



ASHFORD
BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF ASHFORD LOCAL PLAN TO 2030

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Regulation 22(3) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, that Ashford Borough Council has submitted the Local Plan 2030 to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on 21st December 2017, for independent examination.

Ashford Borough Council has prepared a new Local Plan for the borough, which sets out the land that needs to be provided in the borough to accommodate new homes and jobs up to 2030. In addition to site allocations, the Local Plan 2030 establishes planning policies and guidance to ensure local development is built in accordance with the principles of sustainable development.

The Publication Version of the Local Plan 2030 was published in June 2016 and subsequent 'Main Changes' in July 2017, for 8 week public consultations. Following this, the Council has decided to proceed with the formal submission of the Local Plan for independent examination in public.

The Submission version of the Local Plan 2030 including online policies map, together with copies of representations made and responses thereto, the Council's proposed minor amendments, the Sustainability Appraisal, and all other supporting documents will be available to view online: www.ashford.gov.uk/local-plan-2030 and at the following locations (during opening hours):

- **Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre**, Tannery Lane, Ashford, TN23 1PL
- **Ashford Gateway**, Church Road, Ashford, TN23 1AS
- **Charing Library**, Market Place, Charing, Ashford, TN27 0LR
- **Tenterden Gateway**, Manor Row, Tenterden, TN30 6HP
- **Wye Library**, 6 Upper Bridge Street, Wye, Ashford, TN25 5AF

Examination in Public

The Ashford Local Plan 2030 will now be subject to an examination to be conducted by an Independent Inspector, appointed by the Planning Inspectorate. All parties who made representations (comments) on the plan at either stage of public consultation will be contacted directly, with more information, in due course.

Part of the process will involve hearing sessions where those invited to attend will have the opportunity to respond to matters raised by the Inspector. Please note invitation to participate is coordinated through the Planning Inspector and the Programme Officer, both of whom are independent from Ashford Borough Council. Information such as the hearing schedules and agendas will also be made available on the council's website when available.

The Programme Officer for this Examination is Mrs Lynn Freeland, who can be contacted during normal office hours. Contact details: Programme Officer c/o ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, KENT, TN23 1PL.

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For further information regarding the Local Plan 2030 or supporting documents please contact the Planning Policy Team by email planning.policy@ashford.gov.uk or telephone 01233 330229