

# PLANNING ASHBY'S FUTURE

## ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EMERGING OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

### Objectives:

- To protect existing open spaces
- To encourage provision of sufficient open spaces alongside new developments
- To ensure the provision of sufficient open spaces across the town to meet the needs of the growing population
- To protect and enhance sites of ecological importance
- To maximise the opportunities presented by the National Forest, important trees, woodlands and hedges will be protected and enhanced.

### Policy preferences:

- To identify and protect important green spaces – work to identify and evaluate Local Green Spaces to be finalised
- Include within all new development adequate green space provision and tree planting
- Ensure that this green space provision reflects an ageing population e.g. trim trail and allotments
- Protect locally important wildlife or wildflower sites
- Protect important trees and woodlands
- Encourage open spaces in the town centre.

**Potential projects coming from the Neighbourhood Plan, which are outside the remit of the Plan and will require a lead to be taken by either North West Leicestershire District Council or Leicestershire County Council:**

- Extending the network of public rights of way, including idea of a footpath that circumnavigates the town.

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