation,Open_space_green_infrastructure,Active_travel_,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and,_Access_to_private_and_shared_am,Preserving_the_historic_environment,Energy_efficiency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	The yards	Independent shops good use of space and kept architecture
67	As an individual	Town_centre_uses	Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Rockingham Road park	Lovely open space for residents, summer bands playing, community feeling.
68	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_green_infrastructure,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Library	Community, Having a quite area to use and read books, computers & gain knowledge. Child friendly area inside the library.

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69 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Active_travel,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_preserving_the_historic_environment,Energy_efficiency	Meadow Park	A good mix of play and leisure , pleasant wild
70 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_houses,Town_centre_uses,Open_space_green_infrastructure	Access_to_public_transport_and_preserving_the_historic_environment,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Wicksteeds	Open space
71 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Community_facilities	Preserving_the_historic_environment,Energy_efficiency		
72 As an individual	Heritage_conservation,Open_space_green_infrastructure,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_preserving_the_historic_environment,Energy_efficiency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Wicksteed Park	Beautiful green open space full of wildlife and natural habitat. I walk my
73 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_green_infrastructure,Community_facilities	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_private_and_shared_am,Preserving_the_historic_environment,Energy_efficiency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Pleasure Park	It's a well used resource that gives so many people happiness. The development of a cafe and public toilets could
74 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conservation	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_public_transport_and_,Access_to_private_	Near the parish church	there are squirrels there.
75 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Brownfield_redevelopment,Community_facilities	Minimum_space_standards,Preserving_the_historic_environment,Energy_efficiency	Corn market hall	Location and facilities
76 As an individual	Design_quality_of_new_buildings,Town_centre_uses,Open_space_green_infrastructure	Access_to_private_and_shared_am,Preserving_the_historic_environment,Energy_efficiency	Kino Lounge	Nice pace to go, friendly, nice drinks and food.
77 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_houses,Town_centre_uses,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Access_to_private_and_shared_am		
78 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_houses,Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conservation	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_public_transport_and_,Energy_efficiency	Market Place	I enjoy the activities that the council puts on there, plus there's seating and
79 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_houses,Town_centre_uses,Active_travel	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Access_to_private_and_shared_am,Using_mode		
80 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_green_infrastructure,Brownfield_redevelopment	Preserving_the_historic_environment,Energy_efficiency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_		
81 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_houses,Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conservation	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_public_transport_and_,Preserving_the_historic_environment,Using_modern_construction_metho	Can't work the map. Kino Lounge	Vibrant stylish great place to meet people. Central location.
82 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_green_infrastructure,Brownfield_redevelopment	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_private_and_shared_am,Preserving_the_historic_environment	Kettering library	It is for everyone and runs events. The staff are extremely friendly. The location is pleasant and in the only attractive area of the town centre.

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83 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_green_infrastructure,Community_facilities	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_private_and_shared_am,Preserving_the_historic_environs	Library	Taking my children in, meeting other parents and other people in a safe, friendly space.
84 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_houses,Town_centre_uses,Open_space_green_infrastructure,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_Preserving_the_historic_environs,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	I call it the back of warkton until most of it was built on with haycross	I run here. It is peaceful
87 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conservation,Active_travel_	Preserving_the_historic_environs	Kino lounge	Good atmosphere, large capacity, quality food, very good staff. Attracts all ages. Nice position on market
88 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_green_infrastructure,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	The cemetery	Quiet, places to sit, near places to get food.
89 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Community_facilities	Access_to_private_and_shared_am,Preserving_the_historic_environs,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Bingo hall or the yards	The building is a hidden gem with history and beautiful architecture which if restore can bring life back to Kettering town. Kettering is missing a central hub for the public to hang out. Kettering is in desperate need of new identity to attract the younger generation in the evenings
90 As an individual	Design_quality_of_new_buildings,Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conservation	Preserving_the_historic_environs	Library /Art Gallery/Museum Heritage Quarter	It is the only area that is totally unspoilt, and shows that Kettering does have a quality cultural and historic past.....although they have all been closed for sometime, for how long? who knows?? It has
91 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conservation,Open_space_green_infrastructure,Active_travel_,Brownfield_re	Access_to_public_transport_and_Energy_efficiency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Kettering library	Welcoming, free, good selection for children
92 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_houses,Town_centre_uses,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_Energy_efficiency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_		
93 As an individual	Community_facilities	Preserving_the_historic_environs,Wildlife_		

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94 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Active_travel_	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_public_transport_and_,Preserving_the_historic_environ		
95 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Preser ving_the_historic_environ,Energy_efficien		
96 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Community_facilities	Minimum_space_standards,Preserving_t he_historic_environ,Energy_efficiency	St Peter and St Paul Church, Market Place.	It's the most beautiful building in the town centre.
99 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Town_centre_uses,Community_f acilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Access _to_private_and_shared_am,Preserving_t he_historic_environ,Using_modern_const ruction_metho,Energy_efficiency,Wildlife _friendly_habitats_and_	The library art gallery and museum	It's easily accessible, usually clean and if it ever reopens a beautiful cultural offer for everyone
100 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Preser ving_the_historic_environ,Energy_efficien	St Peter & St Paul's Church	Social and religious meetings
101 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Access _to_private_and_shared_am,Using_mode rn_construction_metho,Energy_efficiency	Art Gallery	It's just a great space with regularly changing exhibitions. I can't wait until it reopens
102 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Community_facilities	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_p ublic_transport_and_,Energy_efficiency	Kino lounge	Dog friendly Affordable Fantastic building Great food Good atmosphere
103 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Open_space_green_infrastr ucture,Community_facilities	Access_to_private_and_shared_am,Prese rving_the_historic_environ,Wildlife_frien dly_habitats_and_	Sheep st, market place & market st	The older buildings/architecture, including the library and independent shops. It's also a good central hub
104 As an individual	Design_quality_of_new_buildings,T own_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Open_space_green_infrastr	Minimum_space_standards,Preserving_t he_historic_environ,Energy_efficiency,Wil dlife_friendly_habitats_and_	None of it	Awful town centre
105 As an individual	Design_quality_of_new_buildings,T own_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Open_space_green_infrastr ucture,Active_travel_	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Preser ving_the_historic_environ	Market Square	Character of the buildings Open space Quality of public realm No traffic
106 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_gr een_infrastructure,Community_fac ilities		Was the odeon	Love watching new films and taking grandkids, but no more

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107 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Design_quality_of_new_buildings,	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Preser ving_the_historic_environ	Wicksteed Park	Open space
108 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Open_space_green_infrastr ucture	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Preser ving_the_historic_environ,Wildlife_friendl y_habitats_and_		
109 As an individual	Design_quality_of_new_buildings,T own_centre_uses,Heritage_conser vation,Open_space_green_infrastr	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Access _to_private_and_shared_am,Preserving_t he_historic_environ,Using_modern_const	Newland Centre	Because of the variety of shops. Although, the Centre has many empty
110 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Brownfield_red evelopment,Community_facilities	Minimum_space_standards,Using_moder n_construction_metho,Energy_efficiency	Kino Lounge	Good place to socialise in a attractive location
111 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Community_facilities	Minimum_space_standards,Energy_effici ency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Kino lounge	Great community venue - lots of uses and a sympathetic adaption of historic building.
112 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Brownfield_red evelopment,Community_facilities	Preserving_the_historic_environ		
113 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_gr een_infrastructure,Community_fac ilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Preser ving_the_historic_environ,Energy_efficien cy,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	There isn't one	Unfortunately Kettering town has been turned into a dump by the council, overpopulation and immigration in the town, far too many housing developments for what was once a "small town" and no infrastructure to
114 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Town_centre_uses,Brownfield_re development	Preserving_the_historic_environ,Using_m odern_construction_metho,Energy_effici ency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Kino	It's the only nice bit
115 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Design_quality_of_new_buildings,	Access_to_private_and_shared_am,Prese rving_the_historic_environ,Energy_efficie		
116 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_gr een_infrastructure,Community_fac ilities	Access_to_private_and_shared_am,Prese rving_the_historic_environ,Wildlife_friend ly_habitats_and_	Market place	Things to do for all the family Trees and green space Good looking area which is looked after and clean Buildings are a mix of old
117 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Town_centre_uses,Community_f acilities	Preserving_the_historic_environ	Weekly woods	Great for dog walks or just grabbing a coffee and walking round.

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124 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Open_space_green_infrastr ucture,Active_travel_,Community_f acilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Preser ving_the_historic_environ,Using_modern_ construction_metho,Energy_efficiency,W ildlife_friendly_habitats_and_ Cultural quarter	Places where things happen in terms of eating and. This is the main section that holds places to go as a family and feel
125 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Open_space_green_infrastr	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Preser ving_the_historic_environ Kino lounge	Only decent place to go to
126 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Open_space_green_infrastr ucture,Active_travel_,Brownfield_re	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_p rivate_and_shared_am,Energy_efficiency, Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_ Rockingham Road pleasure park	Big open space with a lot of nature plus area for kids to play safely
127 As an individual	Design_quality_of_new_buildings,T own_centre_uses	Preserving_the_historic_environ,Wildlife_ friendly_habitats_and_ Broughton	Green space
128 As an individual	Open_space_green_infrastructure, Brownfield_redevelopment,Comm unity_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Preser ving_the_historic_environ,Energy_efficien cy Kettering Cemetery	This place is the calmest, greenest, and safest for walking, which is closest
129 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_gr een_infrastructure,Community_fac ilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Access _to_private_and_shared_am,Preserving_t he_historic_environ Kino Lounge Area	It is a nice looking building, with nice interior. They serve nice food and drink. It's a nice place to socialise or sit and read. Sitting outside is a nice open space. It has the parish church and market square. There are some closed down restaurants which is unfortunate. IN the summer it is a nice place to sit in the evening. The shops and restaurants that are opposite are
130 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Town_centre_uses,Community_f acilities	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_p rivate_and_shared_am,Energy_efficiency	
131 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_gr een_infrastructure,Active_travel_ l_	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Access _to_private_and_shared_am,Wildlife_frie ndly_habitats_and_ Lake behind Conference Centre	Nice walk, would be better if possible to walk all the way round
132 As an individual	Heritage_conservation,Active_trave l_	Energy_efficiency Pubs	I don't go. There is no public transport for

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133 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Design_quality_of_new_buildings, Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conse rvation,Open_space_green_infrastr ucture,Active_travel_,Brownfield_re	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_p ublic_transport_and_,Access_to_private_ and_shared_am,Preserving_the_historic_ environ,Using_modern_construction_met ho,Energy_efficiency,Wildlife_friendly_ha	I don't enjoy spending any time in Kettering, I find it depressingly dirty, uncared for, full of hairdressers,	The best bit is naturally around the council offices.
134 As an individual	Design_quality_of_new_buildings,T own_centre_uses,Heritage_conser vation,Open_space_green_infrastr	Preserving_the_historic_environ,Energy_e fficiency		Nice buildings, nice shops/cafes, well kept area, good parking, nice
135 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Community_fac ilities	Preserving_the_historic_environ	New York thunderbowl	Away from town centre and less gangs of teenagers.
136 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Town_centre_uses,Heritage_cons ervation,Open_space_green_infras	Minimum_space_standards	Margaret Rd allotment	It's like everyone is friendly all there for the same reason
137 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Active_travel_,C ommunity_facilities	Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Do not have one, would prefer to be elsewhere	
138 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Active_travel_,C ommunity_facilities	Access_to_private_and_shared_am		
139 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Design_quality_of_new_buildings,	Energy_efficiency	Kino Lounge	The Market Place is the only good part of the town
140 As an individual	Open_space_green_infrastructure, Brownfield_redevelopment,Comm unity_facilities	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_p ublic_transport_and_,Preserving_the_hist oric_environ	The Bean Hive	It's a cool independent shop that is great for unique gifts and often the only reason I go into town. I know more people want Primark and Fat Face etc but I go into town to shop at Boots, the Bean Hive,
141 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_gr	Access_to_public_transport_and_		
142 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Open_space_green_infrastructur e,Brownfield_redevelopment	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Energy _efficiency	Scott Road allotments	Allotments are a valuable community space, allowing residents to grow food, get exercise and
143 As an individual	Design_quality_of_new_buildings,T own_centre_uses,Heritage_conser vation,Community_facilities	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_p ublic_transport_and_,Preserving_the_hist oric_environ,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_a	Wicksteed	
144 As an individual	Design_quality_of_new_buildings,T own_centre_uses,Community_facil	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_p rivate_and_shared_am,Energy_efficiency	Market Place	Good seating and a nice place to meet people
145 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Brownfield_redevelopment,Com munity_facilities	Access_to_private_and_shared_am,Energ y_efficiency	Market square	access to Kino lounge and green space, historic buildings and library /museum

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146	As an individual	Design_quality_of_new_buildings,Heritage_conservation,Community_facilities	Preserving_the_historic_environment,Energy_efficiency	Alfred East Art Gallery	access to artwork, new and old (when open!)
147	As an individual	Heritage_conservation,Brownfield_redevelopment,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_access_to_private_and_shared_spaces,Preserving_the_historic_environment,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Town centre	Meeting place and shops
148	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conservation,Open_space_green_infrastructure,Brownfield_redevelopment	Access_to_public_transport_and_preserving_the_historic_environment,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	the clock, waterstones	Open space, market stalls, good shops, Waterstones
149	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conservation,Open_space_green_infrastructure	Access_to_public_transport_and_energy_efficiency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_		
150	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conservation,Open_space_green_infrastructure,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_preserving_the_historic_environment,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	ARTworks	It is lovely place that shows off the local artistic talent, and does
151	On behalf of a larger group_ kettering complementary therapy group	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conservation,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_access_to_private_and_shared_spaces,Preserving_the_historic_environment,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Art works newlands centre	Bright cheerful centre full of information good place to meet people
152	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conservation,Community_facilities	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_public_transport_and_energy_efficiency	Kino Lounge	New use for original historic building. Good food, community space.
153	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_preserving_the_historic_environment,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_		
154	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_green_infrastructure,Brownfield_redevelopment	Preserving_the_historic_environment,Energy_efficiency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Kino lounge/Cafe Bloc	Walking distance from home, nice food, nice place to meet friends. Like the whole market place area but would like to see other amenities/more options here. Unfortunately whilst independent
156	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conservation,Open_space_green_infrastructure,Active_travel,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_access_to_private_and_shared_spaces,Preserving_the_historic_environment,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Weekly Hall Wood	Beautiful, peaceful walk. Easily accessible. Free. Lots of wildlife.

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157	As an individual	Design_quality_of_new_buildings,Heritage_conservation,Open_space_green_infrastructure	Minimum_space_standards,Preserving_the_historic_envirom,Energy_efficiency	Cafe bloc	This part of the town was the best area. Lovely buildings and clean. Not like the dirty other part of Kettering high street and
158	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conservation,Open_space_green_infrastructure	Preserving_the_historic_envirom,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Wicksteeds park	It is the only place o feel safe taking children but
159	As an individual	Design_quality_of_new_buildings,Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conservation	Minimum_space_standards,Preserving_the_historic_envirom,Using_modern_construction_metho,Energy_efficiency	Royal Hotel	It needs to be refurbished and returned to hotel use
160	As an individual	Design_quality_of_new_buildings,Active_travel_,Brownfield_redevelopment	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_public_transport_and_,Energy_efficiency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Kettering Arts Centre	They often have comedy acts on. I need to laugh as often as possible
161	As an individual	Heritage_conservation,Open_space_green_infrastructure,Community_facilities	Preserving_the_historic_envirom,Energy_efficiency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Pleasure Park	I love walking through it and also sitting watching the world go by
162	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conservation,Brownfield_redevelopment	Preserving_the_historic_envirom,Using_modern_construction_metho,Energy_efficiency	Kino Lounge	It has given excellent re-use of a building in Kettering with its own history. There's always a
163	As an individual	Open_space_green_infrastructure,Active_travel_,Brownfield_redevelopment,Community_facilities	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Access_to_private_and_shared_am,Using_modern_construction_metho,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Pleasure Park	It's s really nice park, though cld be a lot better. So it has plenty of scope
164	As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_houses,Design_quality_of_new_buildings,Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conservation,Open_space_green_infrastructure	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Access_to_private_and_shared_am,Energy_efficiency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Johnny's Happy Place	Community support
165	As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_houses,Town_centre_uses,Community_facilities	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_public_transport_and_,Energy_efficiency	Rockingham Road Pleasure Park	It's a Happy Place
166	As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_houses,Community_facilities	Preserving_the_historic_envirom,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	Railway station	Architectural quality
167	On behalf of a larger group_ family members	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_houses,Design_quality_of_new_buildings,		Cultural quarter - museum, gallery and	Lifts the spirit and inspires
168	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conservation,Open_space_green_infrastructure,Brownfield_redevelopment,	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Access_to_private_and_shared_am,Preserving_the_historic_envirom,Energy_efficiency,Wil	Kino lounge	The building has been repurposed in the best way, it has a great
169	As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_green_infrastructure,Active_travel_	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Using_modern_construction_metho,Energy_efficiency	Kafe Blok	This independent café or any independent business, would it be Creative or food oriented? as well as green spaces,

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170 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Brownfield_redevelopment,Community_facilities	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_public_transport_and_Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_	wicksteed park	pleasant green space
171 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Heritage_conservation,Community_facilities	Preserving_the_historic_environment,Energy_efficiency	Heritage Area, Kino Lounge	Nice to look at and meet friends

172 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Design_quality_of_new_buildings, Heritage_conservation,Active_trave L,Community_facilities	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_p ublic_transport_and_,Access_to_private_ and_shared_am,Preserving_the_historic_ environ,Energy_efficiency	Market Place	I like the community atmosphere generated by the people attracted to the Market Place and the ample seating to relax and enjoy it. It is lovely and warm on a summer's day, being sunny and sheltered from the wind. It provides recreational space for children of all ages to play - roller skating, skateboarding, jumping around on the steps and in the fountains. It is ideal for events such as markets, concerts, discos, Kettering by the Sea, the Christmas Lights Switch On, and civic services such as Remembrance Day with electrical and
173 As an individual	Design_quality_of_new_buildings,H eritage_conservation,Open_space_ green_infrastructure	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_p ublic_transport_and_,Access_to_private_ and_shared_am,Preserving_the_historic_ environ,Using_modern_construction_met	Rockingham Road Pleasure Park	Safe green space.
175 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Town_centre_uses,Heritage_cons ervation,Open_space_green_infras tructure,Community_facilities	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_p ublic_transport_and_,Access_to_private_ and_shared_am,Preserving_the_historic_ environ,Using_modern_construction_met ho,Energy_efficiency,Wildlife_friendly_ha	Any green spaces.	I enjoy walking my dog around kettering and using the green spaces we have.
176 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_gr een_infrastructure,Brownfield_rede velopment	Minimum_space_standards,Preserving_t he_historic_environ	The Library	Because it's probably the only decent place to visit in Kettering unless you
177 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Design_quality_of_new_buildings, Town_centre_uses,Open_space_gr	Access_to_public_transport_and_,Preser ving_the_historic_environ,Using_modern_ construction_metho,Energy_efficiency,W	Westfield Gardens	Peaceful place with big field and spot area
178 As an individual	Town_centre_uses,Open_space_gr een_infrastructure,Active_travel_ _	Minimum_space_standards,Energy_effici ency,Wildlife_friendly_habitats_and_ _	Wicksteed	The park is huge and beautiful with lots of wildlife.
179 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Brownfield_redevelopment,Com	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_p rivate_and_shared_am,Preserving_the_hi	Open Door Church - Montague Street	Community meeting place
180 As an individual	Type_mix_and_tenure_of_new_hou s,Town_centre_uses	Minimum_space_standards,Access_to_p ublic_transport_and_,Energy_efficiency	Methodist church	Its a beautiful building and a nice place to spend

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The existing vision for Kettering Town Centre is that it should be 'Characterful, Distinctive and Fun'. Is this vision still appropriate and relevant for Kettering?	What would your vision for Kettering Town Centre be?	Do you recognise distinctive quarters in the town centre eg. 'culture quarter' and the 'restaurant quarter'?	What do you like most about Kettering Town Centre?	What could be better about Kettering Town Centre?
Yes	Kettering should be attractive and feel safe.	Yes, but surely there are only four quarters?	Kettering sheep street	Everywhere else is frankly dreadful, parking, architecture and tired old
Unsure	No empty shops	Not really	The library ares	Free parking , empty shops boarded up to.make it look.better
Yes	A clean tidy and safe town centre		Restaurant quarter	Safe and clean environment with good
Yes		No	Market place	Shop signage needs to be in line with buildings
Yes	Lower rents to attract in big brand names and also encourage smaller independent traders. A thriving market , reintroduce French	Yes	It's local, but honestly there isn't much to like about it.	Do something with buildings that are left empty and have been lying empty for a number of years. Support and help the small,
		Yes - but very run down. For example the restaurant quarter currentky consists of one	The Market place - The Yards. Both of which are	
Unsure	Fit for purpose		Very little	More retail like corby
Yes	More inclusive environment, people should be able to come together more easily, more	No	It has TK-Maxx and H&M, other than them I don't like coming into town	More better inclusivity, better facilities, better shops and spaces for
Yes		Yes	The market place and church area.	Better shops. Free parking.
Unsure	Small fixes to paint over derelict sights and public art elements at key junctions.	Yes	Pedestrianised space	Aesthetics, cleanliness, safety
Unsure	A positive green space with a focus on new trees being	No	Pedestrianisation	Trees being planted in all roads. These will provide
Unsure	Not sure of the how, but where we all feel proud of our town.	I recognise the areas of the town but wasn't aware they were called this		Attract businesses so that people use the town instead of shopping elsewhere, like Corby or
Yes	A department store, a market (indoor or in the market square) a deli, a bakers	Not really - The Yards is a backwater	Nothing	A better range of shops; existing shops to be cleaned and painted (Montagu St is a disgrace)
Yes				Tidier, cleaner. Use the flower beds in the centre

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No	More things children to do	Nope	Nothing	More area of park for children and more adaptation for children with
Unsure		No		
Unsure	Kettering	No	It's my home town	Better shops eg primark
Unsure	An area that provides all the services and experiences	Yes	Plentiful parking, some nice architecture.	Provision of more modern retail, hospitality and
No	Safe, thriving, unique	Yes	It has a tk maxx!	Paint the benches etc from the rusty look to just nice
Unsure	A vibrant town with quality shops and facility that the whole community can enjoy so people shop in the town	Not really	Not much	Cleaner, less fast food shops, stop people drinking on streets and hanging around the town centre .
Yes	A vibrant shopping area	No	It's walkable	Shopping variety
Unsure		Yes but they don't deserve a name like quarter.	I don't.	Somewhere to actually shop, free parking, police presence.
Yes	Vibrant / Interesting / Somewhere people want to	Yes	Local community	Cleanliness / Maintenance / Shops / Derelict Buildings
Yes	Kettering	Yes	The Yards	Security, cheaper rentals for shop owners, cleanliness. I don't go to
Yes	Similar to Mkt Harborough	Yes	The Market Place and Library area	More independent shops
Yes		Yes	Area near Kino lounge and parish church	Parking charges. Better shops.
Unsure	A thriving hub of leisure, tourism and arts. Embrace the service sector (nails, tattoos etc) and enhance it with small independent retailers (like the	Yes	Kino Lounge, Church, London Road Cemetery, all the lovely old buildings and the history	Peoples perception of it
Unsure	To have decent shops in it and to reduce parking charges. Also less flats inside the Town	No	I don't it's crap nothing there but charity shops, vape shops, mobile	Bulldoze it and start again better still reduce rents to attract major shops. Town
Yes	Both ends of town centre more connected	Yes	Browse and have coffee	Gold st area and the market place more connected so people visit both. A market or better shops in the middle of the high st would
No	Thriving community , affordable housing , good	Yes	Walkable facilities	Sort out the poorly maintained properties ,

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No	It was still a decent town until about two years ago. Thousands have people were brought in to this town		Nothing now	It's now dirty and unsafe
No	Independent, inviting, welcoming	They are just titles that may negatively reflect on untitled areas	There are a lot of businesses that are still trying to survive	Much as i advocate active travel, it might regenerate the town centre to get rid of
Unsure	Useful, clean, enticing	Yes	Pedestrianised. Easily walkable	Less empty shops, restaurants and leisure facilities. Having the art
No	Practical, safe, worth visiting	Yes	Familiarity	Better shopping. I realise this is not necessarily in the
Unsure	Tidier , and more support for existing shops etc . They are trying to improve things but get	Yes	Culture quarter	Obviously a more cared for look
No	Modern green space with independent retail	Some of them- restaurant quarter & cultural quarter & shopping quarter,	Sheep street, the green space, the library& cafes	Make it look pretty, fill the empty shops, clean up silver street 'take away quarter!'
No	Safe, Practical and active	No. These are meaningless.		Free parking, better parking for residential, less crime and bad behaviour. Less
No	Bustling and vibrant		Old buildings	More high street chain clothes shops, more police
	Remove al the charity shops	Yes	One or two decent shops	More decent shops. There's too many cafes, charity shops, pound shops. Not
No	Easy access and practical for all age groups	Not really	No cars	Able to walk dogs through Newland centre to access
Yes	Historic, beautiful, buzzing!	Yes	Great independent businesses	More independent businesses, supported by
Yes	Easy access for all....a community needs good transport links in order to prosper, thrive and grow. ... A train link from Desborough to	Ues	Desborough Northamptonshire	The whole design and train link from Desborough
Unsure	No boarded up shops	Shopping centre		Cleaning the area
Yes	Many more decent shops	Yes	Nothing	Encourage more shops back , reduce parking fees
Yes		Yes	The layout	Better quality new builds. The standard is appalling.

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Yes	Vibrant, busy vibe, independent shops, things for people to do in the centre eg cinema, entertainment centre, more use of open air stage live	No	Culture quarter, buildings, some nice independent cafes	Less boarded up buildings. Other activities to do in the centre
Yes	Better shops ie clothes, department-stores, technology stores, cafe. Less	No	Nothing at the moment	Better shops and free parking to pull in more custom
No	User friendly (have a supermarket in the town, have modern leisure facilities), be safe ; there are areas even in daylight that feels creepy and	No. "Quarters" are unnecessary expectations being housing, which should be designed with parking, bin/bike, amenities away from the nighttime Hubbub.	The book shop	Free parking. Quality branded shops like decathlon, fat face, white stuff etc, housing not ad-hoc but planned, less
Yes	Restoring its past beauty	No	Very little	Less empty shops, more choice and less of what is already there (vape shops etc)
Unsure	It needs to be inviting, be/feel safe and have easy access (the one way systems don't really allow that),	No, I had no idea these were supposed to have different 'uses'.	The optimism	Better Choice of branded shops, parking spaces; bigger Convenient & cheaper/free don't smell like urine. Cleaner, more
Yes	Just a better place to be. The town centre is currently a miserable place to be.	Yes	The food options are getting better	The range of shops is abysmal and needs a whole new set of them. It is currently a miserable place
Yes	A central town centre Cinema, as there is plenty of parking, and access to bars and restaurants to compliment a visit to the	I do recognise these areas.	I like Kettering because we have pretty good amenities, shopping swimming pool, council offices, library and places	We could do with public toilets, since we lost the ones on the Market place, Pleasure Park, Ebenezer place and
Unsure	A destination that draws people from the surrounding towns and villages, without being reliant on retail	No	That it's pedestrianised	Repair the buildings, they look unmaintained. Force a consistent identity on shop signage, they all look cheap
Yes	It needs to be a place to do things, not just shopping but be a pleasant place to walk around. Stroll and admire. Leisure is far more important.	Not any more. No point in having a restaurant quarter when two have closed and look unlikely to reopen as places to eat	The nice people, KettFest, the older buildings, the Kino, the Yards, the disco	Less rubbish, more police at night, fewer hooligans.
Yes	kettering	no	nothing	lower shop rents
Unsure		Yes	Market Square	Fill the empty shops and discourage drugs/selling

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Unsure	Shops. Jobs. Bring the money in. Its Like a slum.	No	Nothing. make it desireable for people to want to spend their money	Get rid of second some hand & charity shops etc etc & stop bringing the town down, help out people who want to spend money
Unsure	Local and independent shopping and entertainment. Bring the cinema back to life	No	Buildings	Retail vibrancy and Care of the public realm. Beautiful C19th streets are filthy and
Yes	Less Turkish Barbers, Nail bars ect. More actual proper shops and Cheap parking to attract	Yes	All the Shops that are worth going too are all quite close together	Needs Some Decent investment.
Yes	Empty shops being used as NHS Clinics, scanners etc .	NoKettering	The part used for outside entertainment and	If the empty units were usedKettering
Yes	Clean, restore original market place. Encourage stores to	No	At present not a lot totally rundown and dirty	Cleaner, better shops. More police presence
Yes				The facades of most shop fronts - they need to
Yes	At 75 don't have that. Others need to do that	Love art gallery and church and library area. Parking for disabled dreadful	Lack of care for disabled people	Needs policing. Ban e Scooters. BETTER WARDENS CHEVKING PEOPLE USING THE FEW DISABL3D SPACES THAT ARE NOT DISABLED
Yes	Minimum standards for vacant shops. Landlords must keep even empty shops pristine. Replace cobbles when work is done. Litter picking all day.	No	Not much	Bigger name stores bringing money back in
Yes	More family oriented	Yes	Easy to get to. Less crime compared to certain other	Less vape shops and seedy corners or empty buildings
Unsure	Anti social behaviour free, community spirited great architecture	Yes	I don't it's run down empty shops too muchanti social behaviour from yobs who hang round McDonald's no	Dealing with the anti social behaviour of individuals in the town particularly the young ones who hang round McDonald's the police and
Yes	Kettering should be a welcoming market town with a mix of high street brands and niche shops, instead of a town	Kettering	Kettering top end, where Kino lounge is. Clean and pretty, but really poor shopping and facilities.	Kettering town centre has become a very sad affair. Nothing to entice people to visit, a proper market would
Yes	Busy stalls. Free parking. Activities for children.Vibrant and lively.	No	We have a chance to improve shops parking and encourage a new growth of art shops M&S Interesting new shops.	Swimming pool. Cinema.Safety at night Resutrant outside eating. Music live bands BBQ. Theatre. Arts. Cleaner

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No	Desirable, distinctive and fun	Ues	Events	Sort the old bingo hall
			Not a lot at the moment all the old building are being replaced with new and with such high rates so many empty shops	A lot-more shops we have lost a lot of the charm we used to have and the antisocial issues are increasing. The council
Yes	It needs to be welcoming, currently it is rundown, unloved and unimpressive	No		
Yes				
Yes	A good mixture of shops and cafes which we could enjoy in a clean and safe environment.	Yes	I avoid it where possible	It needs to be a clean and safe environment
No	To have more local independent shops and preserve the beautiful buildings that are neglected. Let's restore those buildings	Yes	The buildings of you only would look upwards !	Community spaces!!
Yes	Clean, graffiti free, with free parking, places to sit.	yes	not much, its dirty, not many shops, you have to	Better free parking, nearby retail estates,
No	Functional and accessible	No	Gold street Kettering	Accessibilty
Yes	More independent shops	yes	the yards	Cleaner and more shops
No		Yes		
Unsure	Try to introduce a greater variety of shops so people use it more.	No, I think that's made-up nonsense. Mix it up so people walk past a museum in their way to a restaurant, and they'll see it and come back.	It's pedestrianised.	Greater variety of shops. People do use the high street - make it possible for
No	Clean, welcoming and safe	No	It's proximity to where I live	It could be safer, less drinking culture and more
Yes	No empty or derelict buildings. Either convert to residential property or force landlords to clean up shabby empty properties.	Yes	Not too much to like at present. At least 2 large closed restaurant properties and the gala bingo hall give an	The closed bingo hall is an eyesore and needs to be renovated. Too many closed or empty stores bringing down the area. No
Yes	Kettering was like that and can be again if everyone would stop moaning.	Kettering no not really. They are areas indeed but not self contained or any particular common theme so the idea of quarters as in parts should go.	Kettering very little at the minute but it could be lovely if things were cleaned up and fixed. The	Kettering see above
Yes		The quarters are recognisable but I'm not sure we need to dwell on keeping them distinct as it might hinder opportunities. It's good to see the old George Hotel being converted into residential use for instance. This will benefit the restaurant quarter.	The heritage/cultural and restaurant area.	Empty buildings like Gala Bingo/MandS need demolishing asap and turned into quality urban housing to create a community to support

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Yes	Safe and pleasant to walk in.	Yes, but the Silver Street quarter is a mess and not very nice to walk around. I don't feel safe there if it is dark.	The cultural quarter. Pleasant for all and the events in the market place work really well.	Disused shops made into housing. Make the shopping area more compact. Make Silver Street nicer and safer
Yes	Kettering town centre is a disgrace. Ask the people who actually live in Kettering and have done for decades. it is full of vape shops, nail bars. The best we can do is build a	Ha ha ha. Are you serious	Nothing, not anymore. I go to Rushden lakes /milton keynes. kettering has nothing to offer in terms of shops nor environment. I dare you to	Everything. Do we need more vape bars advertising to teens. The whole point of e-liquids is to help smokers get off nicotine not encourage new users.
Unsure	Library, museum, art gallery open & use these for talks, meetings art classes etc. A new swimming pool & small gym facilities. Present one is	No	The buildings & easy to walk around on foot	Bring back M&S & have more shops a primark would do well. A small department store.
Yes	Kettering	Kino and sugar bush bakery / the yards	The quiet spots, and self made shops. Benches to sit	Less vape shops and more green spots more relaxing spots (this doesn't mean to
Yes	Multi cultural, modern and more social businesses, no more barbers or nail parlours.	Yes but needs more business to justify this name	Character, historic buildings and potential	More events , new restaurants and bars and the bingo hall to be the place to go
Yes	Kettering town centre should be clean, inviting, plenty of floral tubs/trees. The historic/cultural areas should be OPEN, their facilities really promoted well, encouraging visitors/tourists to Kettering. That will in turn bring in more funds.	yes	Heritage Quarter if it was all open!?	Heritage Quarter open and promoted well to encourage visitors/tourists to come to visit the own.
		Yes	Range of shops and restaurants	Free parking to encourage visitors, fill empty shops and bingo hall
Unsure	Exciting, clean and shopping	No	Nothing	More good shops eg primark and a market no
Yes	More clothes retail shops	No	Not much	Cleaner, less crack heads

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Unsure	Useful, with shops that sell things I need		The flower displays are always nice to see	Shops are dreadful, as a disabled person who can only independently shop there, I can't find anything I need any more - there's
Unsure	Kettering	Kettering	Kettering	Safer
No	For it to be vibrant, have a Marks & Spencer, a small department store like Frasers or a small John Lewis and for the market to be reinstated on	I can identify them on the map, but they don't come across like that in reality. The 'New Residential Quarter' isn't what we want or need in the town centre for sure.	There are still a few nice shops. Sadly there's not much to add to that. I'm hopeful though...	Put the market back to the area created purely for a market! Visit Stamford on a Friday to see how it's done & how it used to be in
No	Clean, busy and vibrant	There is the possibility to have cultur quarter in library art gallery srea. Most definitely no areas could be identified as restaurant areas, should be looking to get away from drink and drug use quarterz. because itis so frightening in daylight.	The only parts of the town centre that are OK are the area around the library, the area around the cornmkt hall as I can park	Everything. It needs to be cleaned up first and foremost and there needs to be more shots more housing and more
Unsure	Bustling	No they make no sense. There are more restaurants in Rockingham Road than the	The trees	More shops, community and leisure facilities
Yes	To diversify the offering in the town centre and encourage people to come to it. This might by having health care	Yes	Easy access to green and cultural spaces	More public toilets and a youth offering
Yes	Good shops such as Primark M & S and amenities - library etc	Some - restaurant quarter	Not much	Better shops - Primark - which will bring in more people more variety & quality more money spent
	Warm, welcoming and thriving	Yes		Frontage nearer shopping centre, empty shops/units, lack of independent shops and food/drink places
No	Back to being the nice peaceful market town it was	No	Nothing	Better quality shops
Yes	Preserve the character of the town to encourage businesses to the town centre whilst improving walking and cycling	Yes, but not suer how its possible to have more than 4 quarters?	Convenience, attractive areas, supporting the town I live in	Business to fill empty shops, but charity or vape shops
Unsure	We need empty shops filled, Corby has a mixture of different shops and always seems busy, the empty shops are allowing the place to be	Yes	Markets, but don't normally find out they are happening until after	Toy shops, primark, cinema, no more vape shops, phone shops nail bars! 🤖

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Unsure	Vibrant	Yes	Shopping centre	More trees vegetation
Unsure	Functioning and encouraging new independent shops and national chains	No		Better facilities and shops. Move the market back to the market place. Shops are hidden by the market and discourages new shops
Yes	An eclectic mix of shops and more eateries with outside sitting areas. Make the Town	No I do not.	I do not find Kettering Town Centre an inviting place to go.	As mentioned above. Since Coleman's closed, I cannot buy paint materials, craft
		Yes	The restaurant quarter	More facilities to encourage people to use the town
Unsure	Unsure of my vision but don't think it's fulfilling the distinctive and fun elements at the moment	Yes although the vast majority of the outlets in restaurant quarter are currently empty	The part down by kino lounge, library and headlands is the most aesthetically pleasing	Fewer empty units, more shops and businesses that bring something to the area rather than repeated vape shops and salons. A library
Unsure		no	nothing	Everything - no empty shops, better quality shops other than barbers, vapes
Unsure	Building more infrastructure (including a new additional hospital) NOT houses, fix the potholes/roads, decent shops not charity, betting, bargain shops or estate agents, restaurant quarter like at Rushden lakes, free parking, cinema, make use of KLV	I have lived and grew up here for the last 40 years. In all this time I can honestly say that Kettering was so so much better in the 90's when we had decent shops and places to eat. The streets were kept clean and there was no immigration and knife crime	Nothing whatsoever. I avoid it like the plague as do most people in this town. I don't know a sole who actually uses this town and doesn't go elsewhere just to avoid it.	Put new decent upmarket shops, bring back M&S, this did well people miss it, build a John Lewis, matalan, the range, clothes shops like Zara, Rl primark, few boutique shops. Open a restaurant quarter like Rushden
No	Make the centre actually cost effective so units are used, reduce repeated units such as nail salons and barbers being	Yes	Not alot	Improve the shops on offer, it's currently cafes, betting shops barbers and nail salons. Actually sort out the
Unsure	Tidy clean streets and shops	No	Pedestrian areas	Cleanliness and more shop when shops are empty
Yes	Kettering	No	Green space, horse market and market place, library, museum, churches, indoor and outdoor shopping	More street cleaning, more emphasis on residents to keep the space clean, funnel shops into one area to cut out so many gaps of closed down shops,
Yes	To get it back to what it has been previously. Reduce rent so better high street shops would be attracted. Clean up of the empty shops and the old	Yes, but the terms should be used loosely as there isnt a great selection of shops or restaurants. With most of the shops being duplicates, i.e nail shops, charity shops, home and essential stores and barbers!	I like the library area that takes you near The Blitz and the old market square but even that over recent months as	The actual shops. People want a town centre they can have a look around at a range of shops but we unfortunately dont have it

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No	Kettering: a vibrant, green heart where families thrive, cultures shine, and sustainability blooms. Heritage honoured, future	Some but many now do not represent their title or original intentions	It has well meant intentions but seems to lack the drive to fully meet the needs of the community. Efforts are	Family-friendly, diverse, green. Safe spaces, vibrant culture, sustainable growth. Accessible, thriving, for all.
No	Modern using historical character	No	Honestly nothing any more	Look at Corby as an example of how it's grown
Unsure				
Yes	Kettering	Kettering	At the moment not very much	Less pound, charity, vape and coffee shops along with getting on top of the drug problem, rough sleepers and teenage
No	Depends which way will be for Kettering at all. Now it is like lost, and should find its place	Not sure	It exists. Well, Geek Retreat is nice	The biggest challenge is to do something with abandoned, empty, closed
Yes	Characterful, cultural and fun.	No.	Restaurant/cultural quarter, but they are not fulfilling their brief.	Free Parking to attract people. Lower rents so shops are occupied. Less of "one type of shop". More bars and restaurants. A better night life. More independent shops. Better advertising, so people know what is going on in the town centre.
No	Low Crime, Clean, inviting	No	Location relative to my house	Make it safer, it feels dirty and aggressive. I feel like I have to be on alert walking around, even during the
Unsure	Practical, safe, clean	Now it's been explained, yes. But how can there be 7 "quarters"?	Nothing	Better range of good shops, get the empty shops open, cheaper parking, compare with Market Harborough for example. Local buses as an
No	Accessible	Four quarters make a whole. Whoever though quarter was a good label is an idiot.		Free parking, cycle paths, public transport to and from

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Unsure	The old buildings successfully restored, especially the old Coop buildings. It used to be a proud town, on par with Market Harborough, with a	No	I used to enjoy the Art Gallery, Library and Museum.	Everything.
Unsure	Heritage, smart, tidy, similar to oundle town	No	Not much	More high street shopping choices.
Yes	More security and to feel safe	No, all overrun with gobby teenagers	A couple of restaurants	More security, the ability to remove teenagers from McDonald's area. It's a real
Yes	Actually a council that cares	Nope	The no cars through the centre	More choice of shops
Unsure	Make it safer	No	Flowers	Everything
Yes	Kettering	The restaurant quarter has two restaurants. Hardly inspires use. Everything has shut down	Good train station	Everything it's an absolute dump, dirty, uninviting with
	A reduced size, with more residential development, at a	No. They don't exist.	Not a lot at the moment.	More housing, development upwards above/to replace
No	I like Characterful, Distinctive and Fun	No	That I can mostly get what I need from there easily and there is enough to do to have a wander round and something to eat if I want.	I have no problem with new houses being built, and new flats being added, town centres need people to live in them nowadays to survive. But please make sure there is enough parking for them and they
Yes				
Unsure	genuinely affordable housing and leisure, wellbeing	yes	housing mixed with the heritage, restaurants, shops	more 3-5 story residential apartments (flats) within walking distance of rail and bus hubs, more social
Unsure	Needs better quality shops. Marks and Spencer's, children's clothing brands.	No	Nothing	Better shops. Needs to feel more welcoming. Groups of teens need somewhere
Yes	A safe place where everyone feels welcome	Yes	Cultural Quarter	More shops open and more private and entrepreneurial
Unsure	Community with character	not really: Cultural activities and restaurants, cafes are and should be more widely spread; shopping area would be better condensed if at all possible	characterful buildings, although you have to look up! fairly easy access on foot	shops not so spread out (ideal world) , more community spaces such as indoor market, small independent shops or

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No	Relaxed, sociable, attractive	not really: facilities should be available across the centre, not just in one place	looking up at architecture of buildings	remove clock at corner of Bakehouse Hill and replace with social meeting place and greenery. Decent
Yes	Pleasing to the eye	Not all of them	Great potential for visitors	Imagination and looking at Market Yarborough for
Yes	opening up all the unused retail areas, long term rather than temporary as has been	not really	open spaces, green spaces and local rather than chain retail outlets.	opening up the disused shops
Unsure	Neat, safe, inviting		Compact	Clean up London road, empty shopfronts made attractive to appeal to new businesses, deal with pigeon infestation, clocktower area is an
Unsure	Community, shops that are full and more varied	Ish	Community encouraging places like Geek Retreat, Cuetopia and ARTWORKS	Less empty shops and interesting events
Yes	shops open and offering a range of products some places where information and	no there seem to be several restaurant quarters and residential development seems to be reducing shopping spaces	friendly and easy access for	parking range of shops
Unsure	Welcoming choice	Yes	Area around kino lounge	Decent shops for young and old
Unsure	Local small business included lots of directions to them. Swimming pool outdoor activities for teens. Empty	The yards yes but needs more advertising by council to help local businesses it's unknown to many as they rarely come down past MacDonald as most shop empty	Less busy than a city, markets, friendly small business	Less teens, more safe for elderly and more variety of shops too many coffee shops nails
Yes	I would like to see us maintaining the historic buildings we have, but also making the town centre a destination. An indoor market, small cinema, free parking.	Not really, I loved the idea in theory but don't really see much evidence. I live in the Headlands Quarter, but not on the Headlands, not sure what it offers me. Our road is full of rubbish, the pavements in disrepair. The quarters are not marketed.	I love some of the historic buildings. I can walk from my home, it is relatively compact.	Free parking would encourage footfall, which in turn would encourage growth. Better shops, entertainment, improved leisure facilities (swimming for example), made to look pretty.
Yes	Clean, safe, accessible, serves the community	No.	Nothing.	A variety of shops, renovated shop fronts, better police presence due to gangs, getting rid of the

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Unsure	Clean and enjoyable to walk through.		Nothing at present	Big brand shops
No	Awful, full of horrible individuals and not worth	Yes	Leaving it	Actually have some shops that aren't charity shops,
Unsure	Only buildings designed by registered/chartered building design professionals should	Discredited 'zoning' under another name. Bad planning policy.	It hasn't been ruined yet, but getting close to being unrecoverable.	NNC needs to appoint a council architect to whom KTC can refer. Alternatively
No	Cohesively Mixed, Inclusive, Attractive and Accessible.	No not at all. Kettering is not big enough to be split up like this. Let alone there should only be 4 quarters. Remove them all.	It is compact. Some lovely old buildings. Lots of potential.	More businesses. Open into the evenings, a 9 to 5 town doesn't fit with modern
Yes	More areas like the Yards. I also think we should be more focused on the fact we are and	Yes but I can't see why there are 8 quarters 😊	Not much	It's run down and there are a lot of empty shops which could be utilised better, we
Yes	Characterful, inviting, safe.	Yes	Cultural quarter	A better standard of shops
Yes		No	It's large pedestrian thoroughfare has opportunity	Abandon the failed idea of it being a shopping location. We need to think about wider leisure options.
Yes	Energy efficient, low emissions	Yes	The Shire Horse	Less empty shops
Unsure				Less litter and cleaner environment ; re-open museum and gallery and library ; repair pavements
No	Safe attractive and clean	No		fewer street sleepers and empty shops
Unsure	Good cultural facilities - library, museum and gallery,	yes	cultural quarter	
Unsure	Make use of the abandoned buildings	No	Community events, kettfest etc	Using the empty buildings, sort the library & museum roof so it can be used.
Yes	A flourishing town full of independent shops, that develop a community feel and encourage people to shop locally, the ideal would be	Not really would be concerned about the art centre not being in the cultural quarter	open Spaces, places to sit outside, gorgeous aspects	Find ways to encourage more independent businesses, promote them even more than we are doing

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Unsure	A place that people would want to visit - better shops, better cafes and decent bakeries, also needs to feel safer at night . More culture-	yes	Newlands centre	Better shops , more interesting cafes , improve swimming pool, independent cinema, better bus service from villages.
Yes	SAFE	No	Nothing.	Quality of shops, safety, quality and look of buildings. And get rid of

Yes		The Station, Cultural, Yards & Shopping, are the four quarters I would recognise as distinctive, four! The other areas I would not discern as having a particular character associated with the Town Centre.	Closeness of pubs, clubs, snooker halls, cafes and restaurants in a small area allowing easy socialising. Market Place, Horse Market, Dalkeith Place & Clock Tower with seating. Access to green spaces. Culinary choices of restaurants/takeaways. Street art.	Wifi; litter; safer pedestrian zone; public transport to villages; Cycle storage; Less HMOs, Illuminated signs; youth recreation facilities; Shops selling addictive activities; Traffic calming/20MPH limit; More street art; Advertising unhealthy products.
No	Accessible, quality, variety, forward thinking but respectful of the past	No	The clock	Cleanliness and having all the shops open
Unsure	A vibrant town that offers something for everyone.	Yes	I like walking through town to go to various pubs with the dog. Unfortunately I don't shop in Kettering town centre	I believe the first thing to do is sort out the feral kids that roam this area in gangs. We need more shops of a sufficient quality I.e a good
No	Some decent shops such as Mark's and Spencer	No	Nothing these days I only go in to use the bank Every	Everything I don't think there is anything that can improve it now what was
Yes	Smart, safe and comfortable places in around Kettering	Yeah	Everything is close, shops, restaurants, parks	Make town more safe
Unsure		No	It has atmosphere and potential. However min public transport and expensive rail tickets do	There is not much in Town Centre at the moment. Majority of space is taken over by charity shops. There
Yes	Vibrant, respectful, exciting, clean	Yes	Looking up - at the preserved historic	Shop fronts being more tasteful.
Yes		A bit bit then I've lived here nearly 20 years it sort of blends	I think it's relatively good looking	It needs more shops and more independent shops to

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October 2025

Policy Area	Summary of feedback	Actions to consider
KET1: Key Buildings	<p>19 online responses & strong engagement at in-person event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong support for converting vacant buildings like the Gala Bingo and old police station into residential spaces to boost local business footfall. • Desire for improved leisure facilities, such as a swimming pool and gym, and the restoration of a cinema. • Emphasis on preserving Victorian heritage to attract visitors. • Preference for more independent shops and diverse retail options eg indoor market • Suggestion to use vacant retail units for NHS clinics to increase footfall. • Suggestion for play areas, affordable exercise facilities, and volunteer opportunities, community spaces and activities, particularly those which support social cohesion and good mental health or are destination ‘activities’ workshops, youth centre, pottery studio, music studio, interactive art. Particularly for 	<p>Review policy and ensure it reflects the community comments where possible.</p>

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	<p>locations that were further from passing footfall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal to use the former police station for Town Council offices and community meetings, or public use eg public toilets • Some concern about mixed-use in locations where this may lead to anti-social behaviour • Preference that flats in town centre should 1 or 2 bedroom, not designed for families. • Concerns about luxury flats not having adequate parking • Height of new buildings to be managed to avoid overbearing • Drovers Hall – new entrance onto Bowling Green Rd to link with bus stop. 	
<p>KET2: Town Centre</p>	<p>15 online responses & strong engagement at in-person event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement on directing new retail development to the core area • Suggestion to reduce the amount of the core area that is pedestrianised to prevent difficulty accessing certain areas • Suggestion to increase the core area to include Montagu St and both sides of Horsemarket and Silver St from Queen St northwards. • Concerns about pedestrianisation and the need for more parking. Suggestions include using Market Place for restaurant parking. • Contrasting views: Desire for diverse retail options and less emphasis on entertainment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider whether it is necessary to increase parking availability in the town centre • Consider whether to include Montagu St and both sides of Horsemarket and Silver St from Queen St northwards in Core Area • London Road could be more residential <p>Review policy and ensure it reflects the community support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a broad range of retail options and cultural venues, leisure and community facilities, healthcare and dental facilities, in the town centre.

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	<p>away from shops. Equally encouragement for unique shops and cultural venues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calls for improved leisure facilities and protection of unique venues through assets of community value: Geek Retreat, Warhammer, The Yards, and areas like The Marketplace and Kettering Museum. Suggestions for fast-tracking cultural offers. • Inclusion of recreation, healthcare, and dental facilities in the town centre policy. • Recommendations to ban advertising detrimental to public health. https://adfreecities.org.uk/ • Emphasis on making the town more accessible for disabled individuals. • Emphasis on making sure housing/flats went into areas where residents would be comfortable living – avoid unhappy neighbours eg London rd would be suitable for residential 	
<p>KET3: Conservation Area</p>	<p>3 online responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasis on remedying past architectural mistakes and reinstating harmonious historical facades. • Inclusion of 'Secured by Design' principles to enhance safety. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider whether 'Secured by Design' principles are appropriate in Kettering, bearing in mind the criticisms of these principles in the past, including their impact on accessibility. <p>Review policy and ensure it reflects the community support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • restoration of historic buildings, alongside the shopfront policy.

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<p>KET4: Areas of Special Character</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • online response in favour of policy <p>In-person event responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxford St and Bayes St not supported • Expand to include Dryden and Buccleuch St.; • Include Rockingham Road and Pleasure Park • Loakes' factory designation should also include the 2 Kettering Park schools 	<p>Review suggested changes to the Character Areas</p>
<p>KET5: Shopfronts in the Town Centre</p>	<p>7 Online responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In favour of policy • Support for standardising shopfronts to be sympathetic to the town's character. Emphasis on reintroducing shopfront awnings. • Recommendations for light control from signage to promote energy conservation and help with dark skies. 	<p>Review policy and consider whether to add more detail about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • awnings • energy-efficient signage
<p>KET6: Brownfield Sites</p>	<p>6 Online responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New sites suggested: old Bilsons site in Sackville Street, Drill Hall/former YMCA, and Single storey building that is adjacent to Victorian flats on Green Lane • Request to incorporate Swift and bat bricks for wildlife conservation. • Request more social housing, especially near public transport. • Support for conversion of empty shops into residential flats. • Suggestion for infill developments to meet Passivhaus or higher standards. 	<p>Review suggested locations and consider that policy should not focus too heavily on site specifics, due to turnover of brownfield sites.</p> <p>Steering Group to investigate: Single storey building adjacent to Victorian flats on Green Lane</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for new parks and green spaces on brownfield sites. 	
KET7: Local Heritage Assets	<p>4 online responses received</p> <p>5 new locations suggested</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London Road reformed Church • Speights Corner Shop • Business Exchange • Salvation Army Citadel • Kettering Telephone/BT exchange - for Brutalist architecture • St Andrew's School, Grafton Street • The William Knibb Centre, Montagu Street • Non-specific suggestion of past and present factories 	<p>Review suggested locations:</p> <p>Cannot include as already listed buildings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - London Road reformed Church, London Road - Business Exchange, Rockingham Road - Salvation Army Citadel, Rockingham Road <p>Already excluded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - St Andrew's School, Grafton Street <p>Steering Group to investigate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kettering Telephone/BT exchange, Trafalgar Road - Speights Corner Shop, Bowling Green Road - The William Knibb Centre, Montagu Street
KET8: HMOs	<p>11 online responses received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for stronger controls on HMOs, with suggestions for a 5% limit on HMO sites and mandatory safety inspections. • Calls for council accountability in inspecting HMOs and ensuring landlords maintain safety standards. • Concerns about the impact of HMOs on parking, neighbourhood identity, and antisocial behaviour. • Suggestion to regulation of housing for vulnerable adults to prevent negative impacts on neighbourhoods. 	<p>Review policy :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 10% limit is generally established through development plans as the “tipping point”, seeking a figure below this would require additional evidence to prove that harm is established at 5%.

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<p>KET9: Energy Efficiency</p>	<p>9 online responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for ensuring new buildings meet energy performance standards to avoid future retrofitting costs. • BREEAM UK New Construction: Residential • Emphasis on integrating solar panels and high-quality insulation in new developments and on car parks • Future Homes may be more achievable • Advocacy for reusing existing buildings to capture embodied carbon. 	<p>Review policy and consider whether to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Building Regulations Part L1 'Future Homes' and 'BREEAM UK New Construction: Residential' and remove any duplication
<p>KET10: Biodiversity</p>	<p>9 online responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for incorporating Swift nesting sites and increasing native trees and shrubs to enhance biodiversity. • Desire for play areas and social spaces that improve community well-being. • Emphasis on ensuring green spaces are accessible and safe for all, including disabled individuals. • Green roofs <p>Bakehouse Hill favoured ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seating, canopy • Cycle parking • Green space • Remove clock • Relate market to rest of high street 	<p>Review draft policy content</p>

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<p>KET11: Local Green Spaces</p>	<p>5 online responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for including equipment for older children and adults, such as outdoor gyms and basketball hoops. • Emphasis on enriching green spaces with native trees, bushes, and shrubs to encourage biodiversity. • Recognition of the importance of green spaces for local well-being, connectivity to nature, and relaxation. • Importance of feeling safe and maintenance of spaces in the future <p>3 new locations suggested</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • between Northfield Avenue and the rail track (opposite Meadow Road Park) • Northfield Avenue allotments • Bowling Green (part of Bowls Club) on Northampton Road. 	<p>Validate if any of the suggested additional locations can be included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • between Northfield Avenue and the rail track (opposite Meadow Road Park) - (Already included under a different policy for Biodiversity ?) • Northfield Avenue allotments - (statutory designation) • Bowling Green (part of Bowls Club) on Northampton Road – outside the Neighbourhood Plan Designated Area
<p>KET12: Movement and Connectivity</p>	<p>9 online responses & strong engagement at in-person event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for improving walking and cycling routes, with emphasis on safety and accessibility. • Desire for better integration of bus and train services, including improved signage and information. 	<p>Validate that the following the suggested locations can't be included as they are outside the Neighbourhood Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. Walk from KLV to town, via Spinney & railway bridge • 8. walk from Leisure Village, headlands bridge • 9. Interchange • 12. Hospital

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns about parking congestion, especially around schools, and suggestions for better management. <p>20 specific locations highlighted as positive examples or needing improvement (see raw data for map and list</p>	<p>Validate that the following on the list can't be included as they are outside of planning policy or are already being addressed by current works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Montagu St - double parking/pavement parking and danger cycling Newland St to Silver - being addressed by new Montagu St counterflow cycle lane? 6. London Road – e-scooters concerns - this is a shared path and e-scooters legal on it 10. Newland St steps dirty – feels undesirable to wait after night – maintenance issue 4 and 24. Pavement parking, double parking – traffic enforcement issue <p>Validate which of the following could be included as areas that require improvement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Under railway bridge, Northampton Rd – clash of users: cyclists/ pedestrians 7. Bowling Green Ave. meets London Rd – unsafe road crossing due to cars 11. Bus service needed around town should include the hospital 14. And 23. Green lines go into town but should be extended to destinations eg hospital, parks, sports fields 15. Improve cycling safety Bowling Green Rd as a route to station 16. Northall St cycle improvements to complete route to town centre
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17. – 20. Require secure covered cycle hangers be installed with new flats. Encourage cycle hangers on terraced streets • 25. Eliminate rat runs eg Burghley St, Masefield Rd, Avondale Rd • 21-22 Allocate specific locations for e-scooter and e-bike parking
<p>General Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A suggestion for a campaign to encourage locals to maintain their properties and the town centre to avoid scruffy looking town - questioning why it is not prioritised by the North Northamptonshire Council • Avoiding cutting down trees to build more houses • Will CIL and provisions for a Community Right to Build be included? • A request to reintroduce minibuses for employees, as public transport is limited, which affects employability, especially for young people. • Concerns about the maintenance of parks and historical buildings, questioning if there will be government funding for their upkeep and conservation. 	

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ObjectID	How should Kettering Manor House be redeveloped?	How should the old Swimming Pool & Drovers Hall be redeveloped?	All of the key buildings are identified on the policy map. Do you have any comments about how these key buildings should be used in the future?
1	Keep as info centre, extension of info held by library e.g tourist attractions, voluntary organisations, place to go for help. Move museum to a bigger better site.	Keep the swimming pool in the centre, but rebuild and improve standards. Needs a cafe and maybe rooms to hire.	Keep the swimming pool in the centre, but rebuild and improve standards. Needs a cafe.
2			We should have more independent shops, some retail chains, arcades, bookshops, hobby stores, clothes, galleries, maybe some retail spaces can be repurposed as seating spaces, with flowers and toilets, music shops, vintage stores, international products shop (but from more countries, not just African or Caribbean)... Anything except vaping shops, betting places, more nail salons (we don't need anymore! There's loads in town and they're all empty!) or those American candy stores that are popping up everywhere.
3		New pool	Indoor Padel Tennis Centre would be a huge benefit to the local community who currently have to travel to Brampton Heath. Investors are desperate for space and willing to pay a lot to put these facilities in
4	It's a significant building in a key area of the town and should be "open" for public access and Used as a resource maybe for young family support or as some social hub	Given public health issues in Northants and to counter the fast food takeover of the town and consequences (ST and LT) we desperately need an upgraded pool and leisure complex to reflect the size of town and wider community.... Contrast Harborough and Corby	Like many midland town centres ours exhibits bland "sameness", poor quality (sometimes disastrous and ultimately costly mistakes in initiatives and quality of new build!) in a futile attempt to plaster over depressing past failed initiatives...(flats, fast food, barbers, nail bars and tattoo parlours and betting shops!) We should not always penny pinch and need to do our best to preserve what's left of our Victorian heritage (look up!) and secure what's left of our building stock (worth looking at ...compared to modern functionalist buildings and conversions very poorly built for a fast property developers profit!)True imagination and proper investment is needed to bring footfall regularly back to the town centre rather than occasional doomed piecemeal attempts. It really is a challenge how we invest in making Kettering a place people want to come into that offers something different and doesn't just let its fast disappearing heritage crumble and decay.
5		The swimming pool needs bringing up to date.. either in the current position or another where access is easy.,	
6			more social housing (flats, apartments) is needed. Encourage empty shops, buildings in the town to be converted to residential flats, especially any properties close to teh railway station or other public transport facilities.
7	Time to reduce not just heritage but all buildings owned by the council. Sell the old museum, the running costs and upkeep is too expensive, its age and location makes it unsuitable for public use. Actually the current museum should be sold too and the museum items incorporated in the extremely expensive library and Alfred East buildings making them multi use and increase footfall. Save money and sell it! Put parking both sides of Sheep St so people can drop in the Library and shops opposite. All buildings owned by the council should be reviewed, if they are too expensive to run, need expensive renovation or under used sell them for the market value.	Combine use of public buildings to reduce the number of council properties. Prioritise public swimming pools and leisure facilities instead of musty museums and architecture, teenagers need places to go. Less about heritage more about the future generations growing up with nowhere to go and nothing to do.	

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8	<p>Proposal: Enhancing Town Centre Footfall through NHS/KGH Clinic Leasing</p> <p>To increase footfall in the town centre, vacant retail units could be leased to NHS or KGH for use as patient review spaces or outpatient clinics. This initiative would offer mutual benefits:</p> <p>Support for the NHS/KGH by providing accessible, community-based clinic locations.</p> <p>Revitalisation of the town centre by attracting regular visitors, including patients, staff, and carers.</p> <p>Economic uplift through increased activity, benefiting nearby shops and services.</p> <p>Improved public health access in a familiar and central location.</p> <p>This approach would help bring life back to the area, making it more vibrant and active while supporting essential healthcare services.</p>
9	<p>I would like a nice play area for kids, or any other activities for kids, (for example doing art) and a nice sitting area for adults to grab a drink. There are many obese people, or many people struggling with mental health so an affordable place to do exercise would be nice, a place where people could volunteer to help someone feel better (for example, they could offer a free manicure, massage, facial or doing art, or help with someone's diet, etc... I would be first to volunteer) and why not a place with sauna, there is none in our area, and has so many benefits.</p>
10	<p>Retaining the unique heritage of certain buildings e.g. Kettering Library is very important. Retaining vacant retail units is less important. Every opportunity to redevelop vacant units like Gala Bingo and the old police station into residential buildings should be given to developers.</p> <p>Although places like Gala Bingo once had a place in people's hearts they have been a useless blight for too long, and even used for criminal activities. Get more people living in the centre to provide a better chance of footfall for the shops, cafes and restaurants we have left and once they prove themselves to be very profitable other businesses may consider Kettering as an opportunity. Businesses are only interested in their bottom line profitability so the more customers available on their doorstep increase chances of attracting businesses.</p> <p>Improving Kettering's leisure offer is essential. Pursuing using the Drover's Hall as an attractive entrance etc to a much improved swimming pool/gym would work.</p>
11	<p>I'm not sure that the old police station needs to consider active travel as it is so close to the Horsemarket. It just needs turning into an attractive resident area.</p>
12	<p>Ket 1 - old M & S building, indoor market style would likely be detrimental to existing market and retail units within the town which already cater for the majority of what would likely be sold on an indoor market. Another option like the yards would be good.</p>
13	<p>The restoration of a cinema seems to be a must to engage with both older adults and children if it has a social space also and community areas</p>
14	<p>Ket1: Former Gala Bingo: I'm surprised the owner advised he has not done any research to find out what the town needs, nor did he take the opportunity at the meeting to listen to ideas from townfolk.</p>
15	<p>KET1 - The former police station social club should be used as Kettering Town Council offices and meeting space. The public toilets plan is excellent and a Changing Places toilet would be welcome. The rest of the building (the Horsemarket side) should be leased by the town council and available to hire for the community. Potential uses could be for various groups, a library of things... ..pop-up events such as repair cafes, active travel hubs, tourist information, police engagement events.</p>
16	<p>The plan is very comprehensive and covers many aspects of life in Kettering. My main interests are Ket 1, 3, 4 and 7. Upkeep and conservation of the older buildings in the town would give interest to local residents and hopefully, also be an attraction for visitors to the area.</p>

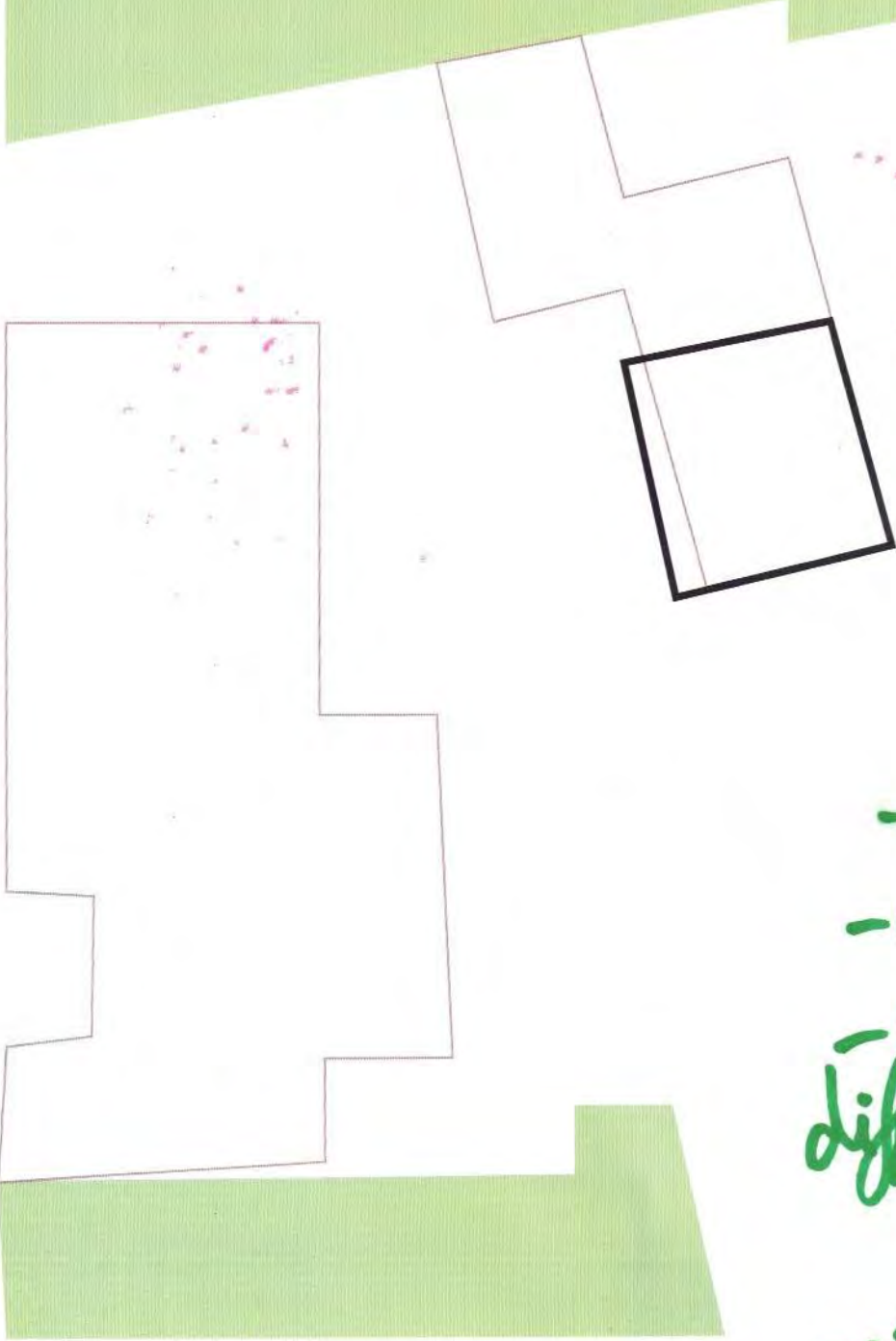
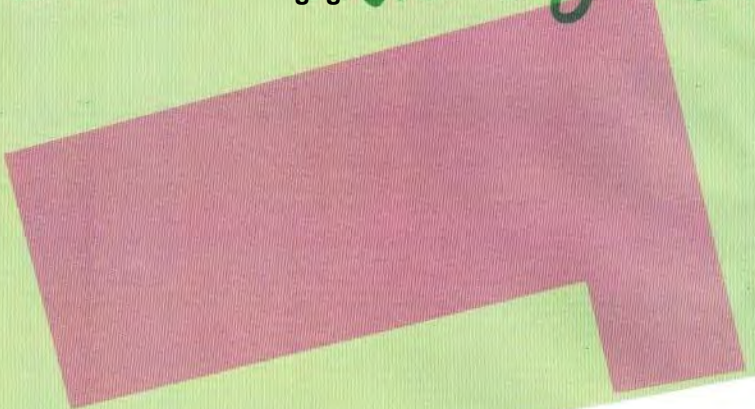


KET1: KETTERING MANOR HOUSE

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S105 - ask for arts + culture funding.

- Kettering district art society.

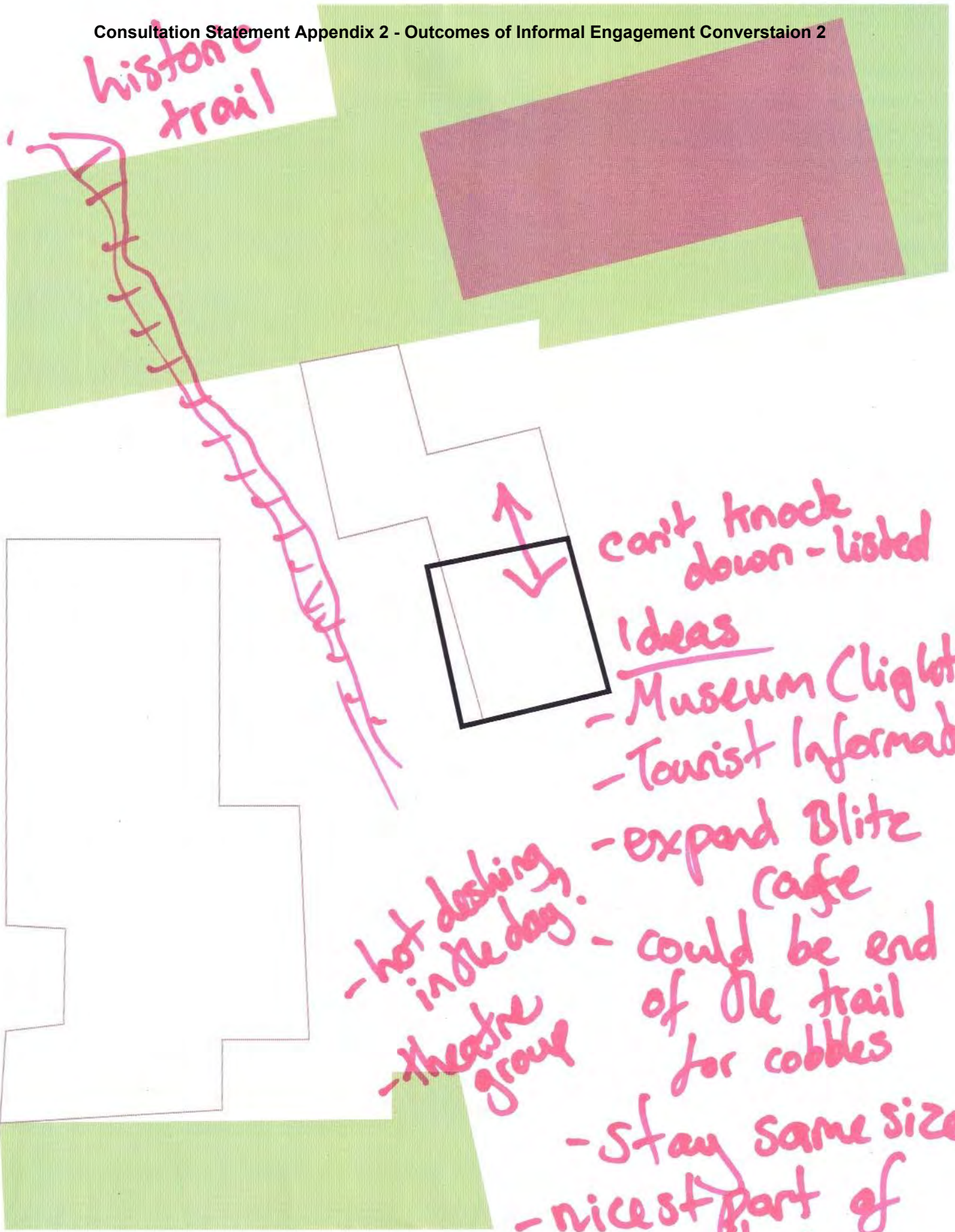


Ideas

- arts based
- leisure activities
- pottery
- artists in residence
- studio space
- adult learning
- arts + crafts
- different activity in each room.
- workshop space

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can't knock down - listed

Ideas

- Museum (light)
- Tourist Information

- expand Blitz Cafe

- could be end of the trail for cobbles

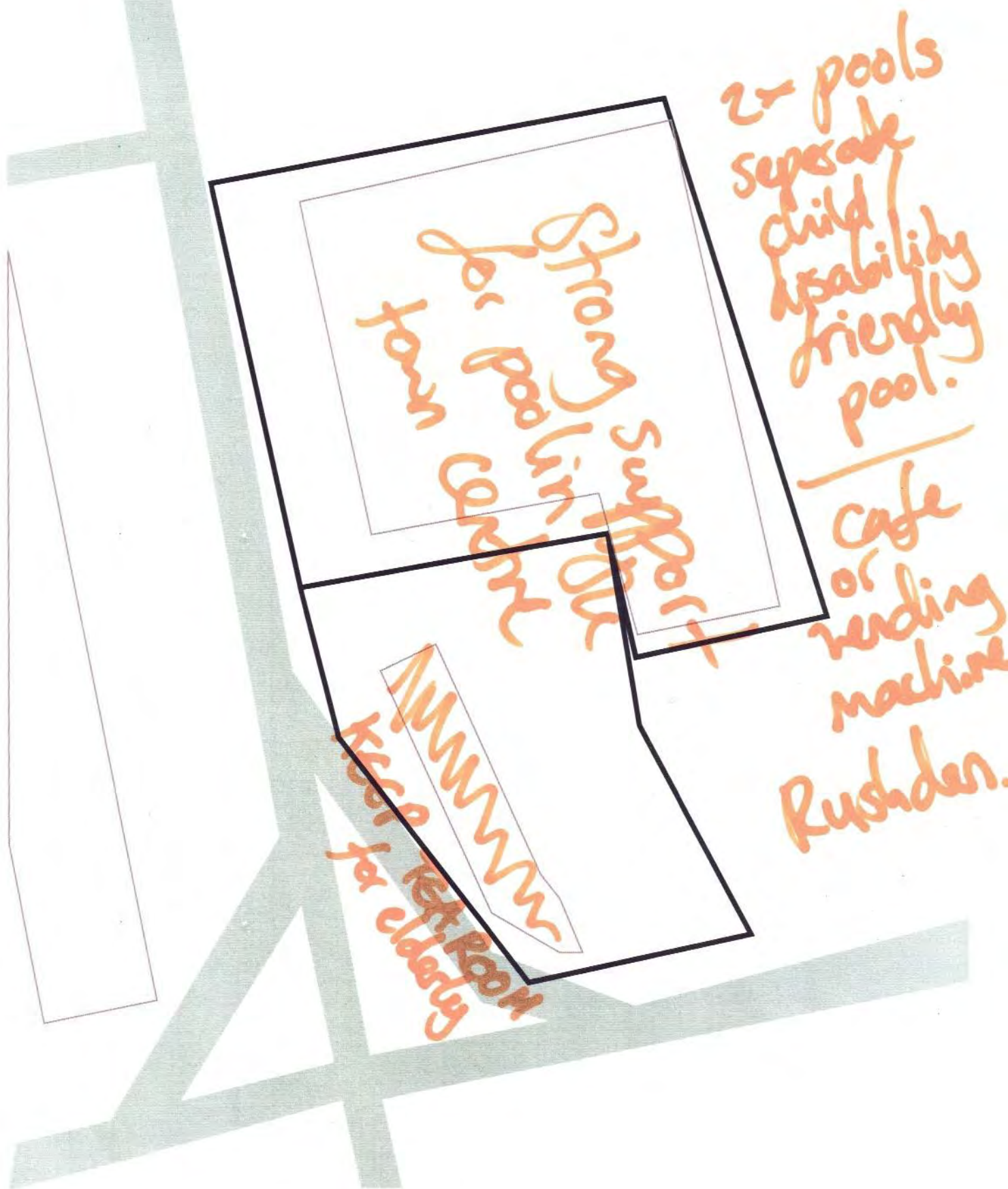
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- nicest part of Kettering.

- hot dishing in the day.
- theatre ground

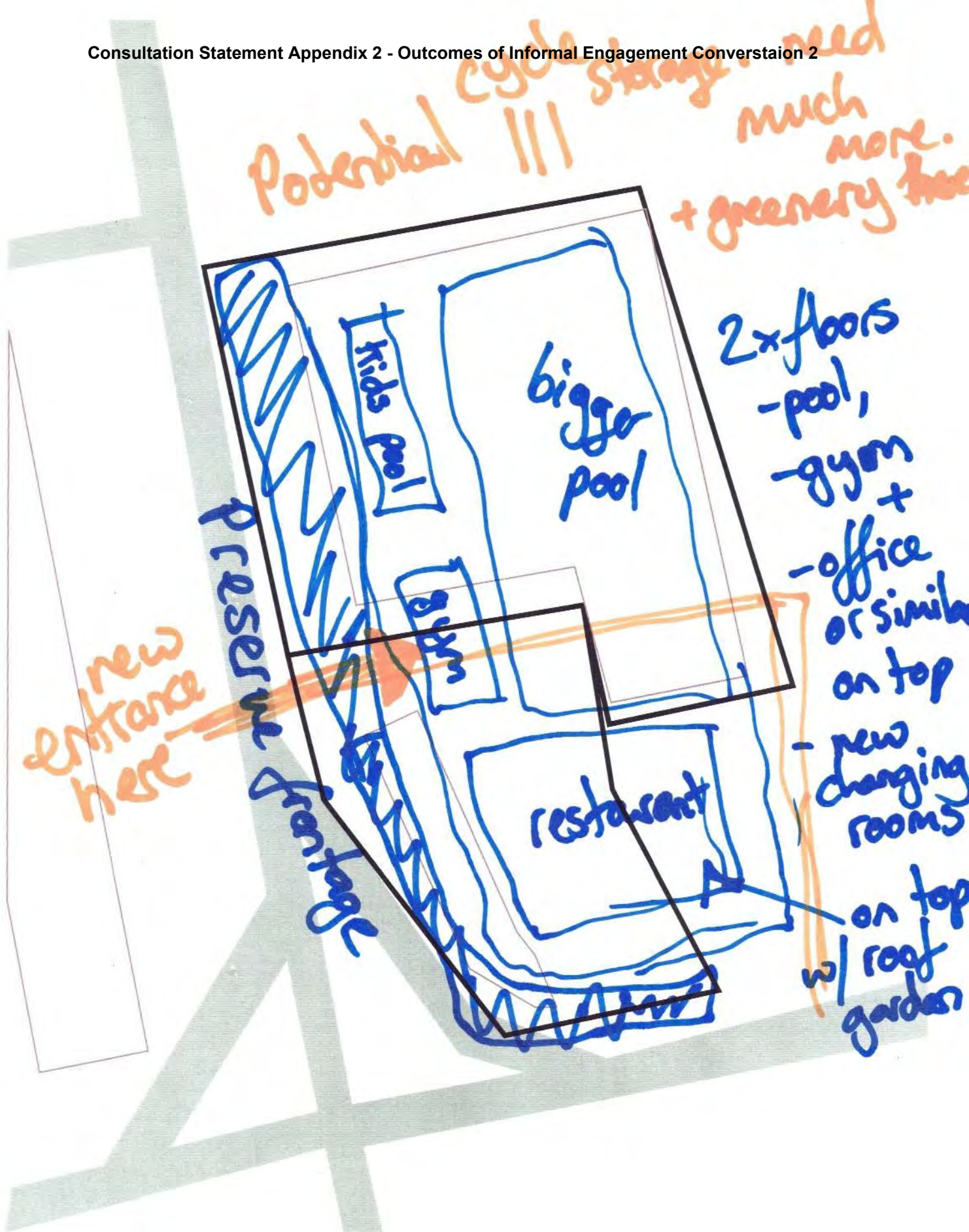
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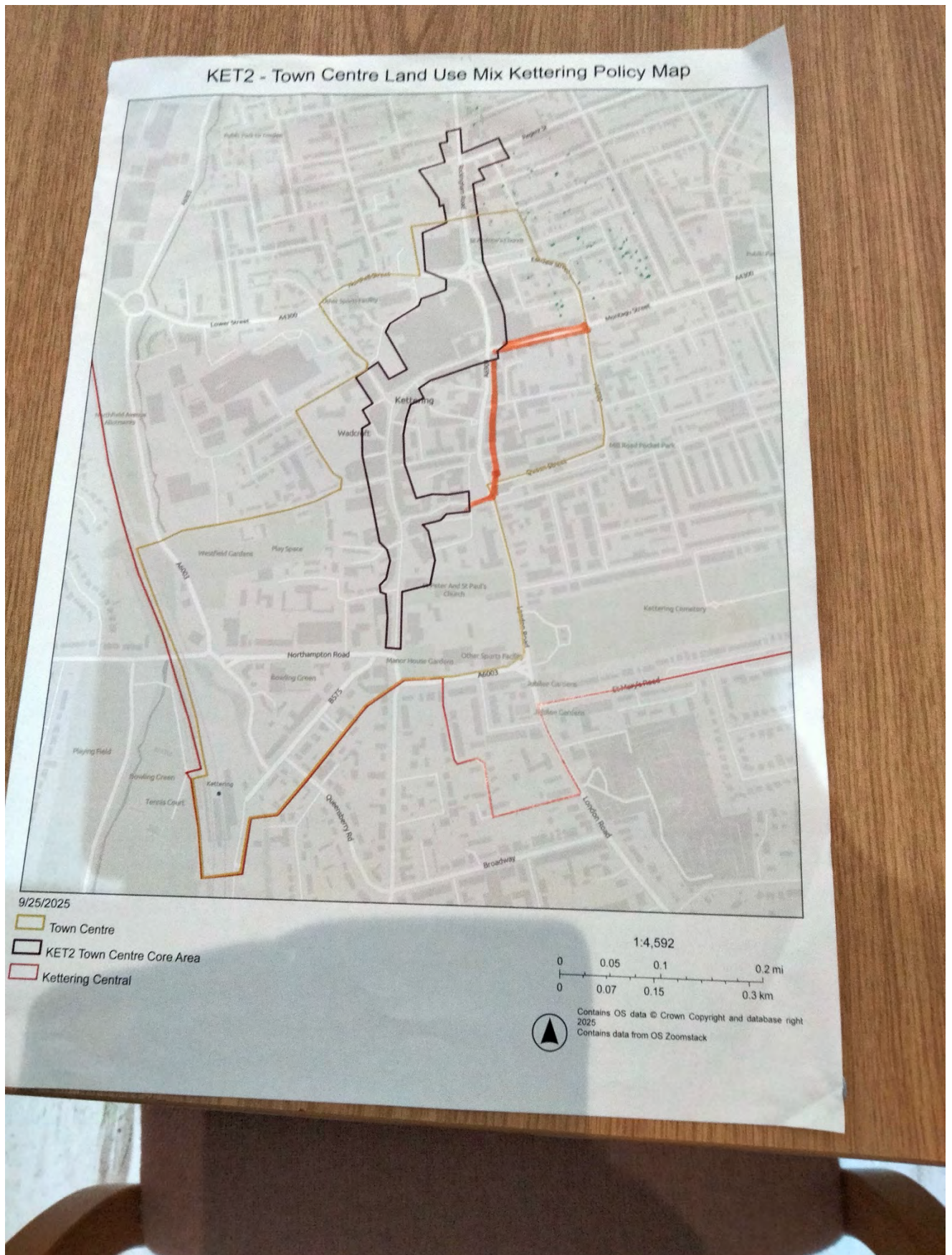
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ObjectID	Do you agree with the mapping of the Core Town Centre?	Should new retail development be directed towards the designated 'core' area, with primary and secondary areas allowed a greater amount of 'mixed use'?	Comments about the Town Centre policy
1	Yes	Yes	
2	Yes	Yes	
3	Yes	Yes	
4	Yes	Yes	
5	Yes	Yes	
<p>Reduce the Core Area, Kettering Town centre development has already fragmented and divided the town centre. Only the High St and Gold St should pedestrianised, why can't we drive up Market St and out onto the Horse Market? It's strange when you drive into Sheep St you find yourself at a strange dead-end awkwardly trying to turn to go back. The wide pavement in front of the library is unnecessary, there aren't that many people walking along there? Reduce the width, allowing 1hr parking and anytime parking in the evenings, this would encourage people to eat in the restaurants, even better make Market Place a parking area for the restaurants before they all close.</p> <p>Improve and utilise the space between Lower, Gold and High Streets for seasonal, food and family activities make it an go to area instead of the Market Place, it's about getting people in the shops. Our town centre, High St and Gold St, looks neglected and unwelcoming. Nice benches, trees, get rid of the tacky clock!</p> <p>It is naive to assume building lots of new houses around Kettering means the current number shops in the town centre will be maintained, the reality is people will drive to Rushden Lakes or small shopping areas around the town.</p> <p>The town centre is in decline, the restaurant quarter was a good idea but it needs parking in the middle of it to encourage people to park, eat and go, possibly a wander in town. Too much emphasis on entertainment in Market Place away from the shops, have activities in the High/Gold/Lower St area instead, this will encourage people into shops. Improve the look of the High/Gold St area, make it welcoming with trees and nice benches.</p> <p>Concentrate on shops only in the High St, Gold St and Lower St and allow flexibility of use of buildings in surrounding areas, encouraging both residential and offices also more parking near them. I know the council doesn't like cars but people like convenience so close and safe parking is essential.</p>			

	<p>Concerning the town centre leisure offer, can certain venues/offers be made into assets of community value? When the pool/snooker club relocates it should be protected. The dance studio above Greggs could be protected. Unique or unusual shops like Geek Retreat, Warhammer, The Yards, and areas like The Marketplace and Kettering Museum need protection. Can any business/developer who wishes to add more cultural offers to the town have their proposals fast tracked, e.g. the opportunity of a boutique cinema or music venue in a cafe? The centre is at its most lively when it hosts summer discos and similar so the more events a town can offer, the better.</p> <p>Silver Street is looking increasingly dilapidated. Should this be a street where all vacant shops are turned into residential buildings as soon as possible to benefit the few successful cafes, pubs and eateries on the street?</p>
	<p>Ket 2 - mixing residential areas with leisure and cultural locations should be avoided to avoid potential conflict in the future. Residential areas should be within the Kettering central area on the periphery but not within the high street where possible.</p>
	<p>I am concerned that the plan does not link the two areas of the town and focus on offices and housing within the current shopping centre area will not bring more people to the town as provision of parking and niche shops or well known brands does not seem to be a priority</p>
	<p>I discussed with an ex-Councillor at the Informal Engagement Meeting about the amount of Kettering retail units being let to Turkish Barbers, Nail Bars and Vape shops. I was told very cheerfully that it's nothing to do with Kettering Council blame North Northants Council. I felt my question was laughably brushed aside. It is with complete sincerity that I say that every Kettering resident that I speak to, says the same thing; "We don't go in to town unless we have to". Surely some encouragement/incentive could be offered to entice actual retailers in to the town.</p>
	<p>KET2 Town Centre Recreation facilities, Health Care, and Dental Facilities should be specifically included in this section. Advertising any products which are detrimental to public health and wellbeing should be banned. E.g. Ultra processed foods, gambling, fast food - See Adfree Cities for further background and guidance. https://adfreecities.org.uk/</p>

	<p>Mostly just as I was mentioning above about accessibility. Please make more of the town accessible to disabled people primarily wheelchair users. Will there be any focus on this and will there be any much needed changes made to the town, shops, infrastructure, businesses, restaurants, and so on to allow more of us to be able to access and be part of our local community instead of making us feel left out, excluded, and making our lives more stressful when trying to go out? (Which is something that is already so limiting for so many of us). And I know that speaking for myself, I am so isolated and put off from going into town from both an accessibility standpoint but also for the lack of things worth going out for. I'd like to see more community spaces, more unique shops, things like bingo and other types of activities to go out for (such as gaming places, cinema, hobby places, quiet relaxing spaces, clubs for adults older than 25, art spaces like pottery shops & art/craft cafes etc).</p>
	<p>Shopping areas - what is sorely lacking is small low rent low commitment units for micro businesses to be able to take a risk. The aim is to maintain the number of units we have, but I think we could have many more, if they were small and low rent etc, giving people a chance of their own business.</p>
	<p>Something that I couldn't spot was a policy on restricting harmful advertising. Both new advertisement hoardings and content. No new advertising should be installed in the neighbourhood plan area, and restrictions on advertising within the area (such as on bus stops) must be included. This would include, but not be limited to, adverts for fast food restaurants and high carbon advertising (flights, petrol and diesel cars and especially highly polluting SUV's, and fossil fuel companies themselves). This would include adverts on vehicles that travel through the town centre, such as buses.</p>
	<p>If the number and quality of the town centre shops were to improve, this would also give an incentive to visitors and increase the footfall.</p>



ObjectID	Do you agree with the policy intent for the Conservation Area
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Comments of the Conservation Area

Ket 3 - architecture should look to remedy the mistakes of the past and reinstall harmonious historical facades where possible.

KET3 Conservation Area Design

Include Secured by Design principles

<https://www.securedbydesign.com/guidance/design-guides>

Conservation - not sure why it was decided to remove the area bounded by Northfield, Lower and Rockingham, but it's a good idea.

ObjectID	Do you agree with the policy intent and sites listed as Areas of Special Character?
1	Yes

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Do you agree with the policy intent for Shopfronts in the		
ObjectID	Town Centre?	Comments
1	Yes	
2	Yes	
3	Yes	
4	Yes	
5		Ket 5 - fully supportive of the SDP and this should include the re provision of shop front awnings (like kafe bloc)
6		KET5 Shopfronts in the Town Centre Light control from signage to promote energy conservation and help with dark skies.
7	yes	KET5 - agree that shop fronts need to be standardised and sympathetic to the character of the town.

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ObjectID	Do you agree with the policy intent for Brownfield Redevelopment?	Please tell us the brownfield site name and address	x	y
1	Yes	Green lane. Single storey building that is adjacent to Victorian flats that I believe have a preservation order. This building has nesting Swifts which are a red listed bird. Any development will need to have Swift boxes incorporated into it.	-0	7249 52 398
2			0	0
3	Yes		0	0
4				
5		KET6 Brownfield Development Include the old Bilsons site in Sackville Street should be included.		
6				

**Other comments about
Brownfield sites**

All brown field sites for redevelopment, identified by other persons, should include Swift bricks and bat bricks to accommodate these red listed mammals and birds.

more social housing (flats, apartments) is needed. Encourage empty shops, buildings in the town to be converted to residential flats, especially any properties close to the railway station or other public transport facilities.

KET6 - infill developments should meet Passivhaus (or higher) standards, for commercial, the highest level of BREEAM should be achieved. I'm aware the neighbourhood plan cannot enforce this, but the higher the standards, the more influence they will have. Alternatively, some new parks and green spaces would be much welcome on brownfield sites.

Do you agree with the policy intent and sites listed as Local Heritage		
ObjectID	Assets	New suggestions
1	Yes	
2		Ket 7 - London road reformed church, speights corner shop
3		ET7 Local Heritage Assets Business Exchange; Salvation Army Citadel; Kettering telephone Exchange for it's Brutalist Architecture.
4		KET7 - the BT exchange is a great example of brutalist architecture.

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ObjectID	Do you agree with the policy intent about Houses in Multiple Occupation?	Do you have any comments to make about this policy area?
1	Yes	I'm happy for limits on HMO's , if anything I would prefer stronger controls and limiting them further.
2	No	The policy should state ' HMO sites should not exceed more than 5% of dwellings '.
3	No	<p>It should be law, that any house of multi-occupancy (more than one family or three persons sharing) is inspected and approved for safety. The council should be accountable for HMOs, not just shrug and say they can't do anything about it.</p> <p>HMO residents often do not care about their homes or environment, for example bins are left littered along narrow pavements. An overload of HMOs in terraced streets leave family home residents with no where to park their cars.</p> <p>If a proper law was passed and councils became accountable for inspecting HMOs, it would reassure home owners that their own homes wouldn't be devalued by delapidated properties. It would also ensure that landlords maintained home safety for their tenants.</p>
4	Yes	<p>This policy omits housing for “vulnerable “ adults (the amount in an area)and the lack of regulation of such properties who may house individuals with “ special needs” and some who may present challenging and sometimes alarming and antisocial behaviours that can significantly affect the quality of life of neighbours. (It only takes one or two individuals who may cause significant upset and agitation to the neighbourhood!) and undermines goodwill for such living situations.</p> <p>These properties with multi layered ownership models often arrive by “ stealth “ with little or no PR and frustrating trouble in getting any or meaningful response when issues are raised.</p>
	Yes	Ket 8 - fully supportive of the proposed 10% limit for HMOs as well as bringing all HMO applications within the planning framework for scrutiny
		Housing how will cars for houses be accommodated and possible over use of hmos in a small area with a transient population if not well planned with little or no commitment to the town

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HMOs are not right on any level. Would you live like that?
<p>Ket8: HMO. In my opinion action for this should be a priority, streets are already losing their identity as a residential street for couple or family homes. Parking for the family car is becoming impossible as streets are overtaken with HMOs.</p> <p>I think Regulations should be in place for all landlords of HMO over three residents. Look at the point of a HMO resident when the landlord doesn't have any health and safety rules to abide to, there are fire tragedies waiting to happen.</p> <p>Try and negotiate a narrow terraced street with a mobility scooter and you will find endless refuse bins block your path, strange that the majority of these bins belong to HMO properties. Make landlords responsible for all aspects of letting out their property to multiple occupants. I would like to see the local authorities take Ket8 a step further and look at buildings like the purpose built HMO (bottom of Northampton Road) that stands idle and boarded up, surely such places should be open and in use.</p>
<p>I am concerned that your map displaying the current HMO's is not indicative of reality. I am a resident of Carlton Street of which your map has identified 2 HMO's (one of which is actually 2 separate HMO's in itself). I know for a fact that this is considerably less than the actual number of properties on Carlton Street that are being used as HMO's. If there is criteria that limits what is being considered a HMO that has discounted these properties then I would ask that it is reconsidered. There are a number of properties on Carlton street being used by Middle aged men, hospital workers and students that are not present on your map. There are also a number of properties that have recently been sold that are in the process of being converted at present into HMOs.</p>
<p>HMO's - most do not hold enough people to be subject to planning so are under the radar. In Oxford Street and Bayes Street alone, there are at least 15! Most are not licensed. Bring in licensing for them all regardless of size and enforce the cleanliness of the neighbourhood. It's a shocking mess.</p>
<p>KET8 - I want to see a similar system to Corby, where all HMOs come to planning. Also, limits on the number of HMOs in areas.</p>

Do you agree with the policy intent about Energy	
ObjectID	Efficiency? Do you have any comments to make about this policy area?
1	Yes
2	Yes
3	Yes All car parks owned by private or public bodies should have solar panning over them within the next two years or asap.
4	Yes Puzzled why it appears the majority of extensive new build / development around the town environs don't automatically have solar panels etc as compulsory . Particularly in the light of recent bad publicity surrounding govt supported energy efficiency schemes installed poorly by agents/ " approved contractors (causing significant problems) in older buildingscare needs to be exercised about these installers , their knowledge and quality of work and the appropriateness of such work given the age and type of building. Householders also need to be able to afford such initiatives.
5	It would also help if KET9 (Energy Efficiency) encouraged green incentives like solar and heat pump funding for homes, or local discount schemes rewarding sustainable travel and shopping in the town centre
6	Ket 9 - likely to prove costly and impact the markets' desire to come forward to regenerate buildings in the future.
7	No KET9 Energy Efficiency Nonsense! What is the carbon footprint of a solar panel?
8	KET9 Energy Efficiency This is covered by Building Regulations Part L1. The include the 'BREEAM UK New Construction: Residential' as a requirement would be a way to guarantee sustainability of new and extended dwellings. This is a standard developed by the Building Research Establishment (BRE) to assess the quality and sustainability of new homes in the UK. It focuses on factors such as energy efficiency, occupant well-being, and environmental impact. https://breeam.com/breeam-uk-new-construction-residential
9	KET9 - Agree with all proposals, heat pumps, wall insulation, rainwater harvesting, all should be included.

**Do you agree
with the policy
intent for
Biodiversity
and Green**

ObjectID Infrastructure? How could Bakehouse Hill be redeveloped?

1	Yes	Incorporating Swift nesting sites to this area and other areas will increase potential biodiversity.
2	Yes	Increasing the amount of new native trees and shrubs into all areas of Kettering would increase biodiversity and create corridors for wildlife. For example, Northampton road, would benefit from trees all along it. This will also create shade for surrounding structures and vehicles in our ever increasing climate emergency.
3	Yes	That clock another penny pinching disaster , graffiti honeypot and eyesore! So almost anything would be better as a meeting/ social space which would improve the look and significance of this significant junction in the town! Credit to the council the parks dept (unlike other council operations) generally does a grand job in planting, trees and wild flower areas and upkeep of cemeteries and parks.
4		I would like a nice play area for kids,or any other activities for kids,(for example doing art)and a nice sitting area for adults to grab a drink.There are many obese people,or many people struggling with mental health so an affordable place to do exercise would be nice
5	No	The plan needs to be fully reflective of the whole community. Overall the plan seems to do this however some of the plan appears to be part political, for example Ket 10. This should be discounted from the KNP in its entirety. This is party political and reads more like a Green Party manifesto.
6		KET 10 - with respect to tree roots on pathways. Does this mean you propose to get rid of trees that have roots uprooting pavements, regardless of age/maturity. Also does this mean the taking down of these trees will be done without consent of the neighbourhood in which the trees are placed?

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7	I'm unsure on this but as already mentioned I do want to make sure that whatever spaces are made or altered etc to be considerate of disabled people and accessibility in general. This includes green spaces and infrastructure. Also to keep areas as safe as possible as some may not want to go to any of these space if they feel unsafe or unwelcome.
8	Streets - more trees please, especially in North Kettering Victorian areas which are just concrete tarmac and brick. Council removed trees and shrubs some years ago. We need green.
9	KET10 - Agree again, however, I would like to see the areas on the map that do not have any green spaces have some created.

How could the site be redesigned? What should its purpose be? What features should it have? What would make this a better place to spend time?

KET10: BAKEHOUSE HILL



Green roofs.



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ObjectID	Do you agree with the policy intent and sites listed as Local Green Spaces?	Tell us more about how you use these green spaces:	Comments/ new suggestions
1	Yes	All of this. Include equipment for older children and adults, such as outdoor gyms and freestanding basket ball hoops.	
2	No	All green spaces identified should not be built upon. They should be enriched with further native trees, bushes and shrubs to encourage biodiversity.	
3	Yes	<p>Critical for local feeling of well being, connectivity to nature and encourage one to pause , relax and enjoy .</p> <p>Credit the parks dept (and treasury to fund) who (thank goodness) do sterling work and with their care put on a good display (flower boxes) diversity of trees and preservation of Victorian stock in cemeteries and park , parkland areas which is at least one thing Kettering can be proud of.</p> <p>We need to protect (stop becoming no go ghettos) and continue to develop such areas. Wild flowers on roundabouts and in meadow road were very welcome and inspiring. Upkeep of seats important too and protection of allotments . Maintaining and adding to collection of rarer trees is important.</p> <p>Having said that larger established trees (important to preserve!) in St Peter's and Tennyson Rd need pollarding and urgently managing as tops too big etc</p>	
4			<p>KET11 Local Green Spaces</p> <p>Add areas: between Northfield Avenue and the rail track (opposite Meadow Road Park);</p> <p>Northfield Avenue allotments;</p> <p>Bowling Green (part of Bowls Club) on Northampton Road.</p>
5	Yes	KET11 - Absolutely agree with the designation of these areas as Local Green Spaces and the protection that will be afforded to them.	

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ObjectID	Do you agree with the policy intent for Movement and Connectivity?	Please tell us what type of missing link you have identified and how it could be used	There are several car parks in the neighbourhood plan area. Do you think any of the town centre car parks could be assigned for multiple uses eg shoppers in the day and residents over night. If so, which car parks?	Comments
1		Cycle and pedestrian route from Leisure village over the train line to the bottom of Station road. This will provide easier access to the train station to residents living on the west side of the train track.	All car parks should have solar panels over them.	
2	Yes			
3				Implement the local cycling and walking plan.
4		The plan could highlight missing links for cyclists between Rockingham Road, the town centre, and Northfield Avenue, where uneven surfaces and unclear markings currently discourage active travel. These routes could form part of a connected green corridor linking existing parks and green spaces to promote safe, low-carbon travel and recreation.		Under KET12 (Movement and Connectivity), could cycling incentives be added, such as grants for e-bikes, local hire schemes, or partnerships with employers for cycle-to-work access?
5				I strongly support the neighbourhood plan's focus on sustainability and improving movement around the town. However, cycling needs much stronger representation. The current VOI rental scheme only supports e-scooters, and local cyclists face significant safety barriers such as potholes, poor road markings, and dangerous driving. I was personally involved in an RTC where the driver was found at fault, which shows how unsafe current conditions can be. The plan should prioritise safer cycling infrastructure, maintenance, and incentives for sustainable transport.
6		Re active travel: a park and ride for the Kettering General Hospital would be a huge opportunity to help relieve the parking situation for outpatients and hospital visitors. I feel Kettering streets would feel safer at night if street lighting was brighter.		

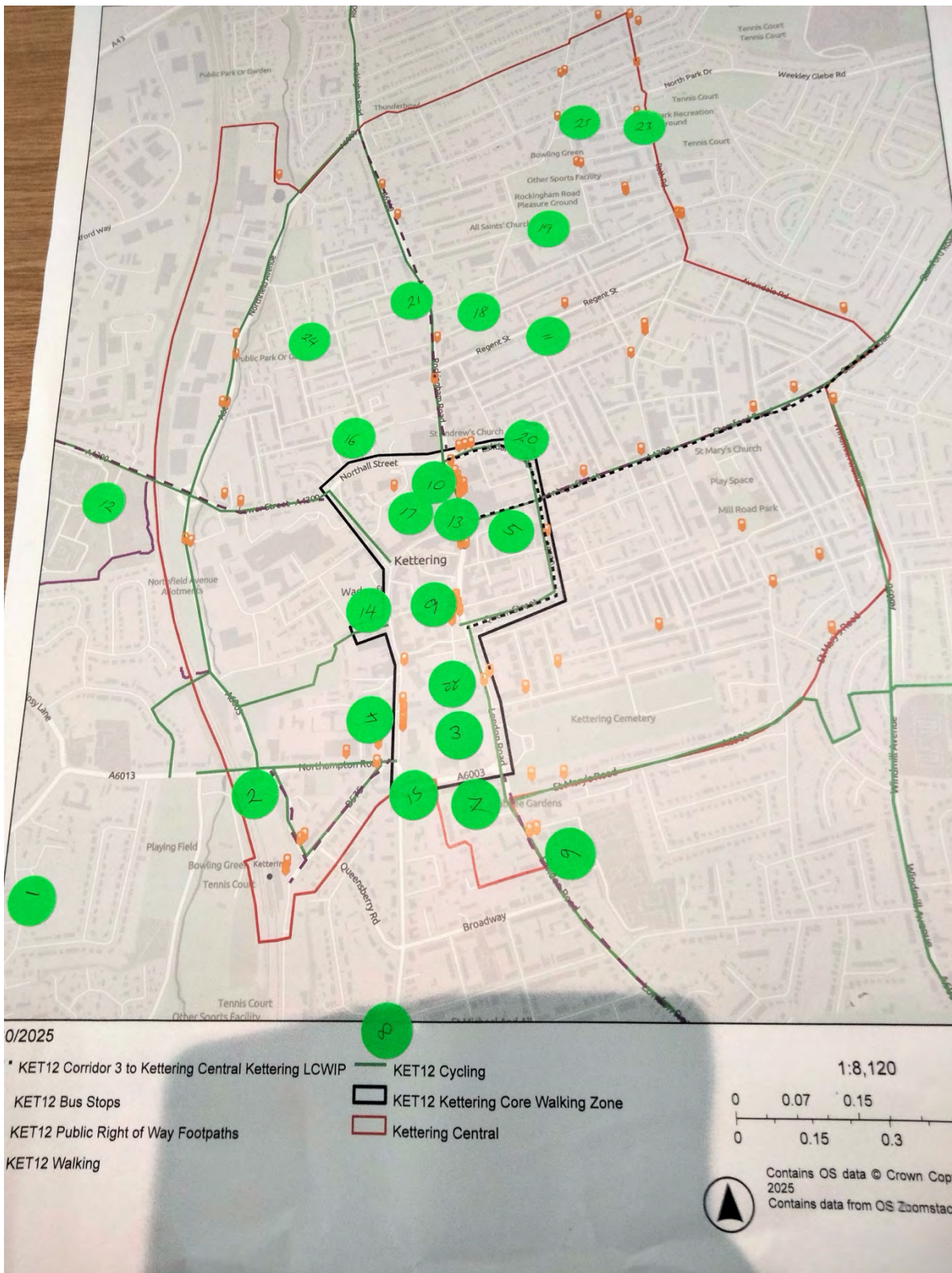
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7		<p>KET12 Movement and Connectivity Include provision for traffic calming measures.</p>
8		<p>I didn't notice anything in regards to accessibility for disabled people, especially those of us who use and rely on mobility aids such as manual and powered wheelchairs. There needs to be focus, time, money, and effort put into making the town more accessible for disabled people. I struggle immensely as a wheelchair user, especially using my manual wheelchair, it is so hard to get around due to poor infrastructure, poor and broken paving which puts my chair at risk of damage and has caused me incidents and is dangerous, many hills and steep inclines, lack of suitable ramps or suitable access routes, lack of shops with flat and wide door entry which excludes those that can't leave their chairs (as many have a step or more to get in) and forces me to miss many shops and restaurants as I do not want to flare up my symptoms just because places are so inaccessible, and therefore I avoid giving places my custom. I feel very excluded from being able to access my own town and community.</p>
9	<p>Provision should be considered for people to travel across the town centre without there being conflict between pedestrians and cyclists/e-scooters riders. There is a gap in the LCWIP missing from East to West, which could include Broadway or Bowling Green Road. Non-standard and specialised bicycles, such as cargo bikes and trikes, as well as power chairs and mobility scooters, should be regarded.</p>	<p>KET12 - Kettering needs to transition to a town based on much-reduced car use. Active travel and public transport need the highest priority on our roads. People do not cycle on the road if they do not feel safe to do so, so dedicated LTN1/20 compliant infrastructure is essential. Private e-scooters will be legalised, and moving them away from pedestrians will be key. Secure manned cycle parking to ensure that people can leave their bicycles safely is needed.</p>

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1. [OUTSIDE NA] Walk from KLV to town – via Spinney, FP Railway bridge into town – POSITIVE
2. Walking under railway bridge on Northampton Rd, cyclists don't dismount despite notices, joggers and pedestrians clash – NEGATIVE
3. In town is quite easy to access where to go if able bodied or on mobility scooter – POSITIVE
4. Piccadilly buildings – opposite – people are now parking there to go to Turkish barbers
5. Montagu St – double parking/pavement parking – NEGATIVE – being addressed by new counterflow cycle lane
6. London Road – e-scooters dangerous and come too close – NEGATIVE – this is a shared path and e-scooters legal on it
7. Bowling Green Ave. meets London Rd – have to be careful as cars still come around fast
8. [OUTSIDE NA] If you walk from from Leisure Village after dark there is no lighting on the bridge at the end of headlands, also issue for children/staff walking home late from bishop stopford
9. [OUTSIDE NA] Interchange needs cleaning up – fountain going, slabs have no grip so dangerous in winter
10. ? steps Newland St dirty – feels undesirable to wait after night
11. Bus service needed around town in the past a shuttle bus was not used enough so cancelled, but there are now more people. Should include the hospital route
12. [OUTSIDE NA] ?Ride for general hospital, parking a nightmare (eg use old odeon site), buses don't stop at an easy place. Also P&R that goes to train station
13. Cycling coming out of Newland St into Silver Street is dangerous as cars not expecting oncoming traffic. Will improve when Montagu Street contraflow is in.
14. Green lines go into town – town is just a destination but not a good route for cycling
15. Bowling Green Rd should be safe for cycling as it is a route to station and connection
16. Northall St not connected for almost complete route to town centre
17. How about covered cycle racks with green roofs to bring pollinators
18. Terraced streets could have cycle hangers
19. Could builders of new houses pay for street cycle hangers, especially in flats. There are people who can't cycle due to no storage at home. Communal bike storage place?
20. With units of flats make sure each has sufficient safe covered cycle storage
21. E-scooters – children using and parents take kids to school on them, adults on bikes on and off pavements
22. E-scooters and ebikes need to be well managed, plenty of places where you know you will get one, avoid them getting knocked over
23. Cycle routes need to go to designations not just the town centre, eg where people go, like hospital, parks, sportsfields
24. Pavement parking due to number of cars – have to walk in road & narrow streets
25. Eliminate rat runs eg Burghley St, Masefield Rd, Avondale Rd

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① Walk from XLV to town - it's a nice walk. Go via spinney, no railway bridge into town. Positive.

② Walking under railway bridge on Normanton Rd - cyclists don't dismount despite notices. Also joggers can be a dash with pedestrians, eg hit shoulders.

③ Intown is quite easy to access with mobility scooter. Where to go to (Mable bodied). Had good experience walking in town. people are now parking there (eg to go to Turkish barbers).

④ Acadell buildings - opposite Montagu St - double parking pavement parking is a problem (will be solved by new contraflow cycle lane).

⑤ Walking along London Rd - scooters are dangerous and some too close (didn't realise cycle lane).

Benning Green Ave needs London Rd - have to be really careful. Cars still come round.

Fyver walk from Benning Green village after dark there is no lighting on the bridge at the end of leadlands. Also issue for children/staff walking home late in winter from Bishop Stortford.

interchange - needs cleaning up + fountain going. Slabs have no grip so dangerous when going across in winter. Look nice but not so ideal for walking.

stops Newland St - dirty. Feels like undesirable place to wait after night. More people now though so more needed.

route needed around town, in past a swindle bus not used enough so cancelled.

to include hospital in route. eg use old clean site.

Ride for general hospital - parking a nightmare.

P+R that goes to train station.

coming out of Newland into Silver St is dangerous as cars not expecting

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13. Cycling - ~~down~~ coming out of Newland into Silver St is dangerous as cars not expecting oncoming traffic. Will improve when the Montagu St contraflow is in.

14. Green lines go into town - town is just a destination but not good through routes for cycling.

15. Bowling Green Lane Rd should be safe for cycling as it is major station and east-west connection.

16. Almost but not complete route around town centre for safe cycling, eg Northall St not connected.

7. How about covered cycle racks with green roofs to bring pollinators

8. On terraced streets could have cycle hangers

9. Could builders of new houses pay for street cycle hangers - especially people in flats

10. With units of flats make sure each has sufficient safe covered secure cycle storage.

11. Scooters - children using and parents take kids to school on them. Adults on bikes.

12. Scooters + ebikes - need to be well-managed, not left anywhere, plenty there, you know you will get onto lots of spots to get from. Get knocked over, like hospital, parks, sports fields.

Pavement parking due to number of cars. Have to walk in road.

& narrow streets

Climate rat runs eg Burghley St, Masefield Rd, Avondale Rd.

Other - Non-Policy Specific Matters
<p>All sounds reasonable. Buildings need to be used or town ends up looking so scruffy.</p>
<p>I would like to see the council and the towns people taking pride in their town. Maybe a campaign encouraging locals to look after the outside of their own property or even just round the corner from them as well. Everywhere is SO scruffy making it an unpleasant place to live in.. depressing.</p>
<p>Perhaps it might be better to not cut down trees in order to build yet more houses in Barton Seagrave</p>
<p>Are we including a Community Infrastructure Levy in the Plan? Is there any provision for a Community Right to Build (to help avoid certain planning requirements) in association with the Plan?</p>
<p>I know it's NNC responsibility, but why is street cleansing a thing of the past? At least in my area (Northfield) it is, We pay for it so why is it left to the Wombles and community picks?</p>
<p>Transport - years ago, local firms and agencies ran minibuses for employees as buses do not go to areas of employment. Bring these back. Every agency or warehouse job expects you to have a driving licence because public transport is so poor. Minibuses would increase the employability of people, especially young people with no licence. Parks - please please get NNC to maintain them. They are an asset just left to decay.</p>
<p>Will there be any government funding for upkeep and conservation of Kettering's historical buildings?</p>

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KETTERING TOWN FORUM 1ST OCTOBER 2025 Workshop Feedback

Movement (Table 1) see separate map

Questions posed	Responses
<p>Are there missing connections in the cycling and pedestrian routes across town</p>	<p>Pedestrian routes into town are fine even if some of them a bit dark at night</p> <p>Some cyclist-pedestrian conflicts</p> <p>Navigating the route from Newland Dt to Silver St for a cyclist doesn't feel safe.</p> <p>Getting into town on a bike is ok, but getting across town is much more difficult</p> <p>Cycle routes should take people not just to the town centre but also to</p> <p>Northall Street is a gap in the cycle network around the town centre. Bowling Green Rd could have better provision.</p> <p>Provide secure cycle storage with green roofs in the town centre; cycle storage in terraced street for residents there ; funded by developer contributions.</p> <p>Requirement that all new flats have secure and covered cycle storage</p> <p>Double parking on Montagu St and Silver St impedes pedestrians and cyclists</p> <p>Voi scooters a pedestrian hazard and some users not safe or sensible. Bikes are discarded at end of journey and the scheme not well managed.</p>
<p>Public transport improvements</p>	<p>Both bus interchanges are dirty and feel unsafe</p> <p>Lack of a shuttle service round town, taking in hospital and station</p>
<p>Are there opportunities for "play on the way" between locations?</p>	<p>Not addressed</p>
<p>Favourite routes which can be highlighted as best practice?</p>	<p>Pedestrian routes from west of town into town centre valued .</p>
<p>Car park usage – can car parks have a broader role?</p>	<p>Park and ride for general hospital and links to railway station</p>

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Other issues	Eliminate rat running around Burghley St, Masefield Rd and Avondale Rd Pavements parked on in terraced streets, impeding movement
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Town centres (table 2)

Questions posed	Responses
Key Buildings	
How should key buildings be used in the future ?	<p>Increase leisure and activity uses – e.g. snooker club in M&S building. Need for a cinema and arts provision</p> <p>Cautious interest in the possibility of other business use rather than community or retail, for some properties particularly: anything active that would be a draw to go and experience eg workshops, youth centre, pottery studio, music studio.</p> <p>Reluctant acceptance that including flats in redevelopments could fund other community facilities.</p> <p>Support to make more buildings multi-purpose</p> <p>Need for an indoor market</p> <p>Flats in mixed use buildings should only be 1 and 2 bedroom, and should not be marketed for families</p>
Focus on pool, Drovers Hall and Manor house museum area	<p>Pool – strong support for its retention in the town centre. Broadly same footprint. More intensive use of the site – 2 storey building, with 2-3 pools, disabled access, fitness studio, café/restaurant , private gym, soft play and volunteer hub New entrance onto Bowling Green Rd to link with bus stop. Cycle racks . Green environment. Keep Drovers Hall separate</p> <p>Museum using it for activities, as a multi-use centre not just a museum. Eg - standing museum displays but also be used as workshop space, adult learning, theatre workshops, kids hub in the holidays etc. Link to history walking routes. Kettering history was attractive as a walking route. It was felt nobody would go there unless it was a location you had to seek out for a specific purpose. Needs to attract more footfall in a tucked away location, and feel safer in the evenings.</p>
Land Use Mix	
What is the core of the town centre?	<p>Most people were broadly supportive of this policy. Some suggestion of variation in which streets should be included in the ‘core area’. Some people were worried that there would be a loss of shops if more flats etc were introduced to the town centre in the secondary area. How could you make sure they were the kind of flats that had people in them that shopped locally?</p>

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	The core area should include Montagu St and both sides of Horsemarket and Silver St from Queen St northwards.
Mix of uses in core area compared to outside of core area?	Flats above shops not usually happy neighbours Potential for London Rd to be more heavily residential
Shopfronts policy	Supported in current form. Concentrate on restoring the shop fronts of the old Co-Op buildings across from the Newlands Centre

Urban areas (table 3)

Questions posed	Responses
Brownfield sites Have we missed sites?	Drill Hall/former YMCA site needed to be brought back into use particularly to provide housing for those most in need.
How should these sites be treated/	Other sites should not be exclusively residential and all should include an element of green space,.
HMOs Do you agree with the policy intent?	A concentration of HMOs changed the character of a street; resulted in less care of buildings and the environment because they created a more transitory population and this in turn discouraged settled families from moving to these areas, creating a cycle of decline.
Any other points?	Conversion to homes for looked after children often brought same pressures as HMOs and generated a lot of staff parking and movement pressures throughout the day and night.

Heritage (table 4)

Questions posed	Responses
Conservation area Do you agree with the policy?	No issues. Everyone clear that this is A Good Thing
Areas of special character Do you agree with the proposed list of areas?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oxford St and Bayes St not supported - Some felt the area should be expanded to include Dryden and Buccleuch St.; - Suggestion that Rockingham Road be included, although general acknowledgement that the inconsistency of grand/less grand, well-maintained/less-well-maintained would make this difficult. - Suggestions that the area incorporating the Pleasure Park (loss of paddling pool bemoaned) and Loakes' factory designation should also include the 2 Kettering Park schools
Local Heritage assets Do you agree with the proposed list?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add St Andrew's School, Grafton Street - Add in William Kibb Centre - Add in Salvation Army Citadel on Rockingham Road - Point raised over "the towers of Kettering" – factories, schools etc. – as worthy of special consideration/protection.

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	– Suggestion on still-functioning factories (i.e. leather factory on Bath Road) – should we seek to protect them in some way
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Environment (table 5)

Questions posed	Responses
Energy efficiency - is policy OK?	Accepting that Passiv House standard is not achievable, aim for a new “Future Homes “ standard which improves the quality of build and workmanship in new housing etc
Biodiversity	Green roofs Pollinator encouragement/infrastructure Trees and wild flowers; bat boxes Swift boxes in new buildings.
Design a treatment for Bakehouse Hill	Ideas put forward for better street furniture, green roofs , tree planting, grassed areas and a canopy like the Market Place Remove clock Relate market to High St
Local Green Spaces Do you agree with the long list of sites for added protection?	Strong support for policy objective Some of these need to feel safer and have more security – Mill Rd/Carey St area, Grafton Rd park ;[- cctv; patrols, reducing crime Expand hanging baskets scheme to terraced streets. Better management of planting beds in town centre and more planting in town centre streets which lack it – eg Market St Improve how gardens near Corn Market Hall and corner of St Mary’s Rd are managed, used and designed More active use of parks – toilets, bins, sports facilities

London Rd development site (table 6)

Questions posed	Responses
Are the plans provided by the developers taking the site in the right direction?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 03 preferred one – two blocks of flats, whilst some favoured more parking it was obvious that getting more units would be better overall • Luxury apartments, depending on demographic occupants may want an additional parking space + Visitor spaces

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Height of the buildings needed to be managed so that it did not have an overbearing impact • No support to a restaurant on site but gym space supported is favourable but mixed reports on this as • Some communal garden area preferred • Covered Bike Store (Externally) • No issues on access to the site and driving in - good thoughts into not making Market Street end the main access for everyone due to bottle necking issues. • S106 - Community responses say this is more monetary rather than within design. Some ideas floated about regarding a play area or green space, but argument relates to existing green space near the church. • London Rd blank frontage - brick wall to be made a feature, Options include Green wall, Interactive Wall With information on site's history, Modern Art
Older buildings on north of the site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Retention of older buildings supported – Public Toilets proposal is a huge benefit – No support for café on site – Police social club site Horsemarket – this needed protection given its history as a school . Potential non café uses discussed with interested parties.

Gala Bingo Site (table 7)

Questions posed	Responses
Does the planning application for a commercial/residential redevelopment feel right for the site?	There was little support for residential units within the development, and a mixed commercial/entertainment use was preferred. The viability of this was debated; the owner was willing to consider proposals from third parties and to work with them to deliver a different future for the site, but he was determined to get the site developed in the next 1-2 years.
	On another table, it was suggested that it be turned into a leather market, featuring local suppliers and also outlet for local leather goods/shoe producers

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REGULATION 14 ANALYSIS NOTE OF STATUTORY BODY AND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIONS

APRIL 2026

1. Introduction

1.1 This note summarises the representations made by the statutory bodies on the Pre-Submission version of the Kettering Central Neighbourhood Plan (KCNP) during its 'Regulation 14' consultation period which ran from the 2nd February to 23rd March 2026. It concludes by recommending main modifications to the KCNP so that it may be submitted to the local planning authority North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) to arrange for its final consultation, examination and referendum.

2. Representations

2.1 Representations have been received from:

- Blueprint Architectural Design (landowner KET1)
- Environment Agency
- Historic England
- National Highways
- Natural England
- North Northamptonshire Council (Planning Policy)
- North Northamptonshire Council (Flood and Water Officer)

2.2 The other statutory consultees were consulted but none have made representations.

2.3 Natural England and National Highways were in support of the Neighbourhood Plan and its contents and raised no specific issues.

3. Analysis - updated April 2026 following Advisory Panel (AP), meeting 2nd April.

3.1 The representations include suggested modifications to the policies and supporting text of the document. This note focuses only on those of greater substance as all those referencing editorial updates can be addressed by the group in finalising the document.

3.2 Blueprint Architectural Designed noted that the mapping for KET1 Magistrates and Former Police Station omitted the listed buildings fronting onto Horsemarket. **Suggest ONH update policy mapping.** Agreed by AP

3.3 The **Environment Agency** were supportive of the plan and make specific reference to KET10. They welcome proposed improvements to the Slade Brook and note the potential for Natural Flood Management Benefits. It highlights that works to the watercourse will require a Flood Risk Activity Permit and may require detailed flood risk assessment and modelling to ensure no increase in flood risk. **The NP recognises the importance of ensuring that any proposed interventions to the Slade Brook are supported by appropriate technical assessment and regulatory compliance, as per**

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relevant consenting regimes and national policy. No changes to the policy are deemed necessary but the supporting text can be updated to reflect the requirement. Agreed by AP

- 3.4 **Historic England** (HE) is broadly supportive of the Plan and its approach to the historic environment. It suggests referencing heritage assets and their settings within the Background section, and recommends rewording Objective 1 (Character) to more clearly reflect the NPPF as follows:

*“Kettering town centre will be a place with its own distinct identity. Development will strengthen local character and identity, accentuate the positive features of Kettering and its people and ~~enhance the setting of heritage assets~~ **sustain and enhance heritage assets and their settings**”* Agreed by AP

- 3.5 HE also recommends referencing heritage designations within KET1, including the Grade II listed status of the Royal Hotel, **which the AP may wish to consider incorporating.** Agreed by AP
- 3.6 The inclusion of Listed Buildings on the Policies Map is also suggested; however, these are already identified through [NNC's Interactive mapping](#). This is not seen as a necessary change, as the NP does not address Listed Buildings within land use policies.
- 3.7 NNC has provided a detailed response which is set out in the table below.
- 3.8 A further response was received from NNC after the deadline. As such this was not included in the original draft report but have been included after the table below for completeness.

Section/ Policy	Issue	Comments
North Northants Council - Planning Policy response to the Kettering Central Neighbourhood Plan Reg 14 Consultation		
Introduction	<p>the paragraph numbering is incorrect.</p> <p>The first para 6 refers to the Plan covering the period up to 2044. The North Northants Local Plan covers the period up to 2045, for consistency it may be preferable to run the NP up to 2045 as well.</p>	<p>Paragraph numbering to be corrected. <i>Agreed by AP</i></p> <p>Plan period should be updated to align with NNC Local Plan. <i>Agreed by AP</i></p>
Profile section para 6	<p>the call for sites 2022 represents proposals from landowners and promoters, these are not necessarily sites that will come forward as part of the Local Plan review. It is suggested that the remainder of this sentence be deleted after the words Kettering Energy Park, with further sites coming forward on the NNC Call for Sites in 2022, principally development of the urban extension at Hanwood Park</p>	<p>AP to consider deletion of wording. <i>Agreed by AP</i></p>
Profile section para 14	<p>the Local Plan timetable has been amended, so this can be updated as follows, a draft plan is now anticipated to be consulted upon (Reg 18) in late 2026, with submission in 2027.</p>	<p>Suggest updating relevant wording <i>Agreed by AP</i></p>
KET1 Key Buildings	<p>there is no requirement to repeat regulations that are set out elsewhere in guidance, therefore the need to include under site A, criterion (ii) is questioned. This is similarly repeated under site C (viii).</p> <p>The requirement to include a minimum of 10sqm private balcony space per apartment is not understood under site A (criterion iii) What is the justification for this? Whilst it is acceptable to propose that such an initiative would be supported, I see no evidence to insist on its requirement.</p>	<p>Suggest AP consider removal of criterion (ii) under site A and criterion (viii) under site C <i>Agreed by AP</i></p> <p>The Design and Placemaking Planning Practice Guidance reinforces that well-designed homes must support health and wellbeing and provide a high standard of amenity. It also makes clear that specific and measurable design standards are most</p>

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Section/ Policy	Issue	Comments
	<p>Under site C a number of the criteria include the word “must”. (this then repeats in a number of policy criteria elsewhere in the Plan). The use of the word must in policy is not generally supported. “Must” implies a mandatory obligation which should not be set in policy without a clear justification. It allows no flexibility, are these requirements critical for the development proposal to go ahead? This requires robust evidence to support the fact that the policy is not deliverable, justified or effective without the requirement being referred to being met. My response would be to replace with a word to encourage or support the proposal etc, which has been the approach under other policies contained within your Plan.</p>	<p>appropriately set at the local level. The requirement for minimum balcony space is therefore considered a locally derived standard intended to ensure that private outdoor space is genuinely usable and contributes to residential amenity and wellbeing, consistent with national policy objectives. However, it is accepted that without viability evidence it cannot be mandated but strongly encouraged.</p> <p>Suggest updating the policy wording to state that development should provide high-quality, usable private outdoor space for each dwelling to support health and wellbeing.</p> <p>As a guide, this should normally meet or exceed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 sqm for 1–2 person dwellings • An additional 1 sqm per additional occupant <p>Larger balconies (circa 8–10 sqm) are strongly encouraged to ensure functional usability.</p> <p>Where this cannot be achieved, proposals must demonstrate how alternative provision (e.g. communal space) delivers equivalent amenity.</p> <p>Agreed by AP</p> <p>As noted above with no viability evidence, it would be appropriate to replace references to “must” to support/encourage in KET1 Not Agreed by AP</p>

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Section/ Policy	Issue	Comments
	<p>Under C (v) delete the word “only”</p> <p>Under C (viii) and (ix) comments referred to above also apply.</p>	<p>Wording to be amended. Agreed by AP</p> <p>Noted. Agreed by AP</p>
KET3 Conservation Area Design	<p>Criterion C uses numbering for its criteria, whereas other policy criteria use roman numerals, need to keep consistent. Can they be referred to as Site 1,2 etc and set out in roman numerals?</p> <p>Under C 5 <i>height, scale and materials have a negative impact on the setting Any redevelopment must be undertaken with the utmost... A fullstop is missing after the word “setting”.</i></p> <p>Criterion E rather than must, <i>will be expected to....</i></p> <p>Criterion F Replace word <i>sets</i> with <i>setts</i></p>	<p>Amend to align formatting. Agreed by AP</p> <p>To be corrected. Agreed by AP</p> <p>Suggest wording updated. Agreed by AP to be updated to “should”</p> <p>To be corrected. Agreed by AP</p>
KET4 Areas of Special Character	delete A. from the last paragraph.	To be amended. Agreed by AP
KET5 Shopfronts in the Town Centre	Propose reword as follows: <i>Proposals for new and altered shopfronts must will be expected to be of high quality and respect the local character of ...</i>	AP to consider amended policy wording. Not Agreed by AP
KET6 Brownfield Development	<p>use of the word must throughout the policy, suggest amending to be expected to, or words to that effect.</p> <p>From Criterion C suggest delete the last sentence <i>The demographic information bore out the case for this provision. A good example to follow was the development on Reservoir Rd</i> This is not directly relevant to the policy, it could be captured better in the supporting text.</p>	<p>AP to consider amended policy wording. Not Agreed by AP</p> <p>AP to consider removing this sentence from the policy wording and moving into the supporting text. Agreed by AP</p>

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Section/ Policy	Issue	Comments
	Inconsistencies in use of numbering criteria, use roman numerals throughout.	To be amended. Agreed by AP
KET8 Houses in Multiple Occupation	What is the evidence/justification for requiring HMOs not to exceed 10% of the residual properties within a 100m radius of the application site? And what constitutes exceptional circumstances, how is this going to be interpreted for a planning application?	<p>Suggested further justification which could be added to the supporting text:</p> <p>The mapping of HMOs within the neighbourhood area, as shown on the Policies Map, demonstrates that they are spatially concentrated in particular streets rather than evenly distributed. Evidence shows that where HMOs cluster within short distances, there are increased impacts on residential amenity, including parking stress, waste storage issues and pedestrian safety concerns.</p> <p>The 100m radius has been selected as an appropriate and proportionate area within which to assess concentration, reflecting the scale at which such cumulative impacts are most clearly experienced. This approach provides a consistent and transparent method for decision-making.</p> <p>The 10% threshold is intended as a precautionary benchmark to prevent harmful over-concentration of HMOs before it arises. It ensures that HMOs remain dispersed across the neighbourhood, thereby supporting mixed and balanced communities, whilst still allowing such accommodation to contribute towards meeting local housing needs. This approach is consistent with established planning practice, where numerical thresholds and proximity-based assessments are used to manage clustering and avoid adverse cumulative impacts.</p> <p>Overall, the policy provides a balanced and locally responsive framework that supports the delivery of shared housing while protecting the amenity, character, and functionality of existing residential areas.</p>

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		<p>In terms of defining exception circumstances and given the comments made by MIND (see Community responses) it is proposed to amend the policy wording to provide clarity as follows:</p> <p>Where the threshold has been exceeded, proposals will only be supported in exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>Exceptional circumstances will be limited to proposals that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide supported or specialist accommodation to meet an identified local need; • are operated by a registered provider, charity, or other organisation delivering care or support services and; • include clear evidence of ongoing management, staffing, and support arrangements. <p>Supporting text could be updated to explain “exceptional circumstances” - the intention of Policy KET8 is to manage the overconcentration of general market HMOs where this can lead to adverse impacts on residential amenity, local character, and community balance. It is not the intention of the policy to unduly restrict the provision of supported accommodation or to prevent organisations such as Kettering Mind from delivering essential services.</p> <p>We consider that providing clarity on “exceptional circumstances” with this approach will provide appropriate flexibility for supported housing providers, while ensuring that the overall objectives of the policy, to maintain balanced communities and protect amenity, are upheld.</p> <p>Agreed by AP</p>

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Section/ Policy	Issue	Comments
	On a minor note, I don't see the need for the policy to include A, B, C against its paras.	Generally used as notation so that specific clauses of policy can be referred to where relevant and to separate elements of the policy wording.
KET10 Biodiversity & Green Infrastructure	At criterion D insert the word "to" as follows: <i>Development is strongly encouraged to include the provision of wildlife friendly...</i>	To be corrected. Agreed by AP
KET11 Local Green Spaces	there is no need to include A and B as opening references to the last paragraph of the policy. Under the last para B suggest amend sentence as follows: <i>Development proposals which result in the net reduction of-as public open spaces on this site...</i>	To be amended. Agreed by AP To be corrected. Agreed by AP
KET12 Movement and Connectivity	What is the significance of A,B ,C? Suggest delete. Number as roman numerals for consistency or may be better here shown as bullet points.	As above. Retain A, B and C but amend numbers to roman numerals.
North Northants Flood and Water Officer Response		
<p>The Flood and Water Officer raises concern that the Plan contains limited reference to drainage and flood risk, with only brief mention of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS).</p> <p>It is noted that while much of the Neighbourhood Area lies within Flood Zone 1, parts extend into Flood Zone 3, and there is evidence of localised surface water flooding and potential upstream flood risk. These factors should be more clearly reflected in the Plan.</p> <p>The response recommends that the Plan includes stronger guidance on surface water management and flood risk, particularly in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The design, provision and long-term maintenance of SuDS • Managing runoff rates and protecting existing flow paths and floodplain storage 		<p>The AP thanks the Flood and Water Officer for their comments and recognises the importance of the issues raised in relation to drainage and flood risk.</p> <p>The NP notes that many of the points raised are addressed through national policy and existing local planning policy, particularly in relation to flood risk, SuDS and the application of the Sequential and Exception Tests. As such, care is required to avoid unnecessary duplication within the NP.</p> <p>The AP may wish to consider whether any additional supporting text is necessary to provide further clarity, although it is recognised that the current approach is broadly consistent with national policy, including the most recent draft NPPF.</p> <p>AP confirmed no additional supporting text required.</p>

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Section/ Policy	Issue	Comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounting for climate change and extreme rainfall events, including safe exceedance routes • Ensuring development does not increase flood risk elsewhere • Providing sufficient space within development sites for drainage infrastructure • Applying the Sequential and Exception Tests where relevant 	

Further responses from NNC, received after the publication of the draft version of this report:

From: Richard Palmer <Richard.Palmer@northnorthants.gov.uk>
Sent: 25 March 2026 16:01
To: Local Plans <localplans@ketteringtowncouncil.gov.uk>
Subject: Kettering Central NP, Additional service area reps NNC

Dear Sir/Madam,

Further to the representation sent on Monday in respect of North Northants Council’s planning policy response to the Kettering Central NP, please find attached some additional/general comments from wider services areas of the Council. I realise these additional comments are submitted after your deadline, however, if you are able to take them into account I would be grateful.

Additional representations from service areas:

Policy KET1: Key Buildings

A Former Magistrates Court and Police Station

1. shall include a mix of open market and **‘affordable’** apartments, in conformity with the tenure mix as set out in the local development plan.
- C 19 High Street (Former Gala Bingo)
- vii) Residential development shall include a mix of open market and affordable apartments, in conformity with the tenure mix as set out in the local development plan.

In the case of both of the above, the Affordable homes should be to the mix and tenure type informed and evidence by local housing need (as per para 66 of the NPPF). Please note that First Homes or Discounted Market Sale will not be supported where the need for these has not been evidenced.

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KNP Comments: Policy KET 1 policy A clause i) and C, clause vii) updated to reflect comments made.

Policy KET6: Brownfield Development

Planning Archaeology

All sites unless known to be quarried or extensively cellared will have the potential to contain archaeological remains. Developers should be made aware of this and are expected to provide suitable assessment with an application, and to make provision for investigation or preservation in situ where appropriate.

KNP comments – duly noted; however if this is a validation requirement by NNC then there is no need to repeat it here.

Housing Strategy

C. Development proposals which seek to provide smaller dwellings as a suitable, affordable alternative to HMOs for single persons and couples will be supported where it is demonstrated that they are well designed and meet appropriate minimum internal space standards and external private and communal amenity space standards.

3.35 ‘Clause C seeks to encourage the use of brownfield sites to provide quality but affordable single person accommodation as an alternative to HMOs.’

Please note: the above will still be subject to meeting the requirements of Policy 30 (or any superceding Policies in regard to affordable housing)

KNP comments – duly noted. Added to supporting text for awareness.

Policy KET7: Local Heritage Assets

Planning Archaeology

It should be made clear that this list is not exhaustive as archaeological assessment/investigation can identify currently unknown assets.

KNP comments – duly noted. Added to supporting text for awareness.

General comments

- The draft NDP demonstrates clear effort and community intent; however, improving accessibility would further strengthen the document. At present, the plan does not fully pass screen-reader accessibility checks. Enhancing formatting structure and alt-text usage will ensure the plan is usable by all audiences and compliant with best-practice standards.

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- This appears to be the only neighbourhood plan within NNC that does not yet include a cover photograph, and its policies are not presented in tables. Adding a representative image and adopting a table-based layout for policies would improve visual consistency with other NNC plans and enhance clarity for readers.
- A review of paragraph numbering and policy numbering is recommended to address minor inconsistencies and duplication. Ensuring a clean numbering structure will make the plan easier to navigate and will support a smooth progression to examination.
- A NPIERS health check prior to submission would be highly beneficial. This independent review would help identify any remaining issues at an early stage, increasing confidence that the plan meets legal requirements and basic conditions ahead of formal examination: Neighbourhood Planning Independent Examiner Referral Service.

KNP comments – duly noted. The digital neighbourhood plan is fully accessible <https://ketteringcentralplan.co.uk/> and includes photographs and accessible tables, supporting the draft NPPF policy PM6 which states plans should be published “*in a searchable digital format (e.g. as a text-based webpage), which complies with defined data standards (where applicable), to ensure plans are easily navigable and accessible to different users.*”

The plan is therefore considered to be compliant with best practice standards. The PDF version produced at the pre- submission stage was only designed to be read by those without access to the internet and as such is designed as a functional document.

The KNP has engaged the services of planning consultants and is therefore confident that the plan will meet the legal requirements and basic conditions.

Local community representations.

3.8 The majority of responses were submitted via an online questionnaire, with additional responses received via email. These have been collated and are provided in full at Appendix A and Appendix B.

3.9 The responses raise a range of common themes which can be summarised into the following:

- Mix and quality of town centre uses,
- Design quality and shopfronts,
- Heritage protection,
- Parking pressures,
- Public transport and connectivity,
- Safety and anti-social behaviour,
- HMOs,
- Green space and biodiversity.

3.10 Wider issues were also raised, including town centre management, maintenance, community facilities, events and the evening economy. The NP recognises and appreciates these comments, and the AP will consider whether any changes to the Plan are necessary where relevant. It is noted that a large number of matters raised fall outside the scope of a neighbourhood plan or relate to areas beyond the Neighbourhood Area, as defined on the [Policies Map](#), and therefore cannot be addressed through the Plan.

4. Conclusions & Recommendations

4.1 The representations are generally supportive of the KCNP and, with some modifications as detailed above, it is considered that it can proceed to the Regulation 15 submission stage without further consultations.

5. Next steps

5.1 The Advisory Panel will need to confirm if it is comfortable with the proposed policy wording changes and discuss with ONH the updating of the submission version of the KCNP.

5.2 Once all amendments/updates have been made then ONH will update the Policies Map as necessary.

5.3 The group will then need to finalise their Consultation Statement with support from ONH.

5.4 Once the draft submission version of the KCNP Plan is ready, this will be tabled for the Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting in April with a view to approval and recommendation to Full Council in May. Once approved KTC will then submit the Plan to North Northamptonshire Council for the Regulation 15 and 16 process.

5.5 ONH will prepare the Basic Conditions Statement to accompany the submission version of the Plan.

Appendix A

Local Community Responses – Online Survey

#	Do you have any comments you would like to make about the Kettering Central Neighbourhood Plan?
1	<p>I think KET 8 type restrictions should also apply to other types of change of use from 'normal family homes' to include the change of use to 'children's homes' etc which can equally disruptive in residential streets.</p> <p>Further that all such change of use applications, no matter what size should be considered by the local planning committee for local comments, prior to NNC decision.</p>
2	<p>Fully supportive of the plan and its aims. It would be good to include the provision of awnings within the shopfront guidance section as this would greatly improve the traditional look of the town centre</p>
3	<p>great plan, some do sound almost similar to others though. unsure if there should be a focus on security, patrols and stuff for younger children to do. often you see a lot of children out and about with nothing to do, so they either walk about bored or cause mayhem in local shops and restaurants.</p> <p>i used to live in kettering full time but now only come back for weekends to help my mums restaurant, but i rarely see patrols around the centre - but often see fights or dodgy activities going on. i think to restore these beautiful buildings kettering has, there has to be a focus on safety and security in the community too.</p>
4	<p>I advise reviewing the wording of Policy KET4 where Rockingham Road is referred to as London Road at least twice. Also the colours on the key do not match the named areas for the Pleasure Park and Bayes Street, they are reversed.</p> <p>Proofreading required.</p>
5	<p>I think there needs to be improved connectivity to the railway station and other public transport in Kettering.</p> <p>What governance will be in place to ensure upkeep of projects after the initial spend?</p>
6	<p>The town centre is becoming a family no go area as NNC seems to prefer HMO's rather than family homes in the streets around the town centre.</p>

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7 Overall the plan looks great and I fully support it. Please leverage public volunteering, the small touches (a simple lick of paint etc) would go a long way. I believe it is important to prioritise active travel, public transport and green spaces. Keen to see further street furniture additions and public art to increase comfort and interest as people pass through. I enjoy this community engagement and as plans develop, further bite-size surveys would be good.

Broadly in favour of the neighbourhood plan, as it lines up well with my feelings about the town centre. However, a few small points of disagreement:

On the Gala Bingo site, I don't think residential development should necessarily be restricted to just the rear of the site, and certainly should not require balcony space in each - that is an undue burden on redevelopment.

Policy KET3, ii) I believe restricts the possibility for positive densification of midrise, as it could be argued to compete with the spire if development is uphill from the church. Ditto for KET3, viii)

Policy KET6 also reinforces this arbitrary 3-story limit, which I do not believe is justified.

8 The rest of the neighbourhood plan I am in support of.

I am extremely happy to hear that redevelopment of Kettering is seriously being looked at. It has needed investment for a long time. All the points about it becoming a safe, green place with a cohesive look is what it needs.

I know there has been some fantastic work done by Emily Fedorowycz on these areas. Continuing her work in looking at what businesses there are in the town centre and getting the right variety of business types to encourage a wide range of people is so important.

This work is vital but it needs to carefully blend the needs of the businesses, with the needs of the local people. The town centre is not an inviting place for shoppers, and high rates for businesses are making it difficult to get the variety of business types we need.

9 I look forward to seeing the specific development plans, hopefully in the near future.

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KET8- HMO's I am very please to see you are looking at taking a new approach on managing HMOs across Kettering. I have however taken a look at your map which shows current HMOs across Kettering and I am concerned it does not represent the reality of the problem. There are a number on properties which I know to be being used as HMOs which are not present on the map. This further demonstrates the problem of landlords renting out properties in this way but not declaring so, which in turn means they are not implementing the necessary safety measures for HMO properties. How do you plan to ensure you are identifying these properties and including them in your planning measures (not having another HMO within 100m of another)?

10 KET12 - As somebody who lives on the outskirts of the town centre I think this is a priory issue for the council to manage. One of the largest causes of increased traffic in the town centre is the hospital. Staff are parking in a large area around the hospital and blocking roads to access the hospital car parks. This is negatively impacting residents and users of the town centre on a daily basis. As part of this area of the plan I would urge the council to look at providing a public transport/park and ride option for hospital staff to travel to KGH, as this problem is only going to continue to impact local businesses, pollution levels, house prices around the hospital and access to the hospital itself.

11 Regarding Policy KET10 Biodiversity & Green Infrastructure, clause D. Thank you for highlighting Swift nesting sites and Apps within your Neighborhood Plan. A suggestion: Could the council work with local roofing firms and other firms that share product objectives, such as soffit and fascia fitters, to highlight Swift nesting sites and best practice to reduce nest site obstruction and reduction? Targeting roofing firms and other firms with product objectives with a simple message regarding Swift nesting sites, may assist in ensuring this policy is upheld and implemented. Thank you for your consideration.

12 As building design is an essential part of any built environment were any local architects consulted? There are only two in the town and mine wasn't consulted.

I am writing as a local resident to raise serious concerns regarding Bath Lane and the pedestrian alley linking Bath Lane to Lawson Street.

Over recent years this area has experienced persistent antisocial behaviour, including drug use, littering, criminal damage, vehicle-related crime, and incidents of harassment towards women, particularly by intoxicated individuals using the alleyway as a cut-through. Many residents feel unsafe using this route and some are embarrassed by the condition of the area despite taking pride in their homes.

Bath Lane is a short, non-residential road with no dwellings, yet it has become a focal point for loitering and antisocial activity. The alleyway in particular provides an unmonitored through-route that appears repeatedly in local crime data. Residents believe this route meets the criteria for intervention under the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003 (Gating Orders).

I strongly support the consideration of a gating order to restrict public access through the alley while maintaining appropriate access for those who require it. This would significantly improve safety, reduce crime, and restore confidence in the local environment. I intend to seek a petition from local residents to demonstrate community support for this measure.

In the longer term, Bath Lane could also be better utilised in ways that align with wider council objectives. Options could include limited, managed parking provision for Wicksteed factory employees, which would reduce parking pressure on Lawson Street and improve accessibility for wheelchair users and pedestrians. Alternatively, partial greening of the space could support Healthy Streets and environmental goals while discouraging antisocial use.

I would welcome engagement from the council, police, and relevant teams to assess these issues on site and explore appropriate interventions.

13 Thank you for considering this submission.

I do not live in Central Kettering

Or Hanwood Park. I can't find anything to do with neighbourhood plan, where is Warkton Lane? There are few green spaces around here thanks to 5,900 houses being built, aren't these on brownfield development. I do not wish to have HMO's in Warkton Lane, that would spoil the community.

I rarely shop in Kettering, preferring to go to Waitrose in Rushden. Do not attend Kettering Town Centre. My bank has closed there. I go to Woodlands not Kettering General Hospital. I only get a taxi to the railway station because we do not have a bus stop or route to go there, and that is once every 6 months or so. I do not eat in Kettering nor do I spend time there, so I do not wish to waste my time on something that does not affect me. I have never been able to use the library as it has been having a refit since we moved here in 2021. The movement around here seems that everyone from Hanwood Park goes along Warkton Lane, either to the A14, or take their children to the nearby junior school. There is no local dentist, doctors or shops. It isn't safe to walk along Warkton Lane at night, or to cross the road. It isn't safe to

14 pull out of your drive due to traffic.

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The plan provides a framework for renewing the town centre, the main concern of residents. It will be interesting to see how, once the outline of plan is in place, whether retailers, property developers and other local initiatives will see this as a viable option. Within the limits of what you can do this seems like a job well done.

15 Will there be any more information forthcoming about the specific steps within the Slade Brook Green Infrastructure corridor project? While I realise there are local activities dealing with street cleaning are there are plans for community involvement in the project?

More smaller gatherings like Kettfest and much better communication of events . Get local schools involved with the Civic Society and especially library projects including local schoolchildren . The swimming pool needs upgrading. How about using Westfield gardens more ? Utilise the market place for local bands and dance groups more. Encourage people to look after the front of their houses by having prizes and voting for good community spirit. Encourage table top/garage sales in different parts of the town. Celebrate occasions more like Easter, mayday, etc. More bike trails for children , more sensory gardens for everyone. Encourage picnics and celebrate the amazingly talented people we have in town so that everyone knows what is on offer because lots don't

Cheaper parking would be a good idea too

Show people what is good .

Years ago I did a 20mile sponsored walk in Kettering going to and from different places of interest and on the way I had to find different places eg. Houses wth certain names, certain signage, CharlesWicksteed grave , the old bandstand etc -This could be a yearly event for local schools . Big screen for the World Cup in the market place ?

16 Just a few ideas

17 I would like to see the implementation of a proper cycling infrastructure; one that will allow adults, children and families to safely navigate the area

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<p>18</p>	<p>Your KCNP states, along with other things , that it wants to focus on retaining the character and strengthen Kettering’s identity and protects its heritage. Can you please explain to me why so many beautiful buildings are being allowed to cover there frontages with incredibly Gordy and ugly advertising posters offering all manner of services , mainly comprising of pictures of foreign foods, cigarettes and vapes. There are so many you mention it would be impossible to list them all here but as an example please take a look a the shopfront of the shop on the corner bowling green Road and London Road - near to to St Edward’s church. I presume this is a listed building and requires some very strict planning consents . Even if it is not it must be within a conservation area and would require permission from the council to have such advertising on its windows . If indeed they did get permission and it was agreed by the council then we really do have a problem and makes an absolute joke of your statement on retaining the character and strengthen Kettering’s identity. You could also just take a look all the way along Montague street and make your own judgement ! Can I also ask why bailed cardboard is allowed to be left on the corner of montage st and Eskdail st - the shop itself not only suffers from all the above Gordy advertising but appears to be allowed to fly tip its bails cardboard on the path on Eskdail st. I am 57 years old and have lived in Ketteting all my life . I love Kettering, but am becoming very very disappointed and hugely concerned about how Kettering town now looks and feels . My mum who is now 81 has also lived here all her life but now does not feel safe walking through the town . That is a huge concern and upsets me . Look down market st and it’s a totally different story - the magnolia flower shop is a credit to the town to mention only one! I look forward to hearing from you . Kind regards matthew tel 07709 824868 - happy to discuss .</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>Burton Latimer has very limited street lighting, no regular police presence, endless potholes not helped by endless buses not suitable for narrow one way streets and somewhere for parkings when Kettering Town play at home. Hopefully some of the money could be spent on Burton Latimer.</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>The plan looks very ambitious but if the vision can indeed be turned into reality it will be great for Kettering and all of its communities. A great deal of work has clearly gone into producing the plan and thanks to all those who have put it together It will be a great pity if lack of funding doesn’t bear the wonderful fruit!!</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>Some parts of the plan seem highly ambitious but it would be great to see all of it brought to fruition. Many thanks for all the effort involved.</p>

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Kettering should pedestrianise the whole centre from the swimming pool car park to the Sainsbury's with large amounts of greenery and seating. A larger swimming pool should be created where the old police station and court building are. The old gala bingo hall should be an art house cinema. All shop fronts should be made to look like the old market town aesthetic. Newlands should be extended down to the opposite of the post office and over the current multi storey to create better retail space and along the high street with affected shops being relocated. Big shops like Primark and similar which are missing from the centre should be offered deals to occupy space.

22 A new cheap multi storey should exist where the swimming pool car park currently is.

I am in agreement with plan. It seems well thought through. The green pathways, more housing in the centre of town and the development of activities in the town are all important.

23 Retaining the historical nature of the town and developing tourism around that will add to both the identity and future of the town

Houses of multiple occupation are causing massive parking problems, street parking for residents is really hard already and adding multiple cars into one property is exacerbating the issue. Please look at restricting these as they are becoming very common now.

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I want HMO's better regulated, we need to make them apply for planning consent for under 7 occupants. I live next door to one and they don't care about the local community. Street parking is getting harder as more residents come and go and we have a school in the road.

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26 The whole plan appears to be worthwhile and hopefully will achieve its aims of improving Kettering Town centre although time will tell.

Within the movement and connectivity section I feel consideration needs to be given to improved public transport within Kettering. Even living within KTC if I needed to get public transport to the train station, Wicksteed Park, Tesco or the hospital this may take two buses or a significantly long route plus a walk. There is not sufficient public transport for those who cannot drive to get to work, social or medical activities.

In relation to HMOs can thought be given to provision of supported living which have shared facilities. Supported living, especially specialist mental health provisions are very limited in Northants and a restriction like this could prevent an increase in provision of this sort. I agree that there needs to be restrictions on HMO and those proposed are reasonable but only if care is taken not to prevent legitimate supported living

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I think we should stop the pedestrianisation plans, Kettering town is already very bad for traffic and closing more roads for pedestrians would just make traffic worse, it's not guaranteed there is enough foot traffic to make this worthwhile. If this happens we must have a full two way bypass ring around town to make it easier for cars to avoid town

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It would be great to see Kettering Town Centre return to its former glory. Whilst in general the high street experience has dropped off, there are many empty, abandoned units that can attract both national retailers & small independent businesses that could benefit the economy, but the council & landlords need to play their part in lowering rates, parking costs & rents to bring the footfall back to the centre. Places like Rushden lakes are always busy because of the names they have & shops they have available what's stopping these names being in Kettering?

29 I think it would also be beneficial to see a better transport interchange between bus & rail there is much unused space around the rail station which could be used to improve connections, look 7 miles down the road Corby has good links to its rail station, where Kettering has 1 bus that stops round the corner why?

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I WANT TO ADDRESS

SHOPFRONTS

PARKING

31 STREET LITTER AND ABANDONED TRAFFIC SIGNAGE

STREET LITTER-THE ROADS ARE A DISGRACE -LITTER LEFT FOR MONTHS ON END
THE STREET CLEANER CANNOT CLEAN MY SIDE OF ROAD AS CARS PARKED 24/7

TOWN CENTRE AREA IS DISGUSTING WITH ABANDONED FURNITURE/ UNEMPTIED BINS ETC- PARTICULARLY BAD AT FLATS ON CORNER OF QUEENSBERRY RD/
STATION RD AND ALSO THE TOP OF OUTSIDE FLATS ADJACENT TO THE BOWLING GREEN OPPOSITE THE BUS GARAGE
ABANDONED ROAD SIGNS SHOULD BE REMOVED BY WHOEVER HAS USED THEM - SOMEONE TAKE ACCOUNTABILITY eg RED PLASTIC FENCING LEFT AT OLD DRILL
HALL SITE ABANDONED FLATS - THIS HAS BEEN LEFT THERE FOR A YEAR NOW- ITS A DISGRACE WHEN YOU COME INTO TOWN VIA NORTHAMPTON RD .
DOES NO ONE HAVE RESPONSIBILITY /AUTHORITY ON THE COUNCIL TO SEE THIS IS MOVED ?WHERE IS THE CIVIC PRIDE WE SEE IN MKT .HARBOROUGH FOR
EXAMPLE?

PARKING ON HEADLANDS AN INCREASING PROBLEM - WE HAVE NOT SEEN A TRAFFIC WARDEN SINCE BEFORE XMAS . THERE HAS BEEN A CAR ABANDONED
OPPOSITE 14 HEADLANDS SINCE JANUARY .
CARS PARK OUTSIDE MY HOUSE AT 33 HEADLANDS ALL DAY EVERY DAY ON A 2 HR PARKING SPOT -NO ONE EVER GETS A TICKET AS NO WARDENS EVER PATROL THE
AREA, SO OFFICE WORKERS AND PEOPLE GOING INTO TOWN PARK ALL DAY AND BLOCK MY DRIVE .
RECENTLY A DENTIST FROM MYDENTIST PARKED ACROSS MY DRIVE & WENT TO WORK FOR THE DAY -I MANAGED TO TRACK HIM DOWN & HE EVENTUALLY MOVED IT.
I COULD NOT TAKE MY CHILDREN TO SCHOOL AS HE HAD BLOCKED ME IN. THIS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO IMPACT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE IN THIS WAY

SPEEDING/ DANGEROUS PARKING - WHY ARE CARS ALLOWED TO PARK ON DOUBLE YELLOW LINES DAY & NIGHT & NOT GET TICKETS ?

SHOPFRONTS -DISGUSTING MESS - SHOPKEEPERS HAVE ZERO PRIDE IN THEIR SPACES
UTTER MESS AT SPEIGHTS OLD BUILDING AT TOP OF BOWLING GREEN RD CORNER AN EXAMPLE OF HOW COUNCIL JUST DON'T CARE ABOUT HOW THIS TOWN
LOOKS - I & MANY OTHERS HAVE REPORTED THE SIGNAGE WHICH ARE ON WINDOWS AND HAVE DAMAGED THE STONEMWORK

32 GALVANISE YOURSELVES INTO ACTION & STOP RELYING ON US LOCALS WHO CARE ABOUT OUR ENVIRONMENT & CLEAN UP VOLUNTARILY

We need to see better high street shops in our town, less junk and general tatty shops. We also need to see coworking spaces come to life as these encourage people to
33 come into town and spend money at those shops.

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Stop the vape shops.

Stop the European marts.

How many of the same store do we need? It's crazy.

We need diversity of stores, not all the same.

34 How can they afford the rent? No one uses them... Rent in the high-street is too expensive, and it's suspicious how shops that no one uses manage to pay the rent, yet establishments like Marks & Spencers, Top Shop and New Look, couldn't afford the rent.

It's a shame there's little consideration given to the less affluent areas of the town, e.g around Alfred Street.

Policy KET3 ix /KET 4. Some shop fronts are hideous. There doesn't seem to be any attempt at present to maintain any kind of style/taste, with 'tacky' being the watchword in some case. Anything that improves this is to be welcomed.

Policy KET8. While not all HMOs are troublesome, many are, not least because of problems with parking and waste bins. Tighter legislation here would be welcomed.

Policy KET9. Energy efficiency is a no-brainer.

Policy KET10 is a good starting point. Environmental and sustainability must be front and centre of all ongoing discussions.

Policy KET11. Yes, protect the green spaces we have. Also consider smaller patches of neglected land that could be adopted.

35 Policy KET12. Improvements to the local travel infrastructure, especially active travel, are essential if residents and visitors are to be encouraged into the town.

36 Need more clothing options for men and boys go into shop's and its filled with girl's and women clothing mens clothing is very limited

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I live in Heritage Court. We know that the land where the old police station is will be developed. At the time of writing we still don't have sight of the planning application in order that we can comment on it. It would be appreciated if this community could be informed about the plans for this piece of land.

Regarding shop fronts I'd like to bring to this aspect of the neighbourhood plan the 2 hotels around Market Place. With these properties in mind can someone from the council please give us an update on the progress of work on these buildings.

Moving on to a subject that many people comment on and that is the amount of Nail Bars and Barber Shops that seem to spring up in the town. I'm all for people starting their own business but I wonder with the amount of these businesses in the town how many of these shop owners are making a profit and earning a wage so that it's worthwhile for them. I appreciate that new shops offering similar services can bring about healthy competition but does the council consider the number of shops offering the same or similar services and whether there is a need to control this?

37 Now just a comment on the centre of the town and in particular the clock tower area. This part of the town is where flocks of pigeons gather where they can be fed by some people in the town. The result is pigeon mess around that area which is disgusting and not hygienic with shops in the area. Walking up Gold Street and opposite the entrance to the Newlands Centre the pathway there is usually covered in pigeon mess and it's not a good look for the area.

38 We moved here from Loughborough which was thriving when we left. Key things that worked well that seem to be missing in Kettering are a central green space with a varied use (large grass area, cafe, aviary, play area, mini maze) a large Saturday market that attracted people from nearby towns and villages. The market was not "continental" or any other themed just a good basic shopping experience baker, pet foods, cheeses, books - traditional popular market stalls that were visited week after week. Fun fair, traditional statutes travelling fair within the town centre. University students contributed to the busy feel in the week, attracted to bars and student discounts given. Theatre in the town centre drew audiences into bars and restaurants. All of these seemed to contribute to a busy and vibrant town centre. Kettering feels very spread out and needs centralising so businesses benefit from each other.

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There is too many fast food chains and vape shops riddled in Kettering. I often have a friend from abroad visit and every time they come round and want to get some food I get so embarrassed. Some even appear to be money laundering involved with nothing on the shelves..

Me or any of my family haven't visited Kettering town centre over a span of 6-7 years? There is nothing there to see.. the parking is also ridiculous.

Typical street like Havelock or Wood Street absolutely stinks and is riddled with rubbish. Now you try to drive a wider car down there...

The current architecture of the "historical" buildings is nonetheless depressing and just dull there's no colour to anything what so ever..

The roads, rather than hiring someone for super cheap pot hole filing, please invest in someone that is more reliable.. traveling today whilst at work to witness someone doing half a job of just chucking tarmac into pot hole inappropriately and then leaving it.. I am soon going to have to match the third world roads with a car that I am not afraid of breaking down...

39 These are the main reasons as to why I am planning to leave.

2000 characters is nowhere near enough to comment on the plans.

40 The town is dead. Flatten it and allow free flowing through traffic, so people can get out to a town that is worth visiting

I'm 55 and have lived in Kettering my whole life. I have always been proud of the Town, until the last 5/10 years when it really has sadly deteriorated. When out walking regularly, we seem to have gone back to the days of dogs fouling the streets. All streets are full of weeds and look run down and untidy. The majority of council houses are occupied by tenants who don't look after them, front gardens filled with rubbish. Tenants should be made to keep them tidy how it was years ago and councils should be inspecting and dealing with those who dont respect the terms of a council house letting. Anti social behaviour is a massive point that needs addressing but never is. The town needs decent shops and rents lowered to attract businesses. We only have coffee shops, mobile phone shops and charity shops. An indoor market would be nice. In summary, tidy the town up so that it doesn't look so run down everywhere and attract shops to the town, fill all the empty units and get the town buzzing again how it used to be. Free parking would bring in more money for the town in the long run. Be stricter with Council tenants and ASB and realise that it's the

41 decent hard earning people that need the Councils support in tackling these issues, not the ones who are causing them.

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42 There needs to be more priority on ensuring safety in the town in collaboration with Northants Police. We definitely need to protect the lovely buildings we have remaining & encourage nice shops into the town but behind all that is the 'awful feel' of the town centre/town and the unsavoury people who frequent it. I am a senior citizen & this gets more concerning as I get older.

The absents of information on the future of the Kettering museum and its building is of concern . As we have the largest population of the towns in the area we are the only one without a place of historic information.

I am aware the contents of the museum have been moved to Chester House for preservation but I would be interested in the arrangements made for the Robinson automobile being the biggest exhibit and most notable.

43 Many thanks Tony

I know this is probably less about neighbourhood plan but more recognition of pubs as music venues is critical and this opinion is shared widely across local musicians. Being a local musician, we put a lot of pride into our hometown and understand the importance of local venues as a grindstone for exposure as well as celebrating local culture. However, in recent years the lack of support for these venues have been appalling with most pubs not putting on local bands full stop. Furthermore, we would also feel like some recognition to go ahead for a local music venue, somewhere such as the roadmender in Northampton would resurrect the vibe in the centre as well as the general music scene. Whilst we recognise the support of the council in events such as kettfest which we praise efforts in recent years, these sorts of musical exposures shouldn't be limited to just annual events and should be prioritised as a constant with an established venue. Most recent establishments like lucky chucks

44 have proven that these investments can be successful, and should be a stepping stone to these places as staples in our community.

Although I agree mostly with the plan, I do not see that the suggestion for the town centre will encourage growth. Kettering town centre needs investment that will encourage businesses to return to the town. Kettering needs to offer incentives, invest in larger development of the town with opportunities to develop sites such as Saunders Close and Meadow Road. A state of the art shopping centre with high rise car parking maximising on a smaller development would offer competitive trading to

45 local areas such as Corby and Rushden.

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There appears to be a lack of care to our historic buildings. The Royal Hotel is a prime example. It is falling apart and whilst closed appears to have people in it. It occupies a prominent position at the top of West Street. This street is the oldest preserved street in the town.
Cleanliness of the town is awful. whilst some good souls try to pick litter it is sad to see areas where it is thrown at will eg church walk.
There is a never ending number of buildings being turned into flats. How many do we need. What will happen to the old police station and court. More flats?
Is the centre supposed to be traffic free. It appears not.
With the greatest of respect our local authority does nothing about preserving the towns historic buildings. The area including The Royal Hotel West Street and the Granada cinema would make a good site for a residential village for elderly residents.

46 Lastly Market Harborough is a great example of what Kettering could be. Clean independent shops and a pleasure to be in.

It is a very comprehensive wishlist of priorities.
If the plan informs policies in the future then bravo, but it's all about enforcement. Without enforcing existing planning laws, how can the recommendations be put into practice? My top annoyance is the

47 number of HMOs in cramped streets. No space for families.

Please make units larger to attract bigger department stores.

48 For example knocking two/three units together to allow a Primark or Range etc to come to town

I feel rebuilding neighbourhoods should be looked at from not only for those who live here, but should entice those to come and live here. One way we could do this is by making Kettering one of the 1st areas embrace creative businesses and independent businesses. Margate is an exceptional example of a town which has successfully done this and has attracted a large percentage of creatives to it's town and in many cases is now thriving as much as Brighton. Kettering could be know as the Margate of the East Midlands.

Additionally, encourage younger generations and families to become key ambassadors sharing pictures of their time in town using new key backdrop art walls to reinforce this new creative capital destination.

In the city centre we need to use larger empty stores and as new indoor concept stores for businesses both small and medium

Using professional visual merchandising to create a cohesive layout and displays.

Embracing the multinational demographics is also key. By flying internationally recognised flags along the main roads we will demonstrate a support of cultural awareness that brings us together as Kettering.

Lastly, supporting small businesses in surrounding towns is also important. Burton Latimers high street with advice to shops or small investments to help upgrade shop fronts would pull encourage more people live in surrounding areas and travel into Kettering.

Case studies from Whitstable, Leigh on sea show aesthetics of areas increase consumer spending, draw in more tourists and increase property value, hence encourage more people to live there.

As a small business owner www.loveurlook.co.uk my goal is to open my flag ship store her. With over 70k followers I would love the support from the council to be one of
49 the 1st boutiques to win awards and invite my followers to Kettering.

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I feel incredibly passionate about saving and preserving the heritage buildings in Kettering, as they are such an important part of the town's identity and history. There is a real opportunity to better protect and restore these buildings so they can be appreciated for generations to come.

At the same time, I believe more needs to be done to address some of the tasteless and unsympathetic shopfronts that have negatively impacted the overall look and feel of the town centre. Thoughtful design guidance and support for local businesses could help create a more cohesive, attractive high street that reflects Kettering's character.

Improving street cleaning options is also key. A cleaner, well-maintained town centre makes a huge difference to how people feel when they visit and encourages more footfall. Alongside this, tackling graffiti in a proactive and consistent way would really help uplift the environment and show pride in the area.

50 Overall, I would love to see a stronger focus on heritage, aesthetics, and cleanliness, working together to create a town centre that feels welcoming, cared for, and full of character.

51 We must hold on to what we have. The lovely William St area with community gardens in the grounds of All Saints church are ourstanding. The garden has a silver award and the church has Gold Eco status. Lots to learn about here and for community engagement.

52 Really glad this is being done. We need to make it clear what is and isnt ok in our town.

I like the emphasis on our heritage, and on making the town centre more legible.

People need to want to be in it, this is not the case for many at the moment.

And quality retailers and services need to want to be in it too.

KETTFEST shows what kettering can do if it puts its mind to it.

53 Getting rid of the flags in all areas would be good too. They make me not want to live here to be honest.

I like most of what I see, especially the stated dedication to

54 A) preservation of heritage buildings, with little being done to change their appearance or character
B) green spaces!

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55	As a local resident I wholeheartedly support this plan. It is vitally important that the heritage buildings and shop fronts are preserved and maintained, that our town is a pleasant place to live, work and visit and that it retains its unique identity. Kettering deserves to have a prosperous and attractive town centre befitting of its heritage as a traditional market town.
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57	Think it's a really good idea having something in place to protect our town centre!
58	Well yeah !!!
59	The town looks tired and in need of investment and development. It has endless shops of the same kind, vape, barbershops etc, which doesn't attract people into the town. It also needs a police presence as Ferrell youths wander the town causing disturbances to businesses which itself deters investment and footfall. Ultimately you can have all these great plans in place but unless the antisocial behaviour is tackled nothing will come of it.
60	I think it's a really good idea
61	I think it is a good idea and will bring a lot of positive outcomes to the town of Kettering.
62	Make us proud of Kettering again.
63	I have read through the plans and feel they are very positive ideas to help Kettering Central. My main concerns however are the homes that are now being converted into HMO. The majority of houses in Kettering central would usually be an ideal starter home because of the price, but these are now being bought by landlords/developers to turn into HMO, previous 2 or 3 bed houses are now being converted into 5 room sometimes more and due to the internal changes are unlikely to revert back to family homes due to the cost involved. I have also noted the increase of cars as the parking in the terraced areas is already a problem and is now becoming dangerous with inconsiderate parking on corners and up to junctions etc. Residents are not informed when HMO licences are being applied for unless the dwelling is requiring planning permission and there is very limited things you can appeal on. I am hoping that your neighbourhood plan is approved and thank you for the hard work you have done on behalf of residents.
64	Excellent ideas.
65	Kettering like other towns need this kind of plan to safeguard the interests of Kettering residents and successfully manage the town and I am fully supportive of it. I am particularly keen to see good management of Kettering's green spaces and natural diversity.

References to swifts in KET10 (D), 58 & 59, are informative and welcome, but please also implement national planning guidance (NPPG) Natural Environment 2025 paragraph 017 (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/natural-environment>), with regard to at least one swift brick per dwelling on average for new developments as these are a universal nest brick for small bird species, not included in BNG calc nor included qualitatively in LNRS which focuses on habitat areas, so a separate policy is needed.

Key text to include from the NPPG is as follows:

"Developments should include integrated nest boxes (commonly known as swift bricks) where possible, with the general aim across a development of a minimum of one nest box per unit. Nest boxes can provide important habitat for other species as well as swifts, such as starlings and sparrows.

Extensive guidance is available on wildlife friendly features, including the National Design Guide and National Model Design Code which illustrate how well-designed places can support rich and varied biodiversity by facilitating habitats and routes for wildlife. More specific support for the selection and installation of swift bricks can be found in the British Industry Standard BS 42021:2022 the Future Homes Hub Homes for Nature Guidance, and the RSPB's Guide to Nestboxes. "

Please add, as house martins are a significant species in Kettering with good availability of vegetated and waterside areas for foraging, also referenced in the North Northants LNRS:

"Artificial nest cups for house martins may be specified as an alternative to swift bricks, where recommended by a suitably qualified ecologist."

Please also add the following, to ensure effective implementation:

"Post-construction stage confirmation of installation is required through photographs or verification by a suitably qualified ecologist."

66 Existing nest sites in buildings should be protected and retained where possible, and equivalent mitigation provided where this is not possible.

I am in agreement with the plan. I think it is really important to protect our wonderful buildings and green spaces. It is good to restrict the number of HMOs in an area to ensure that the areas remain a good mix of family housing alongside individual dwellings and multiple dwellings. Im particularly keen on the idea of keeping the shop fronts in line with the status of the historical buildings. Kettering has a lot of potential to become a fantastic place to live and I would love to see it continue to become a

67 vibrant town.

I support the aims of this Neighbourhood Plan and I value both town centre regeneration and heritage protection as a Conservation Area resident. However, I have two concerns. First, the Plan focuses on controlling use and design at key sites but doesn't address how vacant units will actually be brought back into use. Retaining ground floor retail at 45–49 High Street protects retail in theory, but these units are already empty. Without flexibility of use, meanwhile use or incentives, this risks preserving vacancy rather than reducing it. Where long-term vacancy persists, a broader mix of ground floor uses would better reflect reality. There is also an opportunity to use larger sites — such as the former Gala Bingo or Magistrates Court — for education, therapeutic or community-based learning provision. Across North Northamptonshire, children and young people are unable to attend school because suitable provision doesn't exist. I work in this space and the need is significant. These uses would bring consistent daytime footfall, support local businesses, and meet a pressing local need rather than relying on uncertain retail demand.

Second, I support the Conservation Area expansion in principle, but it must be matched by resourcing. I have been trying for over a year to get conservation guidance on a modest change to my own property, without success. If the system is already under strain, expanding the area will increase demand on officer time and expertise without the capacity to meet it. The result will be inconsistent decisions, frustrated residents, and a system that works better for those who can afford professional advice.

68 The Plan would be strengthened by a clearer focus on delivery — making sure policies are backed by the practical support needed to make them work.

69 Happy to support the plan in full

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Please find my comments below - any policy I have not commented on, can be taken as agreement!

KET1 - I agree with all the key buildings listed. However, I would like to see the Telephone Exchange added between Trafalgar Road and Wadcroft car park. This is a fine example (and the only one in Kettering) of Brutalist architecture. This makes it worthy of note.

KET2 - I am in broad support; however, I would like to see stronger wording curtailing new advertising billboards (whether on bus stops, digital screens or traditional billboards) anywhere. For existing advertising boards, an ethical and low carbon advertising policy should be included. This would place limits on high carbon advertising for things such as fossil fuel companies, airlines, airports and SUVs as well as junk food, high fat, sugar and salt products, gambling, alcohol and payday loan products. More information: <https://www.badverts.org/s/Local-Policymakers-Toolkit-Badvertising-10.pdf>

KET3 - See comments for KET2 regarding advertising for section B-9. Also, I disagree with the assertion in section C-5 that the Telephone Exchange 'currently makes a negative contribution... to the character and appearance of the conservation area'. I strongly agree with Section D that retrofitting should be supported.

KET6 - Can the type of cycle parking be specified - with Sheffield stand being the lowest standard and secure cycle hangers (including facilities for non-standard cycles, such as cargo bikes and trikes) being the gold standard? Secure bike hangers can take the place of parking spaces.

KET8 - Can funding be leveraged from HMO's to provide cycle parking, especially secure bike hangers, in place of parking spaces?

KET10 & 11 - Has the small green space on the corner of Montagu Street and Victoria Street been omitted on purpose? Also, the pocket park on the corner of Cateby Street and Stamford Road is missing from KET10.

71 All other polices are excellent - I'm especially impressed with KET12.

72 I agree with & support the ten themes

73 Further to my earlier submission, I forgot to add, regarding conservation area - I note from mapping that the buildings at 28-30 Queensberry Road remain outside the designated conservation area. I believe they should be included. They are grand, distinctive, very much in keeping with the red brick of the rest of the road (except for the forecourt covering and some of the signage). They also pre date many of the homes in the street. It seems odd that the Conservation area misses the building out and clips the corner as it goes on to Station Road. Think the buildings which their dramatic arched windows should be preserved.

I personally believe that community cohesion and resilience are the most important things that as a council we can support. A sense of belonging, togetherness, and pride in our town which transcends any barriers that are artificially placed to divide us.

I believe that this consultation offers a pragmatic approach to some of the realities that Kettering finds itself in. I believe that we shouldn't prevent development of certain spaces to wait for the perfect opportunity however - ie the Royal Hotel being left empty for decade because it is a hotel or nothing.

I hope more artwork projects can be commissioned for the town, with an element of 'street art' being permitted, with support and guidance from some of the local talented artists.

If possible I would like to see the pathways in town repaired - I understand these are a heritage issue, but it would enhance the town to not be walking on damaged paths.

I think it would be good if we could encourage outside dining in locations that allowed it in the town.

I understand the shopfront policy, but I also value individuality - I thought Border-Clash was a bit strong to start, but now it has really grown on me.

Car free living is a must in terms of increased residential in this dense area - choking car parks and streets due to a lack of public and active travel would be unacceptable. I would encourage, if the residential grows sufficiently, a consideration of 'car club' vehicles being available locally.

A one size fits all approach regarding bins and waste results in fly-tipping, litter, and potentially pests, especially with the new food bins coming in. An alternative should be considered, potentially communal bins instead of individual properties bins. Perhaps for white goods streets could be jointly responsible for ensuring areas are cleared, by a surcharge potentially.

I believe renewable energy should be mandated if HMOs are approved, which helps the property owner in the long term.

74 Pocket parks are good!

**APPENDIX B KETTERING CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
REGULATION 14 COMMUNITY RESPONSES**

(Via Email)

Respondent 1

Dear team,

I support the above plan. Protecting the heritage of our town is of the utmost importance if we wish to retain any sort of character and maintain our history.

The maintenance of such old heritage buildings is complicated and requires a great deal of experience and knowledge. It is of great importance that any contractors engaged to bring these buildings back into use, have demonstrable experience in this specific area. The materials used should be under great scrutiny.

When considering the residential proposals, I would like to highlight the considerable problem of parking- this should be addressed. Due to the footprint of the buildings engaged, I hope underground parking would be achievable but understand this might not be possible from an engineering POV. If not- the amount of residences built should ideally be dictated by amount of parking achieved. Parking is already a problem within the town centre and thus should not be exacerbated.

Kindest regards

Respondent 2

This is to give my support to the recommendations of the neighbourhood plan. I have been impressed with the scope of the research and insight into how to improve things for the town. Well done to all involved and I look forward to seeing these changes implemented in the future.
Many thanks,

Respondent 3

I am a Kettering born person and, since I was little I can remember when the market was on the square and a lot of people were about, but now a day's Kettering lack a community presence except for occasions such as Xmas and Easter etc.
A lot of good shops have left and left Kettering with hardly anything. The shops that have closed have been replaced with shops like cafes, vape stores, etc or even just abandoned, and we don't need this. Kettering I feel needs a really good clothes shop for all ages and genders such as Primark, this would be great for Kettering to have but I understand this may never happen.
Because I have family and friends I visit in Kettering, this is the reason why I don't go onto town and if I do the only places I really visit is dentist and options that is in Kettering town centre.
If something good was to open in Kettering that would benefit myself and family I would visit more.

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The only nice thing I have noticed is how the market square has been nicely updated for the public to enjoy special events and some of the seating areas and new paving put through parts of the town centre.

I hope this helps.

Kind regards

Respondent 4

Thank you for the leaflet that drew my attention to the central neighbourhood plan upon which you are seeking observations. I have a particular concern about the state the shopping area in the centre of town and somewhat depressing picture presented by the way in which Edwardian and Victorian buildings have been converted into shops. I therefore applaud the policy that seeks to require that shop fronts conform to a suitable standard.

However I do not think the proposals go far enough. The draft Policy makes no mention what happens to the upper storeys of buildings that have been converted into shops or other commercial outlets. Very often if you look above to the second and third stories you will see a depressing picture of, peeling paintwork, dirty windows, damaged brick or stonework and a general air of neglect. I think it should be a requirement, of any application to use the ground floor of premises for commercial applications, that the upper stories be maintained in a suitable condition, complementary to the shop front itself. Furthermore the proposed user of the upper floors should be stated by the applicants (eg residential or storage), who should be required to undertake that the upper floors will be used for such purpose, and not left abandoned and neglected.

I hope you will find these observations useful and incorporate them in the new policy framework.

Regards

Respondent 5

Hi there,

I've been reading through the Central Kettering Neighbourhood Plan lately. While I'm really excited about the vision for a vibrant, green heart, I'm a bit worried that if we aren't careful with the wording, we might accidentally gentrify the town and leave local people behind.

I wanted to share a few ideas on how we can make sure the plan works for everyone, no matter their situation:

The "1-to-5" rule for the Cultural District: When developers build new apartments in the Cultural District or the town centre (Policy KET1 & KET6), I'd love to see a firm requirement. For every five market-rate flats they build, they should provide one high quality, affordable modular home. Crucially, I'd like some of these modular units to be ringfenced specifically for the homeless. It feels right that as our town grows, we build in a way that directly helps our most vulnerable neighbours get a stable roof over their heads.

Saving the Gala Bingo building for the community, We need to be so careful with landmarks like the old Gala Bingo hall. It's such a big part of our town's identity. I'd love to see the plan explicitly protect this space for arts, live music, and education. If we just turn every character building into expensive "executive" flats, we lose the soul of the town. Let's keep it as a place where people can learn, create, and enjoy a gig a true anchor for the Cultural District.

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The HMO issue, I know Policy KET8 aims to limit HMOs, but I'm worried a "ban" approach will backfire. For a lot of people, an HMO is the only affordable option they have. If we just shut them down without having a massive increase in social housing ready to go, we're going to push more people onto the streets. Can we focus on better standards and management instead? That way, we keep the supply of rooms but make sure they are actually decent, safe places to live.

A dedicated Support Hub. Along with the modular housing, we really need a proper hub for the homeless and underprivileged right in the heart of town. I know organisations like Accommodation Concern do amazing work, and they could be the perfect people to run it, but we need the plan to provide dedicated, purpose built facilities. Including emergency shelter units. A vibrant town shouldn't just be about nice cafes; it's about how we look after each other. Having a central place with the right resources for people to get back on their feet would show that Kettering is a town that truly cares.

I really want this plan to succeed, but success has to mean a Kettering that still has room for all of us. I hope you'll consider these points when you're finishing the final version.

Best regards,

Respondent 6

Hi,

I have reviewed and wish to comment on the Plan. Please find attached my comments with the policy as a header.

KET1: I worry that this part of the plan only points out buildings that are currently seen as an issue, rather than also protecting ones that are not now, but we would not want to lose in 20 years' time. This is what made protecting the ODEON so hard, the plan never considered that someone would want to knock down a very new cinema. While some of the community buildings are mentioned in the heritage section, such as the William Knibb, we have not saying we wish to protect their usage, just appearance.

KET1: The wording for Building E "Manor House", is extremely underwhelming. This is Kettering museum and the plan should clearly state is strong support for it to be returned to that use or for alternative museum space to be found. How can we create a plan which claims to support Kettering's heritage, without strongly supporting the institution that tells the story of that heritage?

KET7: This only includes Park Infants and not Junior. It also says that the tower has been removed from the Junior, even though it is now going to be added back. It is missing the Business Exchange, but includes William Knibb. Given we have now had experience of building owners wanting to remove the towers, could language be included that highlights their architectural importance and desire for them to remain.

KET7: Given recent developments should the plan include language about the London Road United Reformed Church, given some sort of development is likely.

KET9: There is a typo: "use if the RICS methodology is preferred" should be "of" not "if".

KET10: This statement "Redevelopment sites with proven nest sites should avoid the use of scaffolding between nesting periods (late April to early September)" is onerous and unrealistic. While

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it maybe reasonable to ask them to avoid blocking the nesting sites, to ask for no scaffolding during the dry months, when most outdoor building work happens, is extreme.

KET10: This requirement "Outside of the defined Town Centre on sites of 0.5 ha or more, shall be required as a minimum to achieve a future canopy cover of 20% of the site area principally through the retention of existing trees and the planting of new native trees. Where it can be demonstrated that this is impracticable, the use of other green infrastructure (e.g. green roofs and walls) can be used where they are capable of offering similar benefits to trees." is too prescriptive and does not take into account developments such as factory to flat conversions, which will not have roofs or outside space that would allow this.

KET10: Having external weblinks links to websites about swifts in a policy that will be in force until 2040s maybe not the best idea. They will not work in 20 years' time. They should be removed from 58. While I feel point 59 reads like an advert, is not relevant to the plan and should be removed totally.

KET11: I am very surprised the Greens would support the loss of greenspace in meadow park to allow for the development of Saunders Close. There is already good access to that site via Sheep Street and Northampton Road, as shown by it operating for decades prior to the recent closure. Sir John Brown Court is an unpleasant intrusion into that park, as is the office block just up from it. Why would you want to encourage more loss of the park? You never get parkland back, once it is lost it is gone for good. Every small bit you give up is a loss forever and should be opposed unless there is a really good reason. Making NNC's development of that site slightly easier is not a good enough reason to loose more of the park forever.

More generally, nothing in the whole plan talks about the night-time economy. I fear it has been written by people who mostly use the town during the day and forget the night-time use exists. It has been on decline for a long time and the plan should try to protect it. Specifically, the conflict between continued residential development and night-time use. As well as the difference in value between residential and commercial development making it much more attractive to convert everything to residential.

Respondent 7

Kettering is a wonderful place I've lived here for five years and what makes Kettering so special is the Kettfest and the people of Kettering although I think we could improve on the amount of abandoned buildings in town are plentiful and I think we could improve by making them into enjoyable centres like a place to shop or a restaurant ,more places to interact and being more social than antisocial. Secondly I think that we should add more color and a vibrant look to Kettering town centre to attract people instead of them sitting at home and for them to be proud of their town. Thirdly I think that we would really benefit having more events on to bring the people of Kettering together. Lastly Corby, Rushden and Wellingborough are getting more popular for the well-known Gravity, Flip out and Savoy cinema. In addition I think that we should add more cinemas, trampoline parks and social places because children and teenagers only go to McDonald's. Thank you for making Kettering be what it is today I hope make Kettering the town the uk would never forget.
Yours sincerely,

Respondent 8

Good afternoon,

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My wife and I live in the town centre and have done for over 30 years. Having read the plan our thoughts are:

- Policy 1: As well as protecting the key buildings it is vital to stop giving planning permission to any more very poor quality developments like the flats next to Beddows Motor Company. Developments like that are completely out of character and ruin the town centre.
- Policy 2: The balance of retail in the town centre is now completely wrong. We have lots of vape/convenience shops, nail bars and barbers and not enough "real" shops. We hear on the news that many of these vape/convenience shops, nail bars and barbers are just fronts for money laundering and involve illegal workers and even people smuggling. Not what you want to see in the town. Is there anything that could be added to the plan to say no more planning permissions for such shops?
- Policy 3: I am concerned that if the United Reformed Church, now empty, is turned into flats, the wonderful garden around it will be gravelled over to reduce maintenance. This would be a significant loss to the town and to wildlife and would seem to run against what the council is trying to achieve. Could wording be added to protect this garden specifically?
- Policy 4: I am very much in favour of this policy in principle however the way it is worded sounds weak to me. Yes it says plans would have to have full regard to local characteristics but there is no detail and it is not clear how it would be enforced. Could this be strengthened?
- Policy 5: We definitely need this but it needs to be enforced not just guidance. Is there any way it can be enforced on those places that are currently ignoring the guidance as well as in future cases? The London Shop at the junction of London Road and Bowling Green Road is an example of a terrible shop front that is out of character with the area. It does not make sense that they are allowed to have it.
- Policy 8: HMOs are the issue that upsets me and other local residents the most. I understand the need for them to some extent but the number now in the town centre is way too high and more are opening at the moment. This causes a significant change in the feel of the area as the residents of HMOs are transitory and have no stake in the area. On average they are much more likely than other residents to not take their bins in and leave rubbish around/fly tip on the street, they are more likely to smoke cannabis with the resulting smell lingering over the area, they have more cars in areas where parking is already difficult and, overall, the sense of community is being lost. I think we are at the point where long-term residents are likely to start moving out - we considered it when our neighbour's house went up for sale but luckily it did not become an HMO. I think the council should definitely follow Corby and bring all HMO planning applications into the planning regime. It should also give locals a say when a new HMO is planned (I gather on Brambleside this happened and it was turned down but in the town centre we get no say). Also, does the council know where all the HMOs are or are some run illegally? I am asking as number 41 St Peters Avenue has just been bought, I am told by builders, so it is assumed it will be another HMO, but it is surrounded by a number of others (number 44 is being fitted out and will open soon). Finally, as there are so many HMOs and parking is becoming very hard, is it time to change the residents only parking scheme so that

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each house gets one marked bay and the rest is open to all residents? Or, give us free parking in London Road car park.

- Policy 10: I repeat my point about the United Reformed Church garden. The fountain in the Manor House gardens has been out of order for many years - why is it so hard to repair it? If it cannot be repaired why not take it out? The fountains in the market square are great, when they are on. I think they should be on much more.
- Policy 12: This is important to me and I back the idea of better, more welcoming, provision for walking and cycling. The bollards that are meant to stop vehicles going through the town centre are out of order and have been for a long time. They need to be brought back into use. This week I saw two vehicles driving the wrong way up Market Street. Why is it taking so long to get enforcement cameras in Newland Street to stop people driving down it illegally as I know the council is in favour of it?
- Overall: The plan contains some good points however I think it is much too limited and needs a greater ambition. The town centre needs big ideas and investment. I do not know how to get that but feel the council is not trying hard enough to do so. Tinkering with the status quo is not going to stop the town's decline and we can be pretty sure that the demand for retail will continue to fall so we need something big to move to a future where the town centre thrives primarily on things you cannot do online such as drinking, eating, playing games and going to the cinema/theatre/concerts/festivals/museums/galleries.

Respondent 9

I would like to comment on the proposed plan for the area in which I live.. I find the plan lacking in several areas.

1 The cemetery at London road should be a central part of the plan. It is an island of tranquility in the centre of Kettering and much used by local residents not just by relatives and friends of those interred. It is much used as a safe haven by parents with young children, dog walkers and many other local residents. It is also a refuge for many species of wild life including nesting birds. There are many outstanding species of trees including sequoia, ginkgo biloba and oak. The two chapels are very distinct architecturally and the bluebells and daffodils are currently a fine display. This all needs protection, yet there is no mention of this in the plan, a glaring omission. The relevant councils should at least consider this as a possible area for a tree preservation order covering the whole cemetery. The sequoias are amongst the oldest examples in the UK, for example. The graves in the cemetery are also unique. Dr. David Brown, who conducts tours of the cemetery, should be consulted about how the records should be preserved. In the late 60's, Westminster Council sold off a cemetery for housing. This should never happen in Kettering.

2 Planning. All planning applications should make reference to existing trees on a site and a planning application to preserve or replace trees and old hedges, if necessary elsewhere.. The planners don't appear to know where existing trees and old hedges are. They should be mapped.

3 There are less than 200 tree preservation orders for all Kettering, I believe. There should be a concerted effort to increase these.

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4 Many streets in town have three storey buildings. In streets where this is normal. Residents should be encouraged to develop upwards.

5 Where a planning application shows a previous decision , or appeal, this should be summarised in the planning application, not just referred to.

6 All planning applications should show possible reasons for and against.

7 [Kettering Central Neighbourhood Plan](#) .co.uk does not exist! Perhaps you need to consult again?

Respondent 10

Dear Sir/Madam

Many thanks for the invitation to share my thoughts and views.

Newlands Centre

Outdated and low occupancy and the car park is not very inviting. Could anything be done to improve it and make it more attractive to shoppers.

Parking

Extended times for free parking to encourage more shoppers to come into the town.

Incentives for independent shops so that there are more interesting businesses on the high street.

I don't go into Kettering in the evenings as I'm not a pub goer. Are there other ways to make the town more inviting and feeling safer in the evenings?

Stamford Rd around Sainsburys, Montagu St and Newland St feel down at heel and could do with improvement.

Many thanks

Respondent 11

Dear Sirs

I have read through the Kettering Central Neighbourhood Plan consultation document and I am fully in agreement with its objectives and policies.

Respondent 12

I have been asked by Kettering Mind to provide a response to the Neighbourhood plan. I am writing this in my capacity as Kettering Mind's Vice-Chair and the response was approved at our most recent trustee meeting. I have CC'd in Chris our Chair, Jo our CEO and Kirsty our Deputy CEO so they have the full contents of this email.

Kettering Mind requests that the town council consider the impact of Policy KET8 "Houses in Multiple Occupation" on charities and providers of supported accommodation. We operate a number of HMOs in Kettering. Our HMOs are exclusively for people seeking to manage and improve their mental health. This takes the form of both long term tenants who cannot live independently and short term tenants who we are support towards independent living.

We ask that the Town Council reflect on the differences between profit-oriented landlords and charities operating HMOs for supported accommodation. We do not wish to imply anything negative towards profit-oriented landlords and accept they are an important part of our housing system, but

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we wish the Town Council to consider if they should be regulated in exactly the same way as charities providing supported accommodation via HMOs.

The current draft plan proposes rules to limit the number of HMOs in a given area. We want our residents to be part of the community and do not aim to build large groups of HMO next to each other, however sometimes for operational reasons it can be beneficial for our accommodation to be close together. This makes it easier for our staff to move between them in a timely fashion and provide support to our tenants. We are in the final stage of becoming a registered provider of social housing and will very shortly complete construction of 5 flats next to our existing HMO on Beatrice Road. We hope to continue expanding our accommodation over the coming years.

We ask that the council reflect on us as a different type of HMO landlord and consider adding wording to KET8 that might allow some flexibility for providers of supported accommodation to have HMOs closer together than the proposed rules allow if there is a good operational reason to do so, such as to allow the provider to more effectively support them.

Respondent 13

Dears Sirs,

I agree with all the ideas. In particular I think the town centre needs completely regenerating making it an attractive and safe place for residents to enjoy. I think HMO's need to be limited as in Ket10, green and sustainability issues are very important as well. I think business signs need monitoring as some do not blend into the environment.

Respondent 14

I would really love to see a cafe and toilet facilities at Rockingham Road Pleasure Park. It's a great space but underutilised due to the lack of basic comfort facilities.

Respondent 15

The KNP is really excellent.

I noticed this link (in image below) is broken as it says 'brightways' instead of 'brightwayz' in the url. It should be:

www.brightwayz.co.uk/healthy-streets-kettering

Respondent 16

A lot has been taken into consideration for overall benefit. My one concern is all that bicycling. Good ideas if they work, especially if cyclists can shop directly in the pedestrian area. More of a nightmare for car drivers? Apart from the bike issue, it all sounds well thought out. Good to maintain standards thankyou.

Respondent 17

Need to deal with empty shops in the town centre

Respondent 18

to encourage people to come to town and revive the community; first two hours free parking close to centre. Successfully done in neighbouring friendly towns

Respondent 19

I write to give my full support for the Kettering Central Neighbourhood Plan.

The consultation documents included a very informative and extensive read on the background to the plan and Kettering's history, character, listed buildings, parks, and much more. The scope of the policies is excellent and well thought through. The policies are considered, comprehensive and will provide important planning guidance for the future built environment, historic buildings, street scenes, and travel. The policies cover the utilisation of brownfield sites. They restrict the density of HMOs, and the pressures they place on residential neighbourhoods with car parking and waste bins. Sustainability and the environment are also included with effective policies on energy efficiency, biodiversity, green infrastructure and spaces. The policies and consultation are a testament to the enormous amount of work the contributors have done.

I do have some comments on the following policies which I would like to be considered:

Ket 2 Town Centre

Allowance for Recreation, Health Care, and Dental facilities should be specifically included in this section.

Policies should include the restriction on advertising any products and services which are detrimental to public health and wellbeing, particularly in relation to young people. E.g. Ultra processed foods, gambling, alcohol drinks.

Light spillage from illuminated signage should be limited to a minimum through control of the light source and daylight timers. This would reduce energy usage and improve 'dark skies'. Paragraph 141 of the NPPF reads: "The quality and character of places can suffer when advertisements are poorly sited and designed... Advertisements should be subject to control only in the interests of amenity and public safety, taking account of cumulative impacts." Newly announced plans by the government include removing this paragraph. A similar clause should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan to control the negative impacts of advertisements, signage and billboards. = See Adfree Cities for further background and guidance <https://adfreecities.org.uk/>

KET9 Energy Efficiency

A. The energy performance of new homes is covered by Building Regulations Part L1. The Future Homes Standard Regulations due to come into force in 2026 are written so that all new build dwellings will be 'zero carbon ready'. Post occupancy energy performance of new buildings is often the result of the building being used differently to methodology on which the SAP calculations were based – temperature settings, length heating periods. There is also an issue around the quality of the building process. Often, best practices are not used and short-cuts on site can lead to inherent problems with the building, such as poorly installed insulation, airtight seals and the testing of the building. This problem can be alleviated by increased Building Control inspections and enforcement, though this falls outside the realm of Planning.

C. Major non-residential development (and non-residential elements of mixed-use development) should be designed to achieve a minimum BREEAM rating of 'Excellent' and will be strongly encouraged to achieve an 'Outstanding' rating.

The incorporation of the 'BREEAM UK New Construction: Residential' as a requirement would be the best way to guarantee sustainability of new and extended dwellings. This is a standard developed by the Building Research Establishment (BRE) to assess the quality and sustainability of new homes in the UK. It focuses on factors such as energy efficiency, occupant well-being, and environmental impact.

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BREEAM link <https://breeam.com/breeam-uk-new-construction-residential>

Case study example available in link below:

<https://bregroup.com/case-studies/city-of-london-use-of-bre-s-home-quality-mark>

Thank you for the enormous amount of work the contributors have put into the policy documents and consultation. Do contact me if you need any further information.

Kettering Central Neighbourhood Plan

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- The Homes and Communities Agency
 - Homes England
 - Natural England
 - Anglian Water
 - English Heritage (the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England)
 - Historic England
 - Network Rail Infrastructure Limited
 - A strategic highways company (any part who is in or adjoins the neighbourhood area)
 - Highways England
 - Kettering General Hospital
 - Integrated Care Board
 - Northants ICB
 - Electricity licencee
 - National Grid
 - Gas Licencee
 - National Grid
 - Electronic Communications
 - BT

Advisory group members - please note that the advisory group members are not named due to GDPR

Statutory agencies

- Environment Agency
- The Environment Agency
- North Northamptonshire Council
 - Planning authority
 - strategic property
 - planning policy
 - Local Highway Authority

Property Owners – please note that the property owners are not named due to GDPR

- Manor House Museum
- Kettering swimming pool and Drivers Hall
- Gala Bingo site
- Royal Hotel
- Westbury House
- Former M&S building

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- Former Courts and police station site
- Drill Hall Court Northampton Rd
- Land at Water St and elsewhere
- Rockingham Rd Park bandstand
- Toller church
- Carey Baptist Church
- Kettering Central Methodist Church
- All Saints Church
- St Andrews church old and new vicarages
- Loakes factory 91 Wood St
- William Knibb Centre
- Drovers Hall
- Park Infant Academy
- Beech Cottage,
- 19 Dalkeith Place
- Rockingham House
- Wellington Works
- Orient House
- Branson Court
- Mill Road Park and Sports Facilities
- Mill Road Pocket Park
- Rockingham Road Pleasure Park
- Corner of Rockingham Road / Northfield Avenue
- Reed Close Play Area
- Grafton Street Park
- Meadow Road Park
- Manor House Gardens
- Garden of Reflection (north of Corn Market Hall)
- Corner of Stamford Road / Catesby Street
- Jubilee Gardens (either side of St Mary's Rd at London Rd junction)
- Union Street Copse

Interested parties – please note some parties are not named due to GDPR

- Love Kettering CIC
- Kettering Cleaning Club CIC
- HARA

Voluntary and community sector organisations

- Support Northamptonshire
- Northamptonshire REC

- DOSTIYO
- IHWO
- Care and Repair Northamptonshire
- Serve
- Friends of the Library
- Kettering and District Arts Society
- Kettering Carnival Committee
- Friends of Rockingham Road Pleasure Park
- Kettering & District Lions Club
- Kettering Huxloe Rotary Club
- Kettering Kosmos WI
- Kettering Complimentary Therapy Group
- Groundwork
- Kettering Allotment Society / Baha'i Community
- Kettering Eco group
- Grow Wild
- Wildlife Trust
- Kettering Wombles
- William St Community Garden
- Northamptonshire Sport
- Citizen Advice
- Kettering Foodbank

Local businesses and residents - not named due to GDPR

Religious and ethnic groups

- All Saints Church
- Christ the King
- Fuller Baptist Church
- Hindu Community Representatives
- Muslim community Representatives
- Sikh community Representatives
- St Peters & Pauls Church
- Kettering Vinyard Church

Neighbouring Parish Councils

- Barton Seagrave Parish Council
- Broughton Parish Council
- Cranford Parish Council
- Geddington, Newton and Little Oakley Parish Council
- Grafton Underwood Parish Council
- Great Cransley Parish Council
- Pytchley Parish Council

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- Orton Parish Body
- Burton Latimer Town Council
- Rothwell Town Council
- Warkton Parish Council
- Weekley Parish Council
- Loddington Parish Council
- Isham Parish Council
- Rushton Parish Council
- Thorpe Malsor Parish Council