

Planning Committee

Membership: Eight members of Full Council

Quorum: Four

Reports to: Full Council

Role of the committee: The overall purpose of this standing committee is: (a) to ensure informed local knowledge is brought to bear on planning and licensing applications and to convey those views in a timely way to the appropriate authority; (b) to ensure local knowledge is brought to bear in relation to highway, road safety and transportation matters affecting the Town Council's geographical area and (c) to contribute to the formation of planning policies both locally and nationally

1. To consider all applications received for planning and pre-planning consent within the town, other than those emanating from the Town Council itself, and to submit comments and/or objections thereon to Shropshire Council within appropriate time limits; also to consider any applications for planning consent in adjacent areas where such application would affect the well-being of the town and its residents.
2. To consider all appeals against planning refusal, non-determination or the imposition of conditions by the Shropshire Council within the town and to submit comments to the appropriate government department including the Planning Inspectorate.
3. To consider any proposals relating to national, regional, or Shropshire unitary plans, including Additions and Amendments to Conservation Areas and to submit comments to the appropriate body on behalf of the Council.
4. To consider key development and planning policies and issues and make recommendations to the relevant body or the Council.
5. To consider within the appropriate time limits whether to comment on behalf of interested parties to the Licensing Authority on applications for new or amended licences made under the Licensing Act 2003 or for any other licences.
6. To liaise as necessary with other bodies on traffic, and transport, including public transport and road danger reduction, and to make proposals as necessary.
7. To respond to any street naming/numbering requirements.
8. When considering applications to be cognisant of our own Climate Emergency Declaration. Also considering, but not limited to, issues around nature recovery, ground permeability and transport.
9. To ensure that all planning applications are considered alongside the Shrewsbury Movement and Public Space Strategy.
10. To be responsible for the Town Council's contribution to the Local Plan process.