

Lacey Green Parish Council Standing Orders: Planning 2020



Adopted on 7th December 2020

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1. Linkage to General Standing Orders:

a These standing orders relate specifically to Council's response to planning applications and are supplementary to the General Standing Orders.

2. Planning Meetings:

a The Council response to planning applications will be a part of the agenda for all normal Council meetings.

b Where the deadline for posting comments on planning applications is not compatible with the published schedule of meetings, the Chairman of the Council may convene an additional meeting of the Council.

c Alternatively, with the full agreement of all Councillors, comments can be agreed via email and posted accordingly when the deadline falls before the next Council meeting.

3. Visibility of Planning Applications:

a The agenda will detail which planning applications will be reviewed, subject to deadlines associated with the posting of comments.

b All planning applications are published on the local area planning portal and a link provided on the Council website.

4. Voting on Planning Applications:

a The Councillors that reside where the application originates are the primary source for formulating any comments.

b Other Councillors can contribute to the debate, but the Chairman/Clerk will finalise the drafting of comments, which will then be tabled for approval and voted on if required.

c When the comments are approved, they represent the views of the collective Council.

5. Visibility of Planning Comments:

a The planning comments, as agreed for each application, will be duly minuted.

b The planning comments will also be posted on the local area planning portal and visible to the public, as originating from the Council.

6. Restrictions on Councillors in relation to Planning:

a Councillors are not permitted to comment outside the meeting on the Council's response to each application, in their capacity as a Councillor of the Parish.

b Councillors are not permitted to directly approach the Planning Department of the Local Council or any Agents or Applicants. Any queries should be addressed through the Clerk and be subject to the Chair's approval before any approach is made to the relevant party.

Approved:

Date: