



## 3. WHAT ARE THE MAIN PROBLEMS WITH KINGSTON?

The community identified the following problems with Kingston

### Atmosphere

Not family friendly (disputed amongst group)  
Need to differentiate from Manuka  
Not to end up like Manuka

### Ageing

Needs face-Lift  
Rundown  
Shabby  
Tired  
Ageing infrastructure  
Run down existing buildings

### Maintenance

Lack of money spent on maintenance – Green Square lawns  
Highgate Laneway – ugly, messy, dirty, etc.  
Grottness – e.g. lane and Green Square  
Rubbish disposal for businesses in the laneway is an eyesore – need a communal area  
State of lanes – service areas  
Maintenance of garden in Giles and Kennedy Streets  
Rats  
No problems – repair it and leave it alone

### Operations

Businesses dumping rubbish in residential hoppers  
Garbage logistics  
Rubbish bins in laneway

### Services

Cafés close earlier  
Don't have a big enough supermarket  
Dysfunctional balance of traders  
Lost some speciality shops/professions  
No green grocer  
Not enough Sunday trading  
Nowhere to do a full grocery shop  
Pricing competition  
Supermarket is overpriced

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## Land Use

- No houses left – creeping apartments
- No more apartment complexes – too many
- Only seventeen houses left
- Tenancy mix – skewed toward night time activities, social disorder, vandalism

## Safety

- Car park unsafe at night – no lighting
- Drug dealing
- Graffiti
- Insufficient lighting
- No police presence
- Poor lighting – break-ins
- Security (2)
- Law and order
- Those young hooligans!

## Impacts of Entertainment Activities

- After-effect of too many nightclubs/pubs – bottles on Sunday morning, graffiti, noise, need more police presence
- Bars and nightclubs – too many, close together, drawing people from all over Canberra with no concern for the suburb
- Litter – beer bottles etc. from night trade
- Litter from football fans; night clubs and bars
- Night culture
- Late night ‘visitors’ from bars
- Noise at night (restaurants, bars, environment act doesn’t measure base frequencies in terms of noise pollution, time – late-night/early-morning during weekends) (#)
- Tension between residents and other users – e.g. Bar patrons
- Vandalism – (Friday-Saturday, graffiti, safety) (3)

## Transport/Traffic

- Disconnected from some areas of Canberra
- Getting across – Wentworth Avenue, Giles and Kennedy Street
- Laneway is only a service access presently – make a community space, Melbourne style
- Not enough parking
- Public transport (4)
- Traffic (2)
- Transport

## Parking

- Parking (7)
- Parking congestion
- Parking in the right places
- Parking –residents have to pay for parking, lack of parking

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## Public Realm

Better Facilities in Telopea Park

Green Square (deterioration, more child friendly, not green; lack of through access) (5)

Lack of open space to create community focus/hub

No green spaces

Tired streetscape

## Accessibility

Access through centre

Egress (accessibility)

Pedestrian access

## Other

Lease limitations

Miss Bridge Club – i.e. friendly

Overdevelopment pressures

Road rage

That ACTPLA thinks we need re-development and has decided to make a plan, has this grown out of assessment of community needs?

Parking on the grass – Manuka Oval