

# ASHDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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We aimed to hold our second public face-to-face consultation event in the village hall last May when we planned to feedback to you on our progress so far. Unfortunately, this event was cancelled due to the COVID pandemic and it is looking very unlikely that we will be able to hold a second face-to-face consultation and exhibition in the near future as we would have liked.

So, our second public consultation will be in the form of a questionnaire, which you will find enclosed in this magazine. We would be very grateful if you could fill this in and return to a collecting box, which you will find beside the post box outside the Village Hall by 15th January 2021, or you can complete it online at [www.ashdonplan.co.uk](http://www.ashdonplan.co.uk). It is really important that we have a good response to the questionnaire as that will enable the Steering Group to make a start on writing the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan, which we will put out to the village for comment.

### A quick re-cap

You will remember we held our first public consultation in October 2019 where we gathered information on what you valued about living in Ashdon, what you would like to change and how you would like Ashdon to develop going forward.

Change and growth is inevitable. The Ashdon Neighbourhood Plan is not about stopping development, but ensuring that the type, location, style and size of development meets the needs and aspirations of our community. Having a neighbourhood plan provides opportunities for us to ensure future housing and any other development is sustainable for the Parish and addresses the needs of our area. Importantly, a neighbourhood plan, once approved, has legal weight in setting out what development is acceptable to us in our Parish.

### What have we achieved?

So, having just passed the one-year milestone since our launch (with wine and cake in the village hall) we want to update you on progress.

We have:

- Summarised the results from our first public consultation
- Commissioned a professional Landscape Appraisal
- Created an amazing Character Assessment put together by volunteers
- Prepared a detailed report on all the footpaths and bridleways in the Parish
- Prepared a draft vision and set of objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan

All these documents can be viewed on our website [www.ashdonplan.co.uk](http://www.ashdonplan.co.uk). All this important information will guide us when we come to write the policies in the Plan.

### Next steps

We will collate all the answers from this questionnaire so we can check that we have the most up-to-date information from you, especially with your potential new ideas caused by the different way in which we are now all living. Then we will start the first draft of the actual Ashdon Neighbourhood Plan !



**So, please give us your opinion - don't forget to fill in the questionnaire !**

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