

ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

ASHFORD LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: CORE STRATEGY

ADOPTION STATEMENT



This Adoption statement has been prepared in accordance with Regulation 24(4) and Regulation 36 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 and gives notice that Ashford Borough Council has formally adopted its Core Strategy on the 10th July 2008.

The Core Strategy forms part of the Ashford Local Development Framework (LDF), which will replace, in part, the Ashford Borough Local Plan (2000). The Core Strategy is the principal document of the LDF and has the key role of setting the strategic vision and guiding principles for development in the Borough for the period to 2021. The Core Strategy is the first Local Development Document (LDD) to be adopted by the Council and all subsequent LDDs must be consistent with it.

Phil Grainger, an Independent Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, considered the Core Strategy at an Examination in Public held in three sessions between 19 June and 16 November 2007. The Inspector's Report, with its recommendations, was published on 17th June 2008. The adopted Core Strategy contains the Inspector's recommendations that are binding on the Council.

Any person aggrieved by the Core Strategy DPD may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004). Any challenge must be made on the grounds that either the document has not been prepared within the powers conferred by Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 or that a requirement of the Act or associated Regulations has not been complied with. Any such application must be made promptly and in any event no later than 6 weeks after the date of adoption specified above.

The adopted Core Strategy DPD, this Adoption Statement, and the Sustainability Appraisal Report (and other related DPD documents) are available for public inspection free of charge at the following locations:

Ashford Borough Council The Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL.
9.00am – 5.00pm (Monday – Thursday); 9.00am – 4.30pm (Friday)

Ashford Borough Council Tenterden Sub-Office, 67 The Fairings, Tenterden, TN30 6QX. 9am – 5pm (Monday – Thursday); 9am – 4.30pm (Friday); (closed 1 – 2pm).

Ashford Library, Church Road, Ashford, TN23 1QX. 9.00am – 6.00pm (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday); 9.00am – 8.00pm (Thursday); 9.00am – 5.00pm (Saturday)

Charing Library, Market Place, Charing, Ashford, TN27 0LR. Closed (Monday, Wednesday); 9.00am – 12.00pm (Tuesday); 9.00pm – 5.00pm (Thursday); 2.00am – 5.00pm (Friday), 9.00am – 1.00pm (Saturday).

Tenterden Library, 55 High Street, Tenterden, TN30 6BD. 9.00am – 6.00pm (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday); 9.00am – 1.00pm Wednesday; 9.00am – 4.00pm Saturday.

Wye Library, 6 Upper Bridge Street, Wye, Ashford, TN25 5AF. Closed (Monday and Wednesday); 9.00am – 12.00pm (Tuesday); 2.00pm – 6.00pm (Thursday); 9.00am – 5.00pm (Friday); 10.00am – 2.00pm (Saturday).

On the Ashford Borough Council website at www.ashford.gov.uk/ldf

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