

**Issue 2**

**Are the spatial vision and objectives for Ashford sound having regard to achieving sustainable development and the trends and challenges in the Borough?**

- 2.1 Whilst we consider the spatial vision and objectives of the plan to be sound, as we believe it is imperative that Tenterden continues to 'serve the south western part of the Borough as a principal rural service centre.....accommodating development of a suitable scale, design and character.' as per the spatial vision, we would question whether the spatial vision and objectives of the plan have actually been carried through into the spatial strategy of the plan itself. A matter that we address in commenting upon Issue 3.