

**PART I**

**ITEM 8c - PLANNING COMMITTEES AND THE NATIONAL SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

**Update**

Since the publication of the original Full Council report, the following updates have been made:

- Revise the recommendation, to reflect that agreed at Policy and Resources Committee,
- Update Appendix 4, to be clear that the triage request for the Gateway Test relates to the 'relevant' Parish Council,
- Update Appendix 5 to
  - o Specify the ability to instigate the triage process relates to the relevant Parish Council for or adjacent to the site.
  - o Revise the table such that applications under S73A (retrospective applications) and applications or requests to modify or discharge a S106 agreement are eligible to be triaged to the Gateway Test.

**Updated Recommendation:**

Whilst this Council notes its strong objections, including those raised by this Council to the significant changes passed by Parliament, which attracted objections from parties across the political spectrum due to the removal of a significant element of democratic oversight of planning decisions by democratically elected councillors, it nevertheless regrets that the Council has no option but to make the following amendments. Failure to do so is likely to result in the Council losing any remaining ability to exercise such democratic oversight of planning applications. The Council therefore has no choice but to comply fully with the legislation passed by Parliament and:

- Agree the process and procedure detailed in Appendix 4 (as amended by Revision A which amends the wording for parish council), with minor amendments delegated to the Director of Finance and Head of Regulatory Services in consultation with the Lead Member for Planning and the Chair of the Planning Committee.
- Agree the required changes to the constitution and as detailed in Appendix 5 (as amended by Revision A, which includes the ability for requests and applications to modify or discharge planning obligations to be eligible for triage to the Gateway Test, and the ability for retrospective applications to be eligible for the Gateway Test) to enable the new regulations, process and procedures to be implemented, including:
  - o Define the nominated officer(s)/member(s).
  - o Define Own Interest.
  - o Amend to confirm receipt of a petition can no longer trigger a committee call-in.
  - o Set the maximum number of Planning Committee at 13.

and any other changes required with minor amendments delegated to the Director of Finance and Head of Regulatory Services in consultation with the Lead Member for Planning and the Chair of the Planning Committee:

- Delegate authority to the Director of Finance in consultation with the Head of Planning Policy and Conservation to update the Statement of Community Involvement to align with the changes to the constitution, together with such other necessary changes

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