

Statement of Community Involvement - Factsheet

The Statement of Community Involvement sets out the Council's approach to involving the community and stakeholders in the production of planning policy documents and planning control decisions in the District

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN DECIDING PLANNING APPLICATIONS



Planning applications are publicised via;

- Neighbour Notification Letters
- A Site Notice
- Publication on the Councils website
- Public Notice (in local newspaper)

The community and stakeholders can be informed and consulted on development proposals at each of the following stages:

- Pre-application consultation
- Planning applications
- Planning appeals

Anyone can make comments on a planning application, and these comments will be taken into consideration when deciding the application. However, comments should be relevant to planning issues. These are known as material considerations.

Relevant Material Considerations/Comments include:

Effects on highway safety, traffic, access and parking;
Government guidance including Orders and Circulars;
Scale and appearance of proposal and impact on surrounding area;
Loss of light, overshadowing, overlooking and loss of privacy;
Effect on nature conservation and loss of trees; effect on a conservation area or listed buildings;
Noise, disturbance or smells;
Whether the use would be appropriate for the area;
Design, appearance, layout, materials or character of the proposal;
National and local planning policies.

Factors that cannot be considered in the determination of applications:

Loss of property value; Loss of view; Private issues between neighbours; Problems associated with construction works being carried out; Competition between firms; Structural and fire precaution matters; Applicants morals or motives.

For more information on planning applications in Lewes District, please visit:
<https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-applications/>