

The role of the Parish Council in planning matters: **Information for local residents**

Parish Councils are statutory consultees in the planning process and must be informed of all planning applications, and any amendments to those applications, within the parish. The Parish Council can only comment on these planning applications in the same way as any other member of the public, however, any comments by the Parish Council must be agreed by the members during a properly called Parish Council meeting.

Please remember that Edale Parish Council is a single consultee and only counts as one opinion. No more weight is given to the response of the Parish Council than to the responses of any members of the public.

The Parish Council will listen to the views of residents of the Parish, particularly in controversial cases, and will reflect such local feeling during the deliberation process. **However, should there be widespread objection, or support, for a proposal the Parish Council will always urge local residents to send their own individually written letters or e-mails direct to the planning authority. These submissions should be in your own words as this is more effective than several residents sending the same letter.**

When submitting objections or support for planning applications, or speaking at a Parish Council meeting, you should refer to the following list of 'material considerations' provided by the Peak District National Park planning department. These are things that the planning department will consider as valid reasons to approve or deny planning permission. The list also outlines 'non-material' considerations – i.e things that cannot be taken into account.

The Parish Council hope that you find this information useful. If you have any further questions regarding the planning process please contact the Clerk

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