

ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
Examination of Ashford Local Plan 2030

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HEARING AGENDA

TUESDAY 1 MAY at 2:00pm

High Quality design, separation of settlements and housing policies

Policies SP6, SP7, HOU3a, HOU5 & HOU6

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Issue 10:

Are the other topic policies for housing including high quality design justified, deliverable and consistent with national policy? Will they be effective?

- i) How does protecting the character and identity of settlements as intended by Policy SP7 achieve sustainable development? Will it be effective in ensuring the separation of settlements? Should there be a firmer commitment to defined green corridors around Ashford and some settlements rather than making assessments on a case-by-case basis?
- ii) Should the settlements identified for windfall development in Policy HOU3a have defined boundary lines? Is the list of settlements justified having regard to achieving sustainable development?
- iii) Is the approach of Policy HOU3a justified and will the individual criteria be effective?
- iv) Is the approach of Policy HOU5 justified and will the individual criteria be effective?
- v) What is the evidence, including that from the register, to justify the site thresholds and proportion of self and custom build development in Policy HOU6? Does the policy include sufficient flexibility and are criteria a) – c) justified?

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