

Planning Applications

Dorset Council is the Planning Authority (makes the decisions)

The Town Council is a statutory consultee on planning applications (gives an opinion to DC)

Other consultees may be residents of neighbouring properties, utility companies, highway authority, CPRE etc.

Site Visits

The purpose of the site visit is to see the application on the ground and be able to provide TC Planning Committee with clarification or further information on planning applications upon which the TC are consulted.

Arranged site visits are attended by more than 1 TC member

The site visit may be attended by the applicant or their agent

There is no consultation with residents of neighbouring properties at the site visit as they are consultees in their own right.

At the site visit the Town Council's position as a consultee must be clear.

Questions raised at the site meeting must be in relation to 'Material Planning considerations' these can be found in members information planning guidance button.

No personal comments either positive or negative are to be offered which may mislead the applicant that the resolution has been pre-determined prior to the TC meeting. i.e "I see no problem with this application "