



2019/2437	Mr Chris Burnard, Heywood Apartments, 28 Walcot Rd, Diss	Erection of carport with residential dwelling above	<b>RECOMMEND REFUSAL</b> This application further reduces the parking provision on the site, which was only at adequate levels in the previous application. Additional concerns raised with the previous application and that remain relate to the traffic congestion given the existing road layout, which has increased with the adjacent redevelopment of the Heywood Sports facility. Norfolk County Council, the Police and the Greater Norwich Local Plan have all recently rated the area as inadequate for further development.
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*Councillor Browne arrived part way through the next item.*

**PL1219/08 PLANNING SYSTEM**

District Councillor Minshull gave a presentation on the Planning system, which included the background leading to the current system which supports sustainable development and the wide range of customers involved in the planning process. It was noted that the District Council received over 4,786 applications last year, 120 of which were major housing development applications.

The legislative framework around planning was explained and members were advised that 96% of applications are decided by Officers. Decision making involves balancing many issues such as meeting housing needs, economic recession, localism, climate change/environmental issues and long-term strategies (housing / employment).

The role of councillors includes understanding the policies and applications, engaging with the community, considering, deciding and reviewing applications. Planning standards were summarised, which include demonstrating fairness, openness and impartiality.

The vision for the Greater Norwich Local Plan up to 2036 is to grow vibrant, healthy communities supported by a strong economy & delivery of homes, jobs, infrastructure & enhanced environment. This should be based on evidence, aspirational but realistic (deliverable), reflective of a collective vision developed through local engagement, clear on strategic priorities for the area and reviewed every 5 years.

There was a discussion on land supply, which is based on district areas with the Planning Inspector determining the areas.

The Development Management committee hears large or more controversial applications (90 considered in 2017 & 107 in 2018). Local planning authorities should approve development proposals that accord with plans without delay, grant permission where the plan is absent, silent, indeterminate or where relevant policies are out of date unless allowing the development would significantly & demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the framework taken as a whole.

There was discussion about the planning consent granted for 22a St Nicholas Street despite the overwhelming objections received from the community including those from District Councillors. It was noted that many hours of preparation are involved prior to hearings and all applications are decided on merit and that the Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan would be an opportunity to protect green spaces.

Members were urged to continue to make comments relevant to planning considerations and seek advice from the District Council where necessary to help them make informed decisions. It was

RESOLVED: That District Councillor Minshull would forward his presentation to members.  
**(Action: GM; immediately)**

**PL1219/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Members noted that Planning meetings will precede scheduled meeting dates, should applications require committee consideration.

Meeting closed at 7.17pm

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Councillor E. Taylor  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN