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Wakes Colne Parish Council – Leadership in Planning for the Future of the Community

Wakes Colne Parish Council is committed to provide an opportunity for the community to state its views and provide information regarding how people feel about where they live.

To achieve this the Council: -

- Represent local views on Local Planning Policies and Planning Applications
- Will work alongside the Planning Authority, and the Local Community
- Undertake and facilitate Community led Planning activities to guide the Council's Business Plan

Representing Local Community Views

Wakes Colne Parish Council has a nominated Councillor as a Planning Representative to review planning applications and inform councillors at the Parish Council meetings on the details of each application.

Planning applications are highlighted as an agenda item, published on the Parish Council website and Notice boards within the Parish. Each application on the agenda is considered and comments sent to the Colchester Borough Councils on-line webpage. The webpage holds copies of plans, consultations and other relevant documents to facilitate easy access by the public. Members of the public are encouraged to attend Parish Council meetings and are encouraged to express their views on any planning application affecting the parish and to send in any of their concerns direct to Colchester Borough Council via their webpage. The Parish Council is permitted to request plans to be called in for the Local Authority Planning Committee to discuss a planning application fully. A representative from the Parish Council is permitted to speak at the Borough Council meetings.

Planning Application Process.

Colchester Borough Councils Planning Services (CBC) provides Wakes Colne Parish Council with details of all relevant Planning Applications received, thereby giving parishioners the opportunity to express an opinion on proposed developments. The Parish Council reviews each Application and propose a response to CBC after considering:

- written comments from parishioners
- the Local Plan
- the Rural Area and Conservation Areas
- village envelopes
- responses to the Application posted on the CBC planning website
- changes in planning legislation and guidelines
- The Parish Council decides the response to CBC, which generally will take the form of a brief statement that:
 - there is no objection to the application, or:
 - there are concerns that should be addressed before the application is approved, or:
 - the proposal is unacceptable, giving the reasons for the opinion
- All responses can be seen by parishioners in the Parish Council minutes and on the CBC planning website under the Planning Application number.
- It must be remembered that CBC is responsible for planning decisions, and Wakes Colne Parish Council, on behalf of parishioners, may only express an opinion. Decisions may contradict this opinion.

Details of Planning Applications

CBC gives details of applications to immediate neighbours and the Ward Councillor, in addition to Wakes Colne Parish Council, and appropriate notices are displayed near the site in question. Details may also be inspected on the CBC planning website.

Commenting on Planning Applications

When considering either planning applications or new policies, the Parish Council balances the sometimes-competing concerns of local residents, and local businesses. Parishioners can comment on an application via the CBC webpage.

Local Planning Policy

Where local planning policy is published for consultation, the Parish Council will consider the policy and where time permits, take representation from the wider community.

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SignedChairman

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