

Planning Committee Business during the Covid 19 crisis

September 2020

The following items are for noting or deciding as appropriate.

1. Consultations on planning applications

There is only one application currently out for consultation, namely Willowbrook Garden centre, Stourbridge Road. This was circulated to members on 15th September. The deadline for responses to me is 30th September.

Decision required.

2. Government White Paper Consultation – Planning for the Future

The parish council have not been formally consulted on this, but it has come to my attention and, as a consultation open to all, I thought it may be of interest to Planning Committee. The Government's website summarises the document as:

The Planning for the future consultation proposes reforms of the planning system to streamline and modernise the planning process, bring a new focus to design and sustainability, improve the system of developer contributions to infrastructure, and ensure more land is available for development where it is needed.

A copy of the White Paper is attached. Should your committee decide to respond your normal practice is to either; appoint a committee member to coordinate comments from all committee members or for an appointed member to draft a response on behalf of the committee.

The methods of response are:

Respond online at: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/MHCLG-Planning-for-the-Future/>

or

Email to: planningforthefuture@communities.gov.uk

or

Write to:

Planning for the Future Consultation
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
3rd Floor, Fry Building
2 Marsham Street
London
SW1P 4DF

The deadline for responses is 11:45pm on 29 October 2020

Decision required

3. Government Guidance on Consultation and pre-decision matters in respect of planning applications

Although the parish council have not been formally notified, I noticed that this guidance was updated in May and is relevant, in part, to your committee's work. The updated guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/consultation-and-pre-decision-matters>

4 To consider the publication of an advice note on commenting on planning applications

This is currently in abeyance due to the volume of Neighbourhood Plan work.

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