

**ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
ASHFORD LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK:  
TENTERDEN AND RURAL SITES DPD  
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 Tenterden and Rural Sites Development Plan Document (DPD) on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2010.

The key role of the Tenterden and Rural Sites DPD is to identify residential development sites in the rural area, in line with Policy CS6 of the Adopted Core Strategy. The DPD also covers a variety of topic based policies which cover specific rural planning issues. The period covered by the DPD is 2006 to 2021.

Ms Stephanie Chivers (DipTP MRTPI), an Independent Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, considered the Tenterden and Rural Sites DPD at an Examination in Public which commenced on Tuesday 22nd June 2010 and ended on Thursday 1st July.

The Inspector's Report, with its recommendations, is published alongside the DPD, on the Council's website. The adopted Tenterden and Rural Sites DPD contains the Inspector's recommendations that are binding on the Council.

Any person aggrieved by the Tenterden and Rural Sites 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 Tenterden and Rural Sites DPD, 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 Gateway**  
15 Park Mall, Ashford, Kent TN24 8RY  
9am - 6pm (Monday to Wednesday); 9am - 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](http://www.ashford.gov.uk) (under the 'planning now and in the future' pages)

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