# Welcome to your new home



This travel information leaflet has been produced to provide you with information on the different modes of transport available to the residents of Kings Hill.

Kings Hill is located on the former West Malling Airfield approximately 3.2km south of West Malling approximately 8km west of Maidstone.

Kings Hill is well served by bus and train services from the nearby West Malling (for Kings Hill) Station and benefits from easy access to London via the M25 and mainland Europe via the Channel Tunnel. cycle paths in Kings Hill have been designed for convenience of movement between the housing areas, community amenities and business park and to be accessible from the wider network outside Kings Hill. Additionally, Kent has many spectacular walks and cycle rides to enjoy.

This leaflet forms part of the developer's Phase 3 Residential Travel Plan. The main objectives of this Plan are to encourage healthier initiatives to further sustainable ways of travelling in and around Kings Hill.

For more information on the Travel Plan visit: www.kings-hill. com/location-and-travel

The footpaths, greenways and

#### Get Connected with Kent Connected

Kent Connected is a free journey planner that empowers you to make smarter travel choices with your health, time, and the environment in mind. Kent Connected makes travel planning easy; it shows live bus and train times and provides different route suggestions for walking and cycling, including an integrated walking and cycling map to help ease any worries and get you on your way.

Visit: https://kentconnected.org and download the app.

## Public transport

#### Kings Hill by Bus

There are a number of bus services that operate at Kings Hill which provide connections between a variety of destinations including Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Chatham, Rochester and Maidstone.

#### Arriva Buses

0344 800 4411 www.arrivabus.co.uk

#### **Kings Hill Connect**

(which is part of Arriva) www.arrivabus.co.uk/ kent-and-surrey/services/x1x2---kings-hill-to-maidstone/

Kings Hill Connect – X1 Kings Hill/West Malling/ Maidstone

**Kings Hill Connect – X2** Kings Hill/West Malling Station

#### **Nu Venture Buses**

01622 882288 www.nu-venture.co.uk/ page68.html

Nu-Venture Bus 77 operates on Mondays to Fridays between West Malling, Kings Hill, Mereworth, Hadlow and Tonbridge. A limited number of buses continue beyond Tonbridge to/from Southborough/Tunbridge Wells. Middle-of-day buses are timed to provide train connections at West Malling Station to/from Kings Hill and Mereworth.

Nu-Venture Buses 77A and 148A operate on



Kent Schooldays between West Malling, Kings Hill, Mereworth, Hadlow and Tonbridge, at times suited to student travel.

Nu-Venture Bus 151 continues to operate on Mondays to Saturdays between Kings Hill/West Malling and Medway. On Saturdays, Bus 151 also operates Kings Hill to Mereworth to provide a connection with Arriva buses at Mereworth to Hadlow/ Tonbridge.

If you're looking for information on planning your journey by bus and you'd like to make it a bit easier, let Kent Connected help with information on tickets and services, you'll be hopping on the bus in no time www.kentconnected.org/ travel-smarter-by/bus

#### Kings Hill by Coach -Commuting into London

#### Brookline Commuter Coaches

01732 845656 www.brooklinecoaches. co.uk/timetable/

#### Chalkwell Coach Company

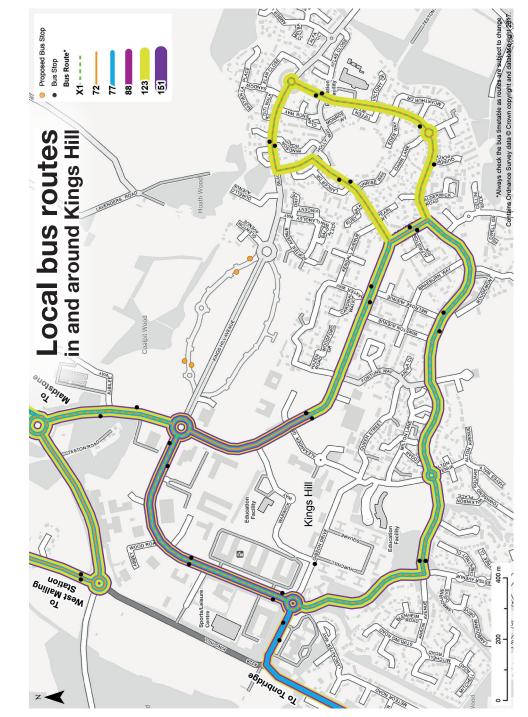
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#### **Kings Ferry Coaches**

01634 778635 www.thekingsferry.co.uk/ commuter-services/kingshill

#### Could you work from home!

www.kentconnected.org/ travel-smarter-by/work-fromhome





#### Kings Hill by Train

King's Hill's location benefits from an excellent choice of rail services to London and other locations. West Malling (for Kings Hill) Station is just a few minutes away by shuttle bus (123: The Ride) www.nuventure.co.uk/page69.html or approximately 40 minute walk from the centre of Kings Hill

Services to Victoria leave approximately every 15 minutes from 0600 until 0800, and half hourly thereafter until 2300. The journey takes approximately 50 minutes.

#### Services to Blackfriars leave daily at 0622 and 0705, taking approximately 60 minutes.

West Malling (for Kings Hill) Station Station Approach Off Swan Street ME19 6HJ

For Train Times call Southeastern Customer Services 0345 322 7021 or visit: www.southeasternrailway. co.uk/travel-information/ more-travel-help/stationinformation/stations/ west-malling

#### Did you know!

A PLUSBUS ticket is a travelcard that you buy with your train ticket.

For more information visit: www.kentconnected.org/travel-smarter-by/train

#### Nearest Airports

Gatwick Airport 34 mile drive via M25 Approx travel time 40 minutes 0844 892 0322 www.gatwickairport.com

London City Airport 37 miles drive via M20/A2 Approx travel time 53 minutes 020 7646 0000 www.londoncityairport.com

Heathrow Airport 55 miles drive via M25 Approx travel time 65 minutes 0844 335 1801 www.heathrow.com

Stansted Airport 60 miles drive via M25 Approx travel time 73 minutes 0808 169 7031 www.stanstedairport.co

Source – Google Map

## Kings Hill by foot & bike



At Kings Hill, walking and cycling are promoted by a network of paths and cycle routes and connections to links beyond. In addition to the roadside pavements, which are designed for combined pedestrian and cycle use in the residential areas, there are also landscaped "greenway" paths which provide easy access between the housing and the central amenities. Further routes will be created as new homes are built.

Within the business park there are roadside cycle routes which connect to the cycle route on the A228 bypass which also leads to West Malling (for Kings Hill) Station.

#### Warren Wood Nature Park

Opened to the public in 2011 and within the development, Warren Woods Nature Park extends across 46 acres of native woodland. Today, with footpaths and picnic areas this is a great natural space for you to explore, for location map visit: www. kings-hill.com/play/out-andabout/nature-park

If you would like to find out more about local routes and walking groups please visit: www.kentconnected.org/ travel-smarter-by/walking

#### Join Walk to School Week

Walk to School Week, taking place each May, is a countrywide celebration of walking. Each year Living Streets puts together a fun themed challenge to take on while walking to and from school. Children and their families get a taste of the many benefits the simple act of walking can bring. Visit: www. livingstreets.org.uk

#### Be Active – Kent County Council

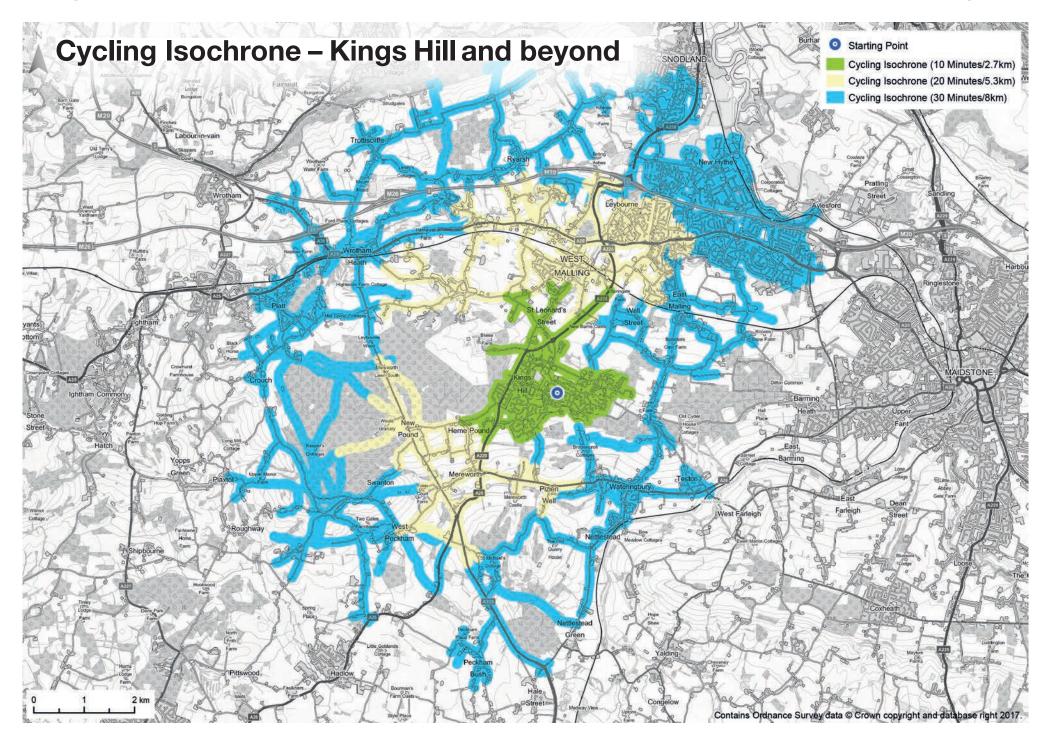
Active travel means making the decision to walk or cycle to get to a destination such as work, visiting friends or going to the shops. Active travel can be for complete journeys or parts of a journey. To find out more visit:

www.kent.gov.uk/ about-the-council/ strategies-and-policies/ transport-and-highwayspolicies/active-travel-strategy



#### Did you know!

Sometimes overlooked as a form of exercise, walking briskly can help you build stamina, burn excess calories and make your heart healthier. You don't have to walk for hours. A brisk 10-minute daily walk has lots of health benefits and counts towards your recommended 150 minutes of weekly exercise – Source NHS England





#### Kings Hill by Bike

Cycling is an ideal way to explore the local countryside and it is easy to find quiet lanes away from the main roads to take you past hop bines (the climbing stem of the hop) and apple orchards, providing a vivid reminder of why Kent is known as the Garden of England.

#### Kings Hill Wheelers Cycling Club

The Club meets every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday at 9.15am from Waitrose car park with club rides of 30 - 50 miles, usually finishing at the David Lloyd Fitness Centre for coffee.

A Thursday evening ride is also available during the Summer months starting at 6 pm with a 20 - 25 mile route through the Kent countryside. The Club, which has members of varying ages and ability, organises rides and enters Sportives and Time Trials for members throughout the year.

For more information Contact Mike Kirk on 01732 522174 / 07957 365149.

#### Local Cycle Shops/ Services (within 5 mile radius)

West Malling Cycles www.westmallingcycles.co.uk

Larkfield Cycles https://larkfieldcycles.co.uk/

The Bike Site www.thebikesite.biz

Halfords www.halfords.com

Visit West Kent CTC, The Cycling UK Local organisation for the areas of West Kent and South East London www.westkentctc. org.uk/

#### Bike Week

As the biggest nationwide cycling event in the UK, Bike Week encourages over half a million people to join in events, rethink their everyday journeys and switch to cycling as the most convenient way to get around. Go to www. bikeweek.org.uk/pledge/

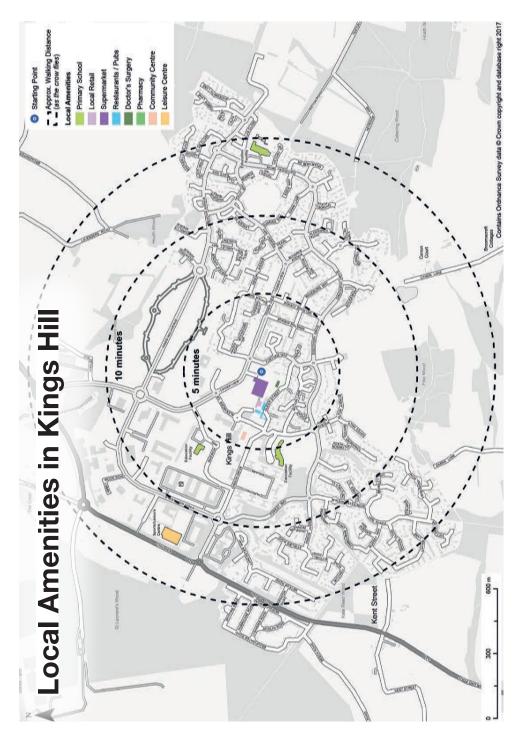
Whether you're a keen cyclist already, or just looking for a bit of inspiration visit: www. kentconnected.org/travelsmarter-by/cycling

#### Did you know!

Getting out walking or cycling burns calories, gets your heart pumping and vorks your legs and abs. It can also lift your mood, put a smile on your face and mprove your general health & wellbeing – Source Sustrans

**Kent County Council** offer cycle training courses to give people the skills and confidence to cycle more often for leisure and work.

Information can be found following the link below, or call General Enquiries 03000 41 41 41 www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-safety/road-safety-training/cycle-training



## Kings Hill by road Health & wellbeing



Always plan your journey in plenty of time when travelling by car. For the latest traffic reports visit: www.kentlive. news/all-about/traffic-travel

#### Where are you going?

Type in your destination for an accurate route planner at www.theaa.com

#### Kings Hill by Taxi

Kings Hill Taxis 01732 550024 www.kingshilltaxis.co.uk/

#### Kings Hill Cars 01732 871234 www.kingshillcars.com

#### Did you know!

West Malling Taxis 01732 845535 www.westmallingtaxis.co.uk

#### Kings Hill by Carshare

The national organisation, Liftshare, provides Kings Hill employees and residents with an opportunity to safely share lifts, reducing car usage, fuel costs and the negative impact on the environment.

If you would like to find out further information on how to receive updates when other members are travelling your way, sign up to LiftShare and set up your profile https://liftshare.com/ uk/community/kent or call 01603 389131

Find out how much you can save by entering your travel details into the online calculator, visit: www. liftshare.com

#### **Electric car**

Locate your nearest charging points at Kings Hill using the link below.

www.goultralow. com/how-do-youcharge-an-electric-car/ charging-point-map

### Traffic jams cost the UK economy $\pounds$ 5 billion every year in lost productivity; but if half of UK motorists received a lift one day a week, congestion and pollution would be reduced by 10% and traffic jams by 20% - Source Liftshare

You can still go sustainably if you need to drive, look at your options visit: www.kentconnectec org/travel-smarter-by/car

#### Kent County Council supporting the Change4Life campaign

Busy lives can mean we're a lot less active and a lot more likely to eat food that isn't good for us. But with Change4Life on your side, you can make small changes that lead to a happier, healthier future – for you and your family.

For more information visit: www.kent.gov.uk/socialcare-and-health/health/ change4life

#### **NHS Choices**

Gives advice, tips and tools to help you make the best choices about your health and wellbeing www.nhs.uk/live-well/

#### Explore Kent

Want to try something new but not sure where to go or what to do? Get inspired and sign up with Explore Kent www.explorekent.org

Explore Kent is a Kent County Council led partnership initiative with public, private and voluntary sector partners that promote and actively encourage Kent's residents to access, enjoy and benefit from the great natural resources that Kent has to offer.



## Home shopping



Asda for click and collect in store service: https://storelocator.asda.com/store/kingshill

Little Waitrose offer a John Lewis click and collect in store service: www.waitrose.com/bf home/bf/744.html





For further information on the Travel Plan visit: www.kings-hill.com/location-and-travel

Unable to find what you are looking for? Please contact our Travel Plan Co-ordinator, Katie Ireland on 01732 223404 or email: kireland@libertyproperty.com