

**ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
ASHFORD LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK:
ASHFORD TOWN CENTRE AREA ACTION PLAN
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 Ashford Town Centre Area Action Plan on the 18th February 2010.

The Ashford Town Centre Area Action Plan (ATCAAP) is one of the key documents of the Ashford Local Development Framework (LDF). It is the first area-based part of the LDF to be produced and it sets out the overall strategy for the future of the town centre and identifies specific sites for development. The plan covers the period to 2021.

The Council's adopted LDF Core Strategy (2008) states that the Town Centre needs to play an enhanced role to ensure the successful delivery of the Ashford Growth area. The ATCAAP sets out how this will be achieved and promotes the creation of a large number of new jobs, substantial levels of new development and a whole range of new uses to help meet the needs of the growing population. The ATCAAP balances these requirements with the need to carefully integrate this degree of change with the Town Centre's current character and historic assets.

Mr Patrick T Whitehead DipTP MRTPI, an Independent Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, considered the Ashford Town Centre Area Action Plan at an Examination in Public held from Tuesday 27th October 2009 to Friday 6th November 2009. The Inspector's Report, with its recommendations, was published on 8th February 2010. The adopted Ashford Town Centre Area Action Plan contains the Inspector's recommendations that are binding on the Council.

Any person aggrieved by the Ashford Town Centre Area Action Plan 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 Ashford Town Centre Area Action Plan, this Adoption Statement, and the Sustainability Appraisal Report are available for public inspection free of charge at the following locations:

- **Ashford Borough Council Civic Centre**
Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL
9am - 5pm (Monday to Thursday); 9am - 4.30pm (Friday)
- **Ashford Library**
Church Road, Ashford, TN23 1QX
9am - 6pm (Monday to Wednesday); 9.30am - 8pm (Thursday); 9am - 6pm (Friday); 9am - 5pm (Saturday)
- **Charing Library**
Market Place, Charing, Ashford, TN27 0LR
Closed (Monday and Wednesday); 9am - 5pm (Tuesday); 9am - 12 noon (Thursday); 2pm - 5pm (Friday); 10am - 2pm (Saturday)
- **Tenterden Gateway**
2 Manor Row, Tenterden, TN30 6HP
Open 9am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday, and 9am to 4pm on Saturdays.
- **Wye Library**
6 Upper Bridge Street, Wye, Ashford, TN25 5AF
Closed (Monday and Wednesday); 9am - 12 noon (Tuesday); 2pm - 6pm (Thursday); 9am - 5pm (Friday); 10am - 2pm (Saturday)
- **The Borough Council's website** – www.ashford.gov.uk (under the 'planning now and in the future' pages)

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