

## Major Planning Applications/Multiple Dwellings Protocol

### 1. Guidance for Councillors and Developers

LTC recognises that pre-application discussions play an important role in major planning applications and welcomes developers consulting both the Council and the Town. However, the Council is also aware of the importance of public perception and predetermination, and any approaches will be discussed at full council meetings to ensure transparency.

### 2. Pre-determination

In all meetings with developers, Councillors are reminded of the critical importance of not predetermining their position on any future application. It is noted, however, that expressing a predisposition, for example of either 'welcome in principle' or 'concerns', is permissible.

### 3. Meetings with Developers

If individual Councillors are approached by developers for informal discussions of possible future applications, all such requests should be notified to the Town Clerk and referred to a public meeting of the full Council. Full Council will determine if a meeting is to be held with developers. Meetings with developers will be advertised and held in the public domain to ensure transparency. Notes of the meeting will be taken, and if relevant can be used to form the Council's response to the application.

### 4. Meetings with the Planning Authority

LTC may meet with Planning Officers from consulting authorities to obtain more information relating to applications, and it will be the Planning Officer's discretion as to whether the meeting is public or closed. The Planning Officer will be informed if a public (not Council) meeting is organised to discuss an application.

### 5. Public Consultations

The Council will encourage developers to carry out a local public consultation before submitting plans for major developments. The Council will suggest to developers that they;

- Provide the Council with planning documents and plans that can be made available to the public
- Hold a public and well-advertised meeting at an accessible venue with suitable scheduling
- Consult residents and incorporate their feedback into the scope of the project

This Major Planning Applications/Multiple Dwellings Protocol was adopted by Loddon Parish Council at its meeting held on 12 October 2022.

Signed:

Dated:

Date for next review: October 2025 (reviewed every three years)