



# ECCLESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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## **PLANNING CONSULTATION POLICY**

Ecclesfield Parish Council may grant delegated powers to the Parish/Administration Officer to respond to planning application consultation received from Sheffield City Council within the given deadline on behalf of the Parish Council.

### **Areas the local planning authority can normally consider:**

- Overshadowing
- Overlooking and loss of privacy
- Adequate parking and servicing
- Overbearing nature of proposal
- Loss of trees
- Loss of ecological habitats
- Design and appearance
- Layout and density of buildings
- Effect on listing building(s) and conservation areas
- Access and highways safety
- Traffic generation
- Noise and disturbance from the scheme
- Disturbance from smells
- Public visual amenity (not loss of private individual's view)
- Flood risk

### **All planning applications submitted will be considered on its own merit. Areas where conditions are attached are:**

- No objection subject to consultation with occupants of neighbouring properties
- No objection subject to consultation with the Environment Agency/Environmental Health Department/Highways Agency or Authority/Internal Drainage Board

### **Ecclesfield Parish Council agreed the following guidelines for objecting to planning applications:**

- Internally illuminated signs, and particularly to internally illuminated projecting signs due to there being a detrimental impact on the character of the surrounding area by virtue of the design and location of the sign and its associated lighting which applies to residential areas

- Advertising signage which is not in keeping with the nature of the building/architecture and appearance on the surrounding area
- Overdevelopment of sites due to it being (visually) detrimental to the (appearance of) surrounding area which would have an adverse effect on the residential amenity of the neighbouring properties
- Potential for flooding – run off and drainage on a development with significant increase in hard areas without appropriate water attenuation measures in place
- Back garden development in principle (*reasons may include off street parking and overdevelopment of the area*)
- Signs and Hoardings that are unsightly due to their positioning (*potentially cause a traffic distraction, may detract from residential visual amenity*)
- External or solid internal security shutters/roller shutters detracts from visual amenity of the town and could create a hostile atmosphere which is likely to deter people from walking around the Parish which actually increases the probability of trouble therefore being counter productive
- Lack of sufficient off street parking facilities provided for developments/change of use to properties (*minimum 1 parking space per residence, preferably 2*)
- Traffic generation in excess of capacity of local road network
- Retrospective applications – applicants should have submitted a planning application prior to working commencing
- Tree removal must be carried out by a qualified tree surgeon as long as there is no Tree Preservation Order on the proposed tree. That removal of any mature trees is discouraged however, if the tree has to be removed it be replaced with a tree of an appropriate age
- The Parish Could object to trees being felled but if it is absolutely necessary then the tree should be replaced with a mature native species planted in its place
- Conservation Area – the design, materials and colour should be in keeping within the conservation area
- No vinyl will cover more than 25% of the window of a retail premises
- The Parish Council regret the lost of retail to financial/professional services

## Listed Buildings

- No alterations to the external appearance of a listed building should be made unless it is in keeping with the surrounding area
- Any internal alterations/modifications should be reversible, ie stud walls separating rooms not brick walls

## **Exceptions**

Delegated powers are not delegated to the Parish Clerk for:

- Applications which may affect considerable areas of the Parish
- Applications which are of a significant size (eg five dwelling units or more, or similar size if non-residential developments)
- Applications which directly affect the Parish Council property or any property, land, residence or business in which any Parish Councillor or member of the Parish Council Staff has known interest.

Such applications shall be considered by Full Council.

## **Reporting and Feedback**

The Parish Clerk/Administration Officer will submit a list of all planning responses made on behalf of the Parish Council to the next available Parish Council meeting. This enables Council to check that this policy is achieving the desired responses and enables Council to amend this Policy if necessary.

**Adopted by Council 9.1.2020**

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