ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL Examination of Ashford Local Plan 2030

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INSPECTORS' ISSUES

Issue 1

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

Issue 2

Are the spatial vision and objectives for Ashford sound having regard to achieving sustainable development and the trends and challenges in the Borough?

Issue 3

Are the strategic objectives and the strategic approach to housing delivery and economic development delivery in terms of distribution and location sound having regard to the needs and demands of the Borough, national policy and Government objectives and the evidence base and preparatory processes? Has the Local Plan been positively prepared?

Issue 4:

Is the housing requirement justified and deliverable and has it been calculated in accordance with national policy and guidance?

Issue 5:

Will the Local Plan meet the housing requirement over the plan period? Will there be a 5 year supply of deliverable housing sites with an appropriate buffer?

<u>Issue 6:</u>

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

Issue 7:

Does the Local Plan make adequate provision for gypsy and traveller sites and is it consistent with national policy?

<u>Issue 8:</u>

Are the quantum of new employment land and expectations for job creation and the delivery of retail and leisure needs justified, deliverable and consistent with national policy? Will the Local Plan ensure the future supply of land available for economic development and its sufficiency and suitability to meet identified needs?

Issue 9:

Is the policy for Ashford town centre justified, deliverable and consistent with national policy?

<u>Issue 10:</u>

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

<u>Issue 11:</u>

Are the strategic transport schemes referred to in Policy TRA1 justified and will they be delivered in timely fashion so as to facilitate growth and environmental benefits?

<u>Issue 12:</u>

Are the site allocations justified and deliverable or developable within the plan period having regard to any constraints and consistent with national policy? Is there sufficient detail on form, scale, access and quantum?

<u>Issue 13:</u>

Are the employment topic policies justified, deliverable and consistent with national policy? Will they be effective?

<u>Issue 14:</u>

Are the retail, leisure and tourism topic policies justified, deliverable and consistent with national policy? Will they be effective?

<u>Issue 15:</u>

Are the topic policies for transport justified, deliverable and consistent with national policy? Will they be effective?

<u>Issue 16:</u>

Are the topic policies for the natural and built environment justified, deliverable and consistent with national policy? Will they be effective?

<u>Issue 17:</u>

Are the topic policies for community facilities justified, deliverable and consistent with national policy? Will they be effective?

<u>Issue 18:</u>

Does the Local Plan have clear and effective mechanisms for implementation, delivery and monitoring?