

General Planning Report for 2022 AGM

'*Planning Matters*' bulletins were introduced with the purpose of keeping the village and wider community updated on planning issues.

There has been a steady flow of planning applications and during the year FOIV have published 27 Bulletins covering General Planning applications, Court Place and other updates. I hope these provide the appropriate level of information for you. Any improvement suggestions would be most welcome.

OCC planning function issue us with new applications on a weekly basis. All applications are reviewed to ascertain whether FOIV should make any comment on the applications. We mindful that any comments need to be relevant to matters that the planning officer can take into account – related to planning regulation. In the main applications are extensions and improvements which don't need a response. Those within the conservation area are given a more detailed review.

On behalf of members we have stated objections to a number of applications – some have been withdrawn and others rejected by the planners.

When appropriate on applications where FOIV consider an objection should be raised I escalate the matter to our Councilors who can use their judgement to request the that the proposal goes before the planning committee rather than be dealt with by delegated powers to the planning officer.

When potentially unapproved building works are drawn to our attention these are raised with the Enforcement Officer. One has recently been draw to my attention and is an unapproved building and removal or submission of a retrospective planning application must be made.

There are two other unapproved matters being dealt with by the planners. Both are over a year old and not that close to resolution which is disappointing. The slow progress is due to a combination of the number of processes/authorisations that are needed and by the applicants slow response and them challenging decisions. We actively monitor progress on these.

During the year I have established a rapport with various planning officer and we now get prompt and helpful updates on the progress of applications.

Tree Works

Works to any trees within the conservation area require prior approval from the tree officers that these works can take place. The number of applications that appear on the weekly tree planning list is minimal and doesn't reflect the level of tree works being undertaken within the conservation area. There may be a problem with tree works being logged on the planning system and this is being investigated. In the meantime residents are reminded to seek relevant permissions.

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