



# BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

## Planning Help Sheet

### What powers does Badger Farm Parish Council have over Planning Applications?

Badger Farm Parish Council is consulted by the relevant Planning Authority, Winchester City Council on all planning applications. Any views expressed by the Parish Council will be taken into account by the Planning Authority before a decision is made, providing the points made are relevant to the determination of a planning application.

The final decision is made by the Planning Authority, **not** the Parish Council.

Badger Farm Parish Council will only comment on what are known as “material considerations” issues. Boundary disputes between neighbours or loss of views will not be considered.

### Do Parish Councils Grant Planning Permission?

Town and parish councils are not Planning Authorities. Town and parish councils are only statutory consultees in the planning process.

- This means we only have the right to be informed of planning applications within the parish.
- We cannot approve or reject planning applications.
- We can only comment on planning applications in the same way that individuals can comment.
- The length of time taken to determine a planning application is governed by the local planning authority **not** the parish council.
- A parish council can request that it be given extra time to comment on an application but the decision whether this is granted rests solely with the planning authority and it's own deadlines for decision making.

### How do Parish Councils Comment on Planning Applications?

- Parish councils discuss planning applications at the monthly Parish Council meetings which the public can attend.
- The comments agreed in the council meeting are then submitted in writing by the Parish Clerk to Winchester City Council planning department.
- The process is exactly the same as that of an individual wishing to comment on a planning application.
- Parish councils are statutory consultees and have no powers to approve or reject planning applications, we can only comment or not on applications.