
Ashford Local Plan 2041: Call for Sites

We are asking developers, businesses, organisations, community groups, and residents in the borough to speak to us about sites they own, or to suggest land that may potentially be available, for inclusion in the Ashford borough Local Plan.

The council is starting work on a statutory review of its Local Plan, which will primarily set the strategic vision and planned growth for housing and jobs within the borough to 2041.

The Plan will need to identify sufficient land to meet future requirements for new homes, Gypsy and Traveller pitches, and jobs in the borough, as well as places for retail and leisure uses, community infrastructure, and visitor and tourism facilities. To reflect the council's ongoing commitment to create sustainable places that support the environment, human health and wellbeing and that seek to mitigate and adapt to, climate change, potential sites for new green spaces, energy generation, Biodiversity Net Gain opportunities, and wetlands for Nutrient Neutrality mitigation and/or nature based initiatives are also being sought.

Each site submitted will be individually assessed for its suitability, availability and deliverability. We are therefore asking applicants to provide us with as much detailed information about their land as possible to help inform decisions on which sites should go on to form part of a new spatial strategy for the borough.

To be considered as part of the process, sites should be a minimum of 0.25 hectares or capable of accommodating 5 or more dwellings or 500 sqm of employment floorspace. Site proposals could include vacant or derelict land, or opportunities for strategic conversions or extensions to existing buildings.

The deadline for potential sites to be submitted for consideration is **5pm, Monday 20 November 2023**.

All submissions will be made publically available on our website in due course, following the close of the 'Call for Sites' exercise. A site submitted through the 'Call for Sites' does not mean that it will be allocated, or provide any indication of the outcome of any assessment process through the Local Plan or any subsequent planning application that may be submitted.

Further information and Site Submission Forms which can be completed electronically or in hard copy can be obtained by:

- Visiting: www.ashford.gov.uk/HELAA
- Emailing: planning.policy@ashford.gov.uk
- Writing to: Planning Policy, Planning and Development, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL

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