**Writing to MPS and councillors – general advice for campaigners**

* Be polite and use evidence where possible
* Use your own words – politicians respond better to personal communications than to standard letters, post-cards or petitions, and will usually assume that yours is the tip of an iceberg, that there are many other voters who agree with you.
* Ask a question or two that they will be obliged to answer and perhaps to research (e g, by contacting the relevant government Minister).
* Thank them when they reply or do something you approve of.
* Your councillors can only act on borough issues, so keep asks to them local
* Find your Kingston Councillors on the RBK website at <https://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200267/councillors/671/your_ward_councillors>
* Find your MP at <https://www.theyworkforyou.com/mps/> – They Work for You is an excellent website where you can also check out your MP’s voting record.
* Or type in your postcode on this website <https://www.writetothem.com/> to find the names and contact details for your ward councillors, your London Assembly members, your MP, and your MEPs.