

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

DELEGATED PLANNING

<u>Revised Procedure – Planning Applications</u> Adopted 19/1/16 Minute No ET 111/15 & C143/15 Further revisions Minute ET20/88 (12/04/21) & C21/19 (04/05/21)

On Monday each week

• An email will be sent by the Clerk to all members of the Environment and Town Committee detailing all planning applications received in the past 7 days.

Within 7 days:

Any member of the committee may:

- Send their comments on a planning application back via email, copying in all other committee members
- A) Request that the planning application be added to the agenda for discussion at the next Environment and Town Committee meeting this will be subject to the clerk obtaining an extension of deadline with DDDC
- B) The default council position will be to support the installation of equipment designed to reduce carbon emissions (e.g. Solar Panels) <u>unless</u> a councillor requests that the application be referred for discussion in which case this will referred to full council.

Within 2 weeks:

• Where comments have been received from committee members:

- the application will be added to the next Environment and Town Committee (A) /Full Council (B) agenda (provided that an extension of deadline can be obtained)

- where an extension cannot be obtained, the response(s) will be collated, recirculated for further comments and then submitted to DDDC as the response from Wirksworth Town Council.

After 2 weeks:

Any plan where no comment has been received back from Councillors – the Clerk will submit a response to DDDC Planning Department from Wirksworth Town Council of "WTC - No comment, however Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore supports any development or change which seeks to reduce the carbon footprint."

Where the Council choose to object to a application (following referral under B) then the response will be amended to "Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint."

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