

ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
Examination of Ashford Local Plan 2030

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HEARING AGENDA

TUESDAY 1 MAY at 10:00am

Affordable and other specialist housing

Policies HOU1 & HOU2

Inspector: David Smith

Issue 6:

Is the overall target for affordable housing and the type of tenure justified? Does the Local Plan make adequate provision for specialist housing?

- i) Has the need for affordable housing in the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SD13) been calculated in accordance with paragraphs 022 to 028 of the PPG on *Housing and economic needs assessments* (ID02a)?
- ii) In Policy HOU1 what is the justification for departing from national policy in the Written Ministerial Statement of November 2014 and referred to in the PPG on Planning Obligations (ID23b-031-20160519) regarding the site thresholds for affordable housing?
- iii) Are the percentages sought for the 3 different areas of the Borough for the total affordable housing requirement and the different types of tenure justified? Are the boundaries of the different areas properly defined?
- iv) Does the Local Plan adequately address the needs for all types of housing (excluding affordable housing) and the needs of different groups in the community as set out in paragraph 159 of the NPPF?

Participants:

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114 Brook Parish Council
925 Shadoxhurst Parish Council
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