

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF THE BETHERSDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulation 2012 – Regulation 16
The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004

The proposal

Bethersden Parish Council has submitted the Bethersden Neighbourhood Plan, 2015-2030 to Ashford Borough Council. As the local planning authority, ABC is now required to consult for six weeks on the submission document. This is being extended to eight weeks due to the Christmas period. This follows a previous six week period of consultation held by the Parish Council in 2015.

The Bethersden Neighbourhood Plan has been developed in consultation with the local community and provides a vision for the future of the Parish. It sets out a vision, site specific policies and topic policies, which will be used to help determine planning applications within the Parish.

The accompanying Sustainability Assessment (SA), incorporating the requirement of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive, is also offered for consultation in compliance with EU obligations.

Where and when the plan may be inspected

An electronic copy of the Bethersden Neighbourhood Plan, SA and supporting documentation is available to view via the Consultation Portal at www.ashford.gov.uk/consult

Paper copies of the neighbourhood plan, SA and copies of the Representation form are also available to view at:

Location	Address	Opening Times
Ashford Borough Council	Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, TN23 1PL	Monday to Friday 9am-4pm
Ashford Gateway Plus	Church Road, Ashford TN23 1AS	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9am-6pm; Thursday 9am-8pm; Friday 9am-6pm; Saturday 9am-5pm
Bethersden Post Office & Stores	The Street, Bethersden TN27 3AD	Monday to Friday 8.30am-5.30pm (Closed 1-2pm); Sunday 9.30-11.30am
Vibez Hairdressers	London House, The Street, Bethersden TN26 3AD	Monday-Friday 9am-5pm (Closed Wednesday); Saturday 9am-4pm
The George	The Street, Bethersden TN26 3AG	Monday to Sunday noon-11:30pm
The Bull Inn	Bull Hill, Bethersden TN26 3LB	Monday to Sunday noon-11pm

How to make representations

You can respond by completing the representation form downloadable from the Consultation Portal and emailing it to planning.policy@ashford.gov.uk, or by posting it to Planning Policy, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL.

The consultation period runs for eight weeks from **Friday 15th December 2017 and Friday 9th February 2018**. Any comments received after the closing date will not be considered. Further information on Neighbourhood Planning process in the borough can be found online at www.ashford.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plans