

Planning Committee – Terms of Reference:

The principal role of the Planning Committee is to act as the administrative committee responsible for making decisions as local planning authority on planning applications, development control and similar regulatory matters, which are more particularly described as *Functions relating to town and country planning and development control* and related matters as set out at Schedule 1 of the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 (as amended).

The Committee is charged by full Council to fulfil those functions:

- (a) to consider and determine applications submitted under the Planning Acts for planning permission, listed building consent, and reserved matters pursuant to major planning applications;
- (b) to consider and determine applications for the display of advertisements submitted under the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations;
- (c) to determine whether prior approval applications for the construction, installation, alteration or replacement of telecommunications masts submitted under Part 24 Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 should be granted or refused;
- (d) related matters including but not limited to:
 - (i) applications for 'hedgerow removal' (Hedgerow Regulations 1997, as amended);
 - (ii) applications to undertake works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order or within a Conservation Area (Town and Country Planning Trees Regulations 1999, as amended);
 - (iii) applications for remedial notices in respect of high hedges (Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003, as amended);
 - (iv) applications for Hazardous Substances Consent (Planning Hazardous Substances Act, 1990, as amended);
 - (v) the obtaining of particulars of persons interested in land under Section 16 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976;
 - (vi) powers related to Commons Registration;
 - (vii) functions relating to public rights of way;
 - (viii) the licensing and registration functions relating to the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 and the Highways Act 1980; and
 - (ix) functions relating to Town and Village Greens;

- (e) to exercise any other function of the Council under the Planning Acts and related legislation, whether as a local planning authority or otherwise, which may be referred to it by the Director for Economic and Housing Growth or other officer authorised by him/her.