Have your say on the future of Knowsley

Creating the Borough of Choice 2026
What are we trying to do?
Knowsley Council is putting together its Local Development Framework. This is an important plan that takes a number of years to produce and will shape development in Knowsley for years to come.

At the heart will be a Core Strategy which will guide where and how new homes and jobs are provided. It will also help deliver the necessary transport and other infrastructure to make this possible.

We are at an early stage of developing this plan and to help us decide how to do this we have prepared an Issues and Options report. This sets out the main issues that face Knowsley and a range of options about how these may be addressed. These include:

• creating attractive places for people to live, work and spend their leisure time;
• meeting Government targets to build nearly an extra 10,000 new homes in Knowsley up to 2026;
• creating opportunities for new employment;
• deciding how our town centres and smaller shopping areas should be developed;
• making the best use of Knowsley’s green spaces; and
• deciding how we tackle climate change.

Tell us what you think
This leaflet sets out three options for how we may address these issues and explores how and where new development in Knowsley could best be built up to 2026.

We would like to know which option you prefer overall and the parts of each option which you do and don’t like.

We would also like to know if you have other ideas, for example, you may prefer a mix of different parts of the options.

Please take a look at the three options in this leaflet, fill in the form with your comments and return to us by 5pm Friday 22 January 2010.
Option A - Urban Concentration

Key Features

• Build about 5,500 new houses within Knowsley's existing towns.

• Build new employment areas only on vacant sites in existing employment areas.

• No expansion of Knowsley's towns into Green Belt areas.

• Continue with existing regeneration schemes at North Huyton and Tower Hill (Kirkby).

• Redevelop land at South Prescot for employment uses.

Implications

• Not enough space to meet Government house-building targets after the next 10 years. Neighbouring districts may be required to help meet the need for new houses and employment.

• Possible loss of green spaces in towns for new development.

• Possibly build more dense forms of new housing, e.g. apartments and terraces, in existing towns.
Option B - Focused Urban Regeneration

Key Features

- Build about 6,500 new houses within Knowsley’s existing towns.
- Increase the number of homes as part of the regeneration of North Huyton and Tower Hill (Kirkby) and extend regeneration to other parts of Kirkby and Stockbridge Village.
- Remodel Knowsley Industrial Park to create additional employment land.
- No expansion of Knowsley’s towns into Green Belt areas.
- Use land at South Prescot for a mixture of housing and employment uses.

Implications

- Not enough space to meet Government house-building targets after the next 10 years. Neighbouring districts may be required to help meet the need for new houses and employment.
- Possible loss of green spaces in towns (particularly in regeneration areas) for new development.
Option C - Sustainable Urban Extensions

Key Features

- Focus development mainly within Knowsley’s existing towns in the next 10 years.
- After 10 years, development to include extensions to the built up area.
- Continue with existing regeneration schemes (e.g. North Huyton and Tower Hill - Kirkby).
- Redevelop land at South Prescot for employment uses.

Implications

- The loss of some Green Belt land for new development - mostly after the next 10 years.
- If we pursue this option we would need to do further work to identify the best locations for expanding the urban areas and consult on these next year.
- Less likely to lose green space or increase housing density in existing towns.
- Enough space to meet Government housing and employment targets up to 2026 without relying on neighbouring districts.
Tell us what you think

Please fill in this form and return your comments to us, or you can do this online at www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF

Please return your comments by **5pm Friday 22 January 2010**. Thank you.

1. Which of the options in your view is the best?

☐ Option A  ☐ Option B  ☐ Option C  ☐ Combination of Options

2. What do you like or dislike about option A “Urban Concentration”?

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3. What do you like or dislike about option B “Focussed Urban Regeneration”?

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4. What do you like or dislike about option C “Sustainable Urban Extensions”?

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5. If you prefer a mix of options, what different parts would you like to see included?

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Thank you for your comments
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How can I submit my views?

You can return your views to us using the cut off slip in this leaflet.

You can also use the online form at www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF

How can I find out more?

Come along to one of our drop in events at:

**Council One Stop Shops** 9am - 5pm
- Huyton 4 December
- Prescot 8 December
- Halewood 11 December
- Kirkby 14 December

**Libraries**
- Prescot 15 December 12 - 5pm
- Stockbridge Village 18 December 12 - 5pm
- Whiston 8 January 2010 4 - 7pm

**Leisure Centres** 4 - 8pm
- Kirkby 2 December
- Huyton 9 December
- Halewood 10 December

See a copy of the full **Issues and Options** paper between 27 November 2009 and 22 January 2010, at all council One Stop Shops and libraries, during normal opening hours.

See the full **Issues and Options** paper and submit your comments online at www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF

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Speak to us on 0151 443 2326

LDF Team, Directorate of Regeneration, Economy and Skills, Knowsley Council, Archway Road, Huyton, Merseyside L36 9FB. (Postage required)

Facebook - search for Help plan Knowsley!

**All comments must reach us by 5pm Friday 22 January 2010.**

Personal information will not be gathered by the response slip. The information submitted will become public at a later date.
What happens next?

We will carefully consider all comments and views received about these options, other evidence and Government requirements and prepare a Preferred Options document.

The Preferred Options document will say what we think is the most suitable approach to development in Knowsley up to 2026. This could be based on one of the options detailed in this leaflet or a combination of different parts of each option.

You will have the opportunity to give us your views on the Preferred Options in Autumn 2010. Keep checking www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF for updates. You can register your details online to receive future updates.

After this we will consider your comments again and a final plan will be produced and submitted for approval to the Government. Once approved the plan will be adopted in 2011.
For more information log on to www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF

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