

Kingswood Residents' Association Chair backs development plans

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Exciting plans for Kingswood unveiled



Kingswood Parks Development Company and Kier Property have exciting plans for the development of a number of new restaurants and shops adjacent to the existing retail park.

The development is set to make Kingswood Parks an even better place to live, work and visit. Local residents were recently given the opportunity to attend a public exhibition at the Kingswood Pub.

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Your new development & flagship Next store in numbers...

10 new units, comprising restaurants & shops



Unlocking major highways improvements

730 parking spaces



470 new jobs, including full and part-time

£12m flagship Next store set to open in Autumn 2016



Plans unveiled for new shops, cafés and restaurants as part of exciting new development

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Plans have been submitted for new shops, cafés and restaurants at Kingswood Parks that could create up to 250 new full-time jobs, as well as many more part-time positions for local people.

Developers hope the investment will support economic growth in the region by further enhancing Hull's reputation for being an attractive shopping and leisure destination, preventing people going to other retail centres in cities such as Leeds, York, and Sheffield.

The planning application is now with Hull City Council through a joint venture between Kingswood Parks Development Company and Kier Property. This submission follows a public exhibition on the proposals that was held recently, as well as discussions with local residents.

The development comprises 10 new units, totalling 11,557 square metres and 450 parking spaces, on land north of Ashcombe Road, adjacent to Next's flagship home, clothing and garden megastore, due to open in Autumn 2016 with an additional 280 parking spaces and 220 jobs.

As part of the plans, a condition has been proposed to prevent any existing retail business from relocating out of the city centre, or other local retail destinations, into the new development, to ensure that this scheme does not impact on existing retail centres.

Significant highways improvements are central to the proposals and include major enhancements to the access of the site, as well as improvements at Barnes Way. A new roundabout off Ashcombe Road, being built as part of the Next plans, will also serve the proposed development.

A planning decision is expected towards the end of the summer and work could start later this year, if planning approval is granted.

A spokeswoman for Kingswood Parks Development Company added: "Kingswood Parks has evolved significantly since the first brick was laid over 20 years ago and the community living here has grown with it. In turn, demand for an even broader range of facilities has increased. These plans will complement the existing facilities and businesses and add to the vitality of Kingswood."

“ Mark Bisbey, Chair of the Kingswood Residents' Association, has welcomed the plans. He said: "I am sure the majority of residents will join me in welcoming more jobs for our area and particularly more part-time employment which appeals to a wider demographic such as students and young people, where unemployment levels are higher.

"The planned improvements to infrastructure are welcome, particularly as the majority of issues that have been raised by residents have been concerning traffic. I went along to the public exhibition that took place and it really reassured me of the commitment that is being made to highways improvements linked to the plans.

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Pictured right: Mark Bisbey, Chair of the Kingswood Residents' Association




Start your next career...

The new £12m flagship Next store, due to open in Autumn 2016, is set to provide over 220 jobs and career opportunities for residents in Kingswood Parks.

Next is one of the most popular retail businesses in the UK when it comes to progressive career opportunities in a forward thinking environment. Next is renowned for being passionate about employing people who are dedicated to providing excellent customer service and those looking for rewarding careers in the retail industry.

If you are thinking of starting a new career with a competitive salary and excellent bonus schemes, then Next could provide the role for you. The company offers a clear career progression plan for all its staff, with regular training in order to progress.

Next also offers the Sharesave Scheme, a chance for its staff to invest in the company and then claim their share of the business success. Pension, healthcare and life assurance schemes are other attractive benefits available to Next employees, not to mention staff discounts and biannual 75% uniform discount.

Jobs are not yet being advertised, but make sure you subscribe here for job vacancy alerts:
www.careers.next.co.uk



The impressive new two-storey Next store is set to be home to one of the largest fashion, home and garden centres in the area, as well as featuring an in-store café.



Beal Homes helps sisters stay close to home

Sisters Emma and Claire Cutts have bought their first homes just around the corner from each other in Kingswood Parks.

The sisters, both first-time buyers, recently moved into new homes on Beal Homes' Kingswood Parks development. Having grown up in Kingswood originally, Emma and Claire were both keen to stay in the area to be close to their family and friends.

The sisters have moved into Beal Homes' First Step range of starter homes and were able to reserve their plots in January before saving the deposit over the subsequent months, taking advantage of the government's Help to Buy Scheme. The scheme means buyers need a minimum of a 5% deposit and

the Government will lend up to 20% of the value of the property through an equity loan which can be repaid at any time or on the sale of the home.

Emma, 26, who lives with her parents in Kingswood, reserved a one-bedroom Soho home. Meanwhile, Claire, 24, who currently rents an apartment in Hull city centre with her partner, reserved a two-bedroom Gramercy property, just five doors away.

Emma said: "Not only was I able to save up for the deposit at a pace to suit me, I could also design the interior of my new home to suit my lifestyle and budget. The team at Beal Homes were amazing and really helped to make the whole process a stress-free experience – especially as I'm a first-time buyer!"

122 new Persimmon Homes well underway

Persimmon Homes Yorkshire is further strengthening its presence in Kingswood Parks, with work well underway at its Charterhouse development of 122 new homes.

"Due to the popularity of our previous developments we were delighted to have the opportunity to acquire further land in this location," explained Kevin Thubron, sales director at Persimmon Homes Yorkshire.

"Over the years we have built more than 650 new Persimmon homes and are delighted to be part of the growing and thriving Kingswood Parks residential community.

"Our Charterhouse site comprises a collection of two, three and four bedroom homes. The properties

feature a continuation of the most successful house designs from our other development in Kingswood Parks, Richmond Fields, so we are expecting there to be a lot of interest," added Kevin.

Kevin concluded: "We believe the new range of homes will appeal to all budgets and lifestyles from families and first-time buyers to investors. And, with the Government-backed Help to Buy Scheme, there has never been a better time to buy, as customers realise how far their money can go."



Kingswood Butchers & Deli and The Village Retreat celebrate their first birthdays

Kingswood Butchers & Deli and beauty salon, The Village Retreat, have both recently celebrated their first birthdays in the Village Centre.



We are sure you will join us in wishing two of your favourite local shops a very Happy Birthday. To celebrate their birthday and thank all of their loyal customers, Kingswood Butchers & Deli raffled off two £25 vouchers to spend in store. Raffle tickets were on sale to customers, with the £245 in proceeds going to East Hull under-10s rugby club. The winners had their vouchers presented to them by Hull Kingston Rovers player, Liam Slater, and Hull FC player, Danny Houghton.

Co-owner Darren Williamson said: "We wanted to say a big thank you to all our customers for supporting us over the last year.

"We are looking forward to the upcoming years of building our reputation as the best local and quality butchers and deli, as Kingswood Parks continues to grow."



The Village Retreat celebrated its birthday in style, giving customers glasses of fizz, celebratory cupcakes and special birthday offers in the salon! Customers were also treated to a Dermalogica treat bag.

Salon Manager, Emma Wray, said: "We had such a great day celebrating the salon's first birthday, it was great to see so many of our customers come in and join the fun.

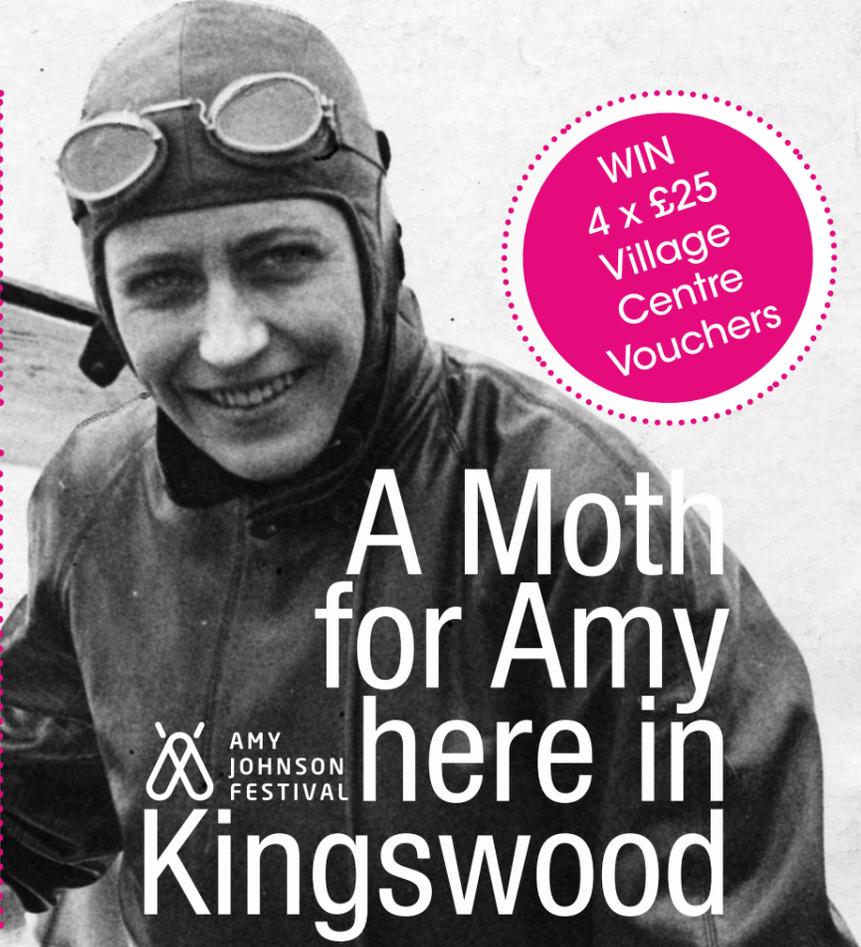
"We hope this is the first of many birthdays at Kingswood Parks, we love it here and all of our amazing customers."

"Everyone loved their little treats and lots of people booked in for treatments, we couldn't have asked for a better day"



"The East Hull under-10s were so excited to see Liam and Danny, it was a great day for everyone and we are so grateful for all of the support"





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AMY JOHNSON FESTIVAL
**A Moth
for Amy
here in
Kingswood**

A major public art project is happening around Hull to celebrate the life of Hull's aviation heroine Amy Johnson. Kingswood Parks is proud to be part of the high profile project, having secured one of the 59 moth sculptures that will be based around the city, modelled on Hull's highly successful 'Larkin with Toads' scheme.

A spokeswoman for Kingswood Parks Development Company said: "Hosting the moth is a great opportunity for Kingswood to showcase what we have to offer. It will encourage plenty of visitors to our area as they do the moth trail, we are sure people will enjoy visiting the area to see the beautiful moth we have chosen."

The moths are based on Captain Sir Geoffrey de Havilland's Moths which Amy flew to Australia, and are to raise awareness of her achievements as an aviator, engineer and a woman of her time.

The moths are part of a larger cultural festival using Amy's legacy to create an exciting programme running from July to September based on art, science and engineering.

Project Manager of A Moth for Amy, Clare Huby, said: "We are so happy to see Kingswood Parks being part of such a great project for Hull.

"It is fantastic to see the project coming together with so many businesses and communities getting involved."

The project is in place to encourage young women to consider engineering and the sciences as possible career options, to introduce new audiences to great art and cultural events, and to place Hull in an international context.

Kingswood Parks is home to a beautiful design by Delhi based artist, Alka Yadac. Alka is a young artist who is working in the fashion design industry.

Her passion behind the project is reflected in the design. She said: "I want to be part of this festival with all my heart. If I can get a chance to be part of this festival, maybe I can tell everyone that females are not only born to do household work, they are not born to live according to a male, it's their journey - let them handle it."

Kingswood Parks' moth will be on display from July onwards in our Village Centre.

Can you find it? Email your pictures with it to: emily.young@mercury-group.co.uk for a chance to win a £25 voucher to spend in the Village Centre.

Revive yourself

Revive Church, of Kingswood, is set to host another Summer Fair at the Village Green on Saturday, September 3rd, to finish off the Summer holidays on a high.

It is part of Revive's mission to transform local communities, raise extraordinary generations and inspire global revival.



"Everyone had such a good day and we got so many more attendees than expected. We want to show everyone the positive work we do at Revive, this is not a fundraising event, but simply to give something back to the local community"

For more information about Revive Church, which hosts a wide range of activities at its base in Kingswood House, Ashcombe Road, visit: www.revivechurch.co.uk or call (01482) 420620.

The Summer Fair will be a follow on from their successful fair last year, when the local community got together and enjoyed a day of activities in the sun.

The church regularly hosts meetings, lunches, events and group sessions for the local community to come together and learn, no matter what their background might be.

The forthcoming fair welcomes the local community to join in the highly popular itinerary of last year, including a few extras, such as a live band! The event will be free of charge and welcomes all of the community to get involved.

Bouncy castles and slides, face painting, refreshments and live music are just a few of the things to be expected at the Village Green from 11am until 3pm.

Volunteers from Revive Church are responsible for organising and clearing away the event. Rob Pritchard, from Revive, said: "After the success of last year's event, we couldn't not host another.

"We know this year's will be just as good, if not better. We hope to see everyone there and enjoying it."

The event will take place at 11am-3pm on the Village Green on Saturday, September 3rd.





Leading the way to a bright future

The incoming Headteacher at Kingswood Parks Primary School is looking forward to leading the school into an exciting period of growth and further development.

Helen Miller, whose teaching career spans over two decades in Hull, has spent the last 10 years at the helm of Bude Park Primary School, which is part of the North Carr Collaborative Academy Trust together with Kingswood Parks Primary School and Highlands Primary School.

Mrs Miller is looking forward to her exciting new adventure and can't wait to return from the summer holidays and begin meeting children and their families in Kingswood Parks.

"Strong leadership and ensuring there is a clear direction is at the forefront of every school's success," said Mrs Miller, who has a passion for music and the arts and is also the Chair of Hull Music Hub, a partnership of groups and organisations that leads on the provision of musical activities and opportunities for children, young people and the wider community in Hull.

The school has experienced high demand for places since opening, particularly within its Foundation Stage. Children in the incoming Reception year in September 2016 will occupy the largest space within the school as the intake increases to 90 pupils to meet demand.

The number of children in Reception is now double what it was when the school first opened and therefore those children will occupy the whole of the Foundation area downstairs, with Nursery children relocating to a specifically designed mobile unit with its own dedicated outdoor play area.

"I am looking forward to building on the strong foundations that have already been established at Kingswood Parks Primary School and working with new teachers joining the school in September in readiness for increased pupil numbers"

Meanwhile, upstairs in the school, the current studio space is being converted into two additional classrooms.

All other year groups throughout the school will remain at a maximum intake of 45 until the incoming Reception children move right up through the school, by which time it is envisaged there will be 90 pupils in every year – taking the total pupil roll to approximately 600.

With this in mind, the school is starting to explore plans for a permanent extension to the school.

Designs for the extension are currently unavailable, as it is only in the early planning stages. Hull City Council is working with the school to develop the plans to ensure there is long term provision for the growing demand in Kingswood Parks.

One thing is for sure, the incoming Headteacher is passionate about ensuring the future is bright for Kingswood Parks Primary School. Mrs Miller, who also sings in the East Riding County Choir, added: "Very exciting times lie ahead of the school and I am looking forward to being part of its future success story and creating an exciting learning environment for pupils today and in the future."





What shop would you like to see here?

Kingswood Parks Village Centre is thriving and we are pleased to report that the retailers operating within our village shops are proving very popular with local residents.

The Village Centre lies at the heart of our thriving residential development. With a state-of-the-art £5m primary school, a purpose-built health centre and The Co-op mini supermarket, residents have access to everything they need on their doorstep.

There is just one vacant unit remaining in the Village Centre and Kingswood Parks Development Company is keen to ensure the next addition to the range of retailers is carefully selected and proves equally as popular as the existing businesses which include The Village Green Café Bar, Beercock Wiles & Wick, Jhoots Pharmacy, Kingswood Butchers & Deli, The Village Retreat and the Hair Room.

Retailers located in the Village Centre are given the best possible chance to thrive, thanks to their central location within the wider development, a high level of footfall from the local amenities and access to an even wider catchment of properties since the development of the main East/West link road through to Kesteven Way.

When the Village Centre was in its early planning stages, Kingswood Parks Development Company undertook a survey to establish what type of shops residents would like to see there. At that time, there was a strong desire for local independent businesses to operate in the Village Centre.

Now, we would like residents to get in touch and tell us what they would like to see the final unit operating as. Please complete the form below or via our website: www.kingswoodparks.co.uk

Tell us what you would like to see in the vacant unit in our Village Centre

Some of the enquiries we have had from businesses interested in the remaining unit include:

- **Opticians**
- **Florist**
- **Traditional sweets shop**
- **Barbers**
- **Gift shop**

Name:

Address:

Email:

Please tick any preferences you have and also include suggestions of other businesses you would like to see, but please note we cannot use the unit for takeaways/fast food.

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