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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

HOW DO I OBJECT?

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This leaflet attempts to answer some of the questions that we are most frequently asked about planning applications. It will hopefully be of use to you if you want to comment on planning applications.

THE CONSIDERATION OF A PLANNING APPLICATION

- You will normally be sent a letter about any development which immediately affects your property.
- The letter will explain the proposed development and where you can view the plans.
- Many proposals have yellow site notices which are displayed on the front of the site. Even if you are not individually notified you do have the right to make comments.
- Make sure you view the plans and understand them. If you need help please contact a member of the Planning staff who will assist.

HOW DO I COMMENT ON AN APPLICATION?

- Anybody can make comments on an application. To ensure that your comments are taken into account they should be made by writing to the Head of Planning no later than 21 days after the application has been registered. Please give the application reference number and site location in the letter.

- When making comments you should remember that any letters are available for inspection by the public.
- The Council will not acknowledge your letter unless specifically requested. This keeps our costs down, but we will notify you of the date the Committee will deal with it and of the decision.
- Only certain planning objections can be considered in a planning application.

THESE INCLUDE

Loss of privacy
 Loss of light
 More traffic
 Noise and disturbance
 Design

BUT DO NOT INCLUDE

House values
 Loss of view
 Personal disagreements
 Boundary disputes
 Covenants
 Competition between businesses

- For advice on what can be considered on a specific application please contact the Case Officer.
- Applications which receive objections are often considered by the Planning Committee which meets frequently.

- If you wish to make your comments to the Committee in person then as long as you register with the Committee Secretary, you will normally be allowed to speak. Contact the Committee Secretary on 01327 302501 for more details.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A DECISION IS MADE?

- If planning permission is granted, objectors do not have the right to appeal to the Government against the decision.
- Only the person who has made the application has the right to appeal to the Government. They can appeal against a refusal of permission, a condition of a planning permission, or if the Council has failed to make a decision within 8 weeks.

For more information please contact **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

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