

**DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE:
AGENDA NOTES**

Notes

Subject to the provisions of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, all the files itemised in this Schedule, together with the consultation replies, documents and letters referred to (which form the background papers) are available for public inspection.

All applications and other matters have been considered having regard to the Human Rights Act 1998 and the rights which it guarantees.

Material Planning Considerations

1. **It must be noted that when considering planning applications (and related matters) only relevant planning considerations can be taken into account. Councillors and their Officers must adhere to this important principle which is set out in legislation and Central Government Guidance.**
2. **Material Planning Considerations include:**
 - Statutory provisions contained in Planning Acts and Statutory regulations and Planning Case Law
 - Central Government planning policy and advice as contained in Circulars and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)
 - The following Planning Local Plan Documents

| Forest Heath District Council | St Edmundsbury Borough Council |
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| Forest Heath Local Plan 1995 | St Edmundsbury Borough Local Plan 1998 and the Replacement St Edmundsbury Borough Local Plan 2016 |
| The Forest Heath Core Strategy 2010, as amended by the High Court Order (2011) | St Edmundsbury Borough Council Core Strategy 2010 |
| Emerging Policy documents | Emerging Policy documents |
| Joint Development Management Policies | Joint Development Management Policies |
| Core Strategy – Single Issue review | Vision 2031 |
| Site Specific Allocations | |

- Supplementary Planning Guidance/Documents eg. Affordable Housing SPD
- Master Plans, Development Briefs
- Site specific issues such as availability of infrastructure, density, car parking
- Environmental; effects such as effect on light, noise overlooking, effect on street scene
- The need to preserve or enhance the special character or appearance of designated Conservation Areas and protect Listed Buildings
- Previous planning decisions, including appeal decisions
- Desire to retain and promote certain uses e.g. stables in Newmarket.

3. The following are **not** Material Planning Considerations and such matters must not be taken into account when determining planning applications and related matters:
 - Moral and religious issues
 - Competition (unless in relation to adverse effects on a town centre as a whole)
 - Breach of private covenants or other private property / access rights
 - Devaluation of property
 - Protection of a private view
 - Council interests such as land ownership or contractual issues
 - Identity or motives of an applicant or occupier
4. Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that an application for planning permission shall be determined in accordance with the Development Plan (see table above) unless material planning considerations indicate otherwise.
5. A key role of the planning system is to enable the provision of homes, buildings and jobs in a way that is consistent with the principles of sustainable development. It needs to be positive in promoting competition while being protective towards the environment and amenity. The policies that underpin the planning system both nationally and locally seek to balance these aims.

Documentation Received after the Distribution of Committee Papers

Any papers, including plans and photographs, received relating to items on this Development Control Committee agenda, but which are received after the agenda has been circulated will be subject to the following arrangements:

- (a) Officers will prepare a single Committee Update Report summarising all representations that have been received up to 5pm on the **Thursday** before each Committee meeting. This report will identify each application and what representations, if any, have been received in the same way as representations are reported within the Committee report;
- (b) the Update Report will be sent out to Members by first class post and electronically by noon on the **Friday** before the Committee meeting and will be placed on the website next to the Committee report.

Any late representations received after 5pm on the **Thursday** before the Committee meeting will not be distributed but will be reported orally by officers at the meeting.

Public Speaking

Members of the public have the right to speak at the Development Control Committee, subject to certain restrictions. Further information is available on the Councils' websites.