

ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
Examination of Ashford Local Plan 2030

Inspectors: David Smith BA(Hons) DMS MRTPI
Steven Lee BA(Hons) MA MRTPI

Programme Officer: Lynette Duncan

Tel: 07855 649904

Email: programme.officer@ashford.gov.uk

Address: c/o Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL

Webpage: [Local Plan to 2030](#)

HEARING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY 2 MAY at 2:00pm

Other Housing policies

Policies HOU7 – HOU15 & HOU18

Inspector: Steven Lee

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) Should policies HOU7, HOU8, HOU9 and HOU10 be consistent in their approach to the effect of development on character and appearance and neighbouring uses?
- ii) Is the approach of Policy HOU9 justified, with particular regard to the demonstration of a 'need' for standalone annexes?
- iii) Does Policy HOU10 add anything which is not already addressed by policies HOU3a and HOU5? Would the policy be effective in addressing the balance referred to in paragraph 5.85? Should any distinction be made between the approach to gardens in built-up areas and those in the countryside?
- iv) Is criterion b) of Policy HOU11 sufficiently clear as to what is meant by "insufficient on-site parking provision"?
- v) What is the evidence to justify the requirement of optional space and accessibility standards in policies HOU12 and HOU14?
- vi) Is Policy HOU15 too prescriptive in terms of size standards and will it be effective in terms of flexibility and ensuring the needs of different types or size of dwellings will be met?

- vii) Is it effective plan-making to leave the specific range and mix of housing to be settled on a case-by-case basis? Can specific proportions of different housing types be identified? Should issues of viability and specific exemptions be reflected in the policy?

Participants:

Ashford Borough Council

412 Home Builders Federation