

## **Ashby de la Zouch Neighbourhood Plan**

Ashby de la Zouch Neighbourhood Plan sets out policies that will be used by North West Leicestershire District Council when deciding planning applications in the plan area. This covers the town of Ashby de la Zouch and surrounding hamlets e.g. Shellbrook, New Packington.

The Plan has been developed over the past 6 years with members of the local community and sets out a vision to help describe how the plan area should look in years to come:

‘Ashby de la Zouch is a prosperous attractive and historic market town at the heart of the National Forest. Our vision is to build on that uniqueness and create a town that meets the needs of local people in terms of their employment, health and wellbeing whilst making the most of its special qualities to attract businesses, visitors and shoppers from further afield.

This will be achieved by the Plan’s vision and objectives providing an aspirational and positive planning framework to deliver housing and economic development to meet local and District wide needs and thereby creating a safe, clean, accessible and attractive town and countryside in which people can shop, work, live and pursue their leisure activities.

The town and surrounding countryside should offer something for everyone regardless of their age, lifestyle or status.’

Key objectives the Plan addresses are:

- Protecting and enhancing the town’s heritage
- Maintaining a vibrant, attractive and sustainable Town Centre
- Designating settlement development limits
- Offering locally appropriate housing mix and design at defined sites
- Enhancing the provision of and protection of parks and green spaces
- Enhancement of environmental aspects including measures to prevent flooding
- Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
- Protecting community assets
- Improving traffic management and road infrastructure
- Promoting walking and cycling
- Promoting employment, business growth and encouraging tourism
- Supporting enhanced community facilities in line with growing population
- Identifying priorities for section 106 funding.

There are 32 Policies within the plan which cover a wide range of planning issues. These include:

- Defining the Limits to Development around the town of Ashby de la Zouch.
- Protecting the countryside outside the Limits to Development.
- Setting design principles and housing mix for new housing developments, including affordable housing and the provision of car parking and open spaces.
- Defining the number of new houses that can be developed up to 2031 in the plan area.
- Requiring a Masterplan for the 2050 houses being built at Money Hill.
- Supporting the protection of existing and promotion of new employment sites.
- Town Centre improvements and developments.
- Protecting Local Green Spaces e.g. Hood Park and Bath Grounds.

- Protecting important Community Facilities.

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Further information and paper copies of the plan are available from:

Ashby de la Zouch Town Council, Legion House, South Street, Ashby de la Zouch, LE65 1BQ,  
email: [info:ashbytowncouncil.org.uk](mailto:info:ashbytowncouncil.org.uk).

Ashby Library, North Street, Ashby de la Zouch hold copies people can read at the library.

Further information and a copy of the plan to download is available at:

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