

ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
Examination of Ashford Local Plan 2030

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HEARING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY 11 APRIL 2018 at 09:30

Procedural and legal requirements, evidence base

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Issue 1

Have the relevant procedural and legal requirements been met, including the duty to co-operate?

- i) Having regard to the evidence in its duty to co-operate statement (SD07) has the Council engaged constructively, actively and on an on-going basis with neighbouring authorities? In particular, has consideration been given to meeting unmet requirements from neighbouring authorities in both Kent and East Sussex?
- ii) Is the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) (SD02) undertaken suitably comprehensive and satisfactory and has it sufficiently evaluated reasonable alternatives?
- iii) In preparing the Local Plan has the Council complied with its Statement of Community Involvement (GBD14)?
- iv) Does the Habitats (Appropriate Assessment) Screening Report (SD11) comply with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017? Does it adequately address whether the Local Plan would have a likely significant effect on European conservation sites either alone or in combination with other plans or projects?
- v) Does the Local Plan set a clear policy framework for the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans and provide for an effective relationship between the two? Should all policies within the Local Plan be treated as strategic for this purpose as set out in paragraph 2.8?

- vi) In the light of Regulation 4 of the 2017 Regulations which requires a review to be completed every 5 years should the commitment in paragraph 2.26 and in Chapter 6 to adopting a further plan by 2025 be adjusted?

Participants:

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