

Ashdon Parish Plan
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Committee: Development Control

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Summary

Ashdon Parish Council have launched the Ashdon Parish Plan and submitted it to the District Council and ask that it become supplementary planning guidance and used as a reference in the consideration of all future development proposals affecting the parish.

Recommendations

That the Council adopt the Ashdon Parish Plan as Council Approved Guidance in determining planning applications in the Parish and as background evidence in the preparation of the Local Development Framework.

Background Papers

Ashdon Parish Plan 2007

Impact

Communication/Consultation	The plan has undergone significant community involvement in its preparation.
Community Safety	The plan deals with community safety
Equalities	The plan deals with equality
Finance	The Council has grant aided this project. There is no further financial commitment
Human Rights	None
Legal implications	None
Ward-specific impacts	Ashdon
Workforce/Workplace	None

Situation

- 1 The community of Ashdon has produced a Parish Plan which describes the unique make up and character of the village; identifies its needs and desires

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- for improvement and future development and; defines a plan of action to achieve the objectives identified.
- 2 The plan was produced using the results of a Parish Survey (89% return), which comprised a youth questionnaire, business questionnaire and an adult questionnaire (incorporating a 'household' section).
 - 3 Within the Parish Plan there is a chapter on Planning Guidance which sets out the preferences of Ashdon residents in respect of future development. Importantly the guidelines are in conformity with adopted policy but provide a parish perspective to applying the policies.
 - 4 Adoption of the Parish Plan as a statutory Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), forming part of the Local Development Framework, is not included in the Council's Local Development Scheme. If appropriate, it would be possible to adopt the Plan in the future as a SPD to the Core Strategy and Development Control Policies Development Plan Documents. In the mean time it is considered appropriate for the Council to adopt the Parish Plan as Council approved guidance.

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
That the Parish Plan is not taken into account as a material consideration	Low. Officers will be aware of the plan and will include reference to it in any relevant reports	Medium. The views of the community of Ashdon are not taken into account, devaluing community-led planning.	That Parish Plan is included in check list of items to consider when determining applications within Ashdon Parish.