

## EARLEY TOWN COUNCIL

### WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT 2020

[www.earley-tc.gov.uk](http://www.earley-tc.gov.uk)

Public sector bodies are required to take necessary measures to make their websites and mobile applications accessible by making them perceivable, operable, understandable and robust (Reg 6, The Public Sector Bodies (Website & Mobile Applications) (No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.)

This legislation requires public body websites published before 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018, to comply with the Regulations by 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020. The Town Council's website was published before this date, therefore internal and external audits were commissioned to establish the compliance level of the site.

#### [How accessible is the site?](#)

The audits demonstrated that the Earley Town Council website is partially compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1 AA standard. Issues identified include:

- The ability to tab across links on the main menu navigation (to access all content in the menu), before entering the Skip to Content option does not exist
- Skip to content link targets white content area of page and misses main page H1title, screen reader does announce meta title to indicate to a user where they are.
- Some low contrast areas on website
- It is preferred that headings follow a linear approach through from H1 to H6 as to show hierarchy – couldn't find too many instances of this
- All font sizes should display at a minimum of 16px
- Links such as 'here' should be unique and more descriptive
- All onclick handlers should have an equivalent onkeyup or onkeydown handler.
- An image with a null alt attribute should not have title, aria-label or aria-labelledby by attributes.
- Clickable controls should be keyboard accessible.
- Clickable controls should have an ARIA role.
- Each a element must contain text or an img with an alt attribute.
- Identify row and column headers in data tables using th elements, and mark layout tables with role=presentation.
- iframe and frame elements must have a title attribute.
- img elements must have an accessible name.
- Link uses general text like 'Click Here' with no surrounding text explaining link purpose.
- This input button has no value attribute and no label.
- Use semantic markup like strong instead of using the CSS fontweight property.

The accessibility regulations do not require us to fix PDFs or other documents published before 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 if they're not essential to providing our services.

### Disproportionate burden

The changes that would need to be made to the Town Council's website to achieve full compliance are substantial and costly. The financial impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on the Town Council has been significant and income has been far below that which was budgeted for. In light of the above, to achieve full compliance at this point in time would impose a disproportionate burden on the Town Council.

### Solutions

The Town Council wants everyone who visits its website to be able to access the full range of services available, regardless of their skill or technology.

We will work towards improving the compliance level of the current website and will keep this accessibility statement under review. At the same time, we will also plan for a completely new website to be developed, one which has improved functionality and is fully compliant with the legislation.

If you have issues accessing any of the information on the Earley Town Council website or would like information provided in a different format, then please contact us on 0118 986 8995 or email [administration@earley-tc.gov.uk](mailto:administration@earley-tc.gov.uk)

