

## Hunsdon Parish Council Planning Policy Statement 2023

HPC is a statutory consultee in the planning process and is entitled to be informed by East Herts DC or other relevant planning authority ( "LPA") of all planning applications and any amendments to those applications, within the parish.

On receipt the clerk will circulate the notice by email to all councillors . There is usually a deadline for comments, which may be before the next PC meeting.

Councillors will review the application as soon as possible and let the clerk and other councillors know their initial views but all decisions of the Council should be made in formal council meetings. If the deadline expires before the next meeting, the clerk should seek an extension of time from the LPA.

Comments agreed in the council meeting are to be submitted in writing by the Parish Clerk to the relevant LPA via its Planning Portal or designated email address.

Many applications are for minor house extensions which involve no principles of planning unless neighbours specifically ask the PC to review them. Others may require a decision from councillors:

- To seek professional advice before deciding the response
- To respond in opposition in whole or part to the application, in which case the PC will prepare a response or ask a professional planning consultant to draft one.
- To support the application if it is in the interest of the Parish as a whole or a significant area of it.

At all times, councillors should make their decisions in accordance with the policies of the Hunsdon Area Neighbourhood Plan or, if within the Gilston Area (basically the proposed village 7 or the Airfield), the Gilston Area NP, alongside the East Herts District Plan (2018) and all other material considerations. They will also be subject to standing orders and the code of conduct.

Approved by Council at its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023

And Signed by the Clerk of the Council .....