

# **PLAISTOW AND IFOLD PARISH COUNCIL**

## **PLANNING POLICY (draft)**

### **BACKGROUND**

1. The Parish Council has a history of involving the local community in planning issues; and has a key role to play in voicing the opinions and views of the community. This assists in developing a high level of understanding between the Parish Council, the Planning Authority and the local community on planning matters.

### **THE PARISH COUNCIL ROLE**

2. By virtue of the Town and Country Planning Act, a Parish Council is a statutory consultee to the Planning Process. As such the Parish Council receives copies of complete planning applications relevant to the Parish on a weekly basis. The Parish Council also receives copies of other planning consultation documents
3. Planning applications and consultation documents can be made available for inspection by residents locally, by contacting either the Chairman of the Parish Council or the Parish Clerk. They are also available at the District Council's local Area Office in Petworth or at the District Council's offices in Chichester; or via the District Council's web site.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

4. The Parish Council promotes individual residents submitting their own letters of objection, or otherwise to the Planning Authority (Chichester District Council) and welcomes copies of those letters, to be retained on the Parish Council's files
5. The Parish Council will not forward such letters on to the Planning Authority, this is the responsibility of the individual
6. The Parish Council recognises that there may be planning applications which will need to involve the community at an early stage. In such cases, the Parish Council will facilitate an Open Meeting to discuss planning applications in the following circumstances:-
  - (a) where the application is likely to generate concern
  - (b) where the application is likely to have an impact on the local community
  - (c) where the application is likely to have a significant environmental impact

- (d) where the application is for previously undeveloped land
  - (e) where the application could have an impact on the adjacent Conservation Area
  - (f) where the application is on a large scale
  - (g) where the application is otherwise outside the normal
7. Where there is considerable local opposition to a planning application, the Parish Council will endeavour to work with the Planning Authority and developers, at an early stage, to enable the local community to state their concerns and have appropriate input into the design of the proposed scheme.