

PLANNING ASHBY'S FUTURE

ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EMERGING OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES HOUSING AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Objectives:

- To improve the range of housing types, especially smaller homes to meet the present and future housing needs in the town
- To provide new housing to meet the identified needs of Ashby as a market town at the centre of the National Forest and which promotes the balanced and sustainable growth in the town
- To ensure that sufficient sites for new homes are available in appropriate locations and that the countryside around Ashby is protected from development. NOTE: this MUST be in accordance with the emerging Local Plan housing and site allocations, being produced by North West Leicestershire District Council
- To offer more, and a greater range of affordable housing that meets the present and future needs of Ashby and prioritises the needs of the Town and its residents
- To encourage self-build by groups and/ or small builders
- To promote good design within new housing developments.

Policy preferences:

- Improve the range of housing types and increase the number of smaller homes to provide a better mix
- Meet housing numbers through identified sites – to be agreed with the District Council through the emerging Local Plan
- Provide affordable housing to meet the needs of specific sections of the community, especially older residents and disabled people. Priority to be given to local people.
- Prioritise self-build to encourage self-reliance and support the local economy
- Update the development boundary within which any development can be undertaken
- Ensure all the development proposals protect and enhance the special character of Ashby
- Reinforce and publicise those assets that are protected through legislation e.g. Listed Buildings, Conservation Area and Ancient Monuments status etc. and look to protect locally important buildings and sites
- A Design Guide is to be prepared to establish design standards for new developments in suburban and rural areas and for changes to existing buildings.

Email: info@ashbytowncouncil.org.uk with comments on these proposals by 31st August 2015