

Notes about Site Visits by Parish Councillors

- Parish Council (PC) is asked by Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) to comment on planning application – often giving PC short notice
- PC only visits private property (by appointment) with owner's permission
- Visit is informal
- PC can only make any decisions at public meeting, so councillors may be reticent to discuss the plan at the site visit
- Planning Application is discussed at monthly PC meeting
- Monthly meetings are held on first Wednesday of each month; advertised on village noticeboards and website (www.cuddingtonvillage.com)
- Applicants and any supporters or opposers may speak during "Parishioners' Question Time" at PC monthly meeting, before application is discussed. Parishioners are not entitled to speak during the Parish Council Meeting itself.
- At the meeting PC makes one of three choices: "no objection", "support" or "oppose"
- PC adds comments and reasons
- If PC opinion differs from that of planning officer, application will be considered at public meeting of Development Control Committee (DCC) of AVDC
- Applicant supporters and opposers may speak at DCC meeting

Additional notes:

AVDC is the Planning Authority through its Development Control Committee with advice of its Planning Department
PC is not expert in planning and does not receive direct advice from the Planning Department of AVDC, so PC mainly addresses local factors and information

Parish Council consists of seven people living in the village

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