

Kington Town Council. Planning Policy

1. Give preference to proposals for restoring or converting older buildings of character and retaining their setting, instead of demolishing and replacing them.
2. Preserve the variety of roof lines and roof styles in Kington, ensuring that any three-storey buildings are appropriate for their immediate surroundings.
3. Retain the appearance of an uninterrupted street frontage, while giving the pedestrian priority by allowing for wider pavements.
4. Provide a variety of house types, frontages and roof lines in all new developments, ensuring that units of different sizes are intermixed and avoiding separated areas of affordable housing.
5. Prevent cars from dominating the streetscape. Where car parking is provided, it should be within the limits of the site. Alternatively, provide individual garages or small areas of local car parking spaces behind or close to new dwellings, avoiding exposed central garaging.
6. Ensure that vehicular access arrangements do not destroy or damage the character of the street scene.
7. Ensure that new buildings or conversions of or extensions to existing rural properties retain the rural character of the setting and that any industrial scale buildings on these properties are screened from scenic public views and, as far as possible, from other public areas.
8. Ensure that future industrial and commercial developments provide adequate employee and customer parking, loading/unloading facilities, access and onsite storage so that vehicle traffic flows in the town are not interrupted or increased.
9. Design new buildings and extensions to respect the materials, shapes, styles and proportions of walls, roofs and other features of the buildings in the area.
10. Encourage the retention and repair of existing windows and original glass; where windows need to be replaced, they should have a style that is sympathetic to the age and style of the building or adjacent buildings.
11. Encourage the use of high-quality materials for all paved areas, giving preference to combinations of patterned brick and stone paving; break up large areas of paving by using planting or raised paved areas using contrasting materials.

12. Define plot boundaries beside public roads, paths or scenic views by using natural features: weathered brick, flint or other traditional walling, railings or hedging
13. Ensure that new industrial estates are visually and acoustically screened from any adjacent residential areas, using the boundary-screening materials suggested in guideline 12.
14. Ensure that any development takes into consideration energy efficiency and carbon footprint.
15. If an application involves the Burgage Walls they should be preserved.
16. Ensure that the infrastructure is upgraded to accommodate any new developments.