



## 4. WHAT ARE THE MAIN ISSUES/CHALLENGES FACING KINGSTON

### Possible Future Directions

Eastlake centre may become a stand-alone centre  
Reinvent as a daytime destination which will attract like-minded business/traders  
Without a major supermarket we will never retain our group centre status  
United and co-ordinated approach

### Accessibility

Enhance walkability  
Higher residential density in walking distance

### Connectivity

Connect all Kingston areas – across Wentworth Avenue  
Integration of significant supermarket with the whole centre  
Connect everything

### Transport

Improved public transport – less need for parking  
Public transport  
If a light rail is built, will it service area  
Need shuttles/buses between Civic and Kingston  
Possible removal of railway station

### Parking

Adequate parking  
More parking – e.g. need multi-story behind service station  
Parking  
Parking – not supermarket

### Retail/Services

Maintaining the variety of shops  
Supporting business – parking, accessibility to shops, atmosphere  
Maintain services needed by residents  
Maintaining local businesses  
Supermarket threatens ambience  
Growing retail vacancies  
Bus depots – please keep in Kingston  
Providing facilities that people value – e.g. why do we need a second supermarket?

### Competition

Competition from foreshore with cafés and services  
Foreshore development going retail  
Balance lake requirements with those for Kingston  
Threat of loss of business to new development  
Responding to the foreshore restaurants

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## Heritage

- Maintaining heritage values whilst still growing
- Modernise with respect for heritage – refurbish
- Keep old buildings
- Upgrade but keep old buildings

## Laneway

- Highgate Lane – make it a clean, vibrant land, pedestrians and small shop fronts, like Melbourne
- Back alleys more appealing
- Highgate Lane developed to a European feel

## Character

- How will all the apartments impact on Kingston?
- Maintaining character
- How to keep community feel
- Development to respect amenity of residents – noise, smell, traffic
- Retaining character
- Maintaining Kingston as a nice place to live
- Avoiding over-commercialisation
- No more nightclubs – late closing bars
- Tourist destination - retain character
- Create a family friendly Kingston with excellent lake access
- Retain the village in a city
- Venice on lake
- Keeping village atmosphere
- Maintaining village character and diversity

## Landscape Character

- Keeping Telopea Park and Green Square
- Maintaining green space
- Preserving green space
- Keeping Green Square family oriented – four nightclubs/pubs at present, litter bottles on Sunday morning, graffiti
- Openness – streetscape
- Update of Green Square
- Landscaping
- Improving open space

## Public Realm/Community Facilities

- More community facilities for children and older kids
- Level footpaths
- Replace existing infrastructure without expanding
- Discuss social impacts
- Community services involvement
- Closing off Jardine – pedestrian precinct

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## Type of Development/Scale

- Balance of redevelopment – Kingston needs a staged development
- Keeping building heights down
- Larger supermarket
- Maintaining the unique village ambience
- No new supermarket
- Location of supermarket
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- No residential above supermarket
- No need for supermarket
- Supermarket brings traffic – noisy, dangerous, big trucks
- Overdevelopment
- Achieving sympathetic architecture

## Sustainability/Environment

- Sustainability
- Not releasing more land for residential development

## Other

- Future demographics
- Where is the water coming from?
- Managing population
- Managing needs of diverse people – young and old, family and single
- Security
- Remove red tape – inconsistencies
- The ACT government listening to the Kingston community and not just going through the motions!
- Understanding that ACTPLA already has a plan
- Lack competitive pricing – supermarket
- What is the evidence that a new supermarket is needed?
- Exploitation