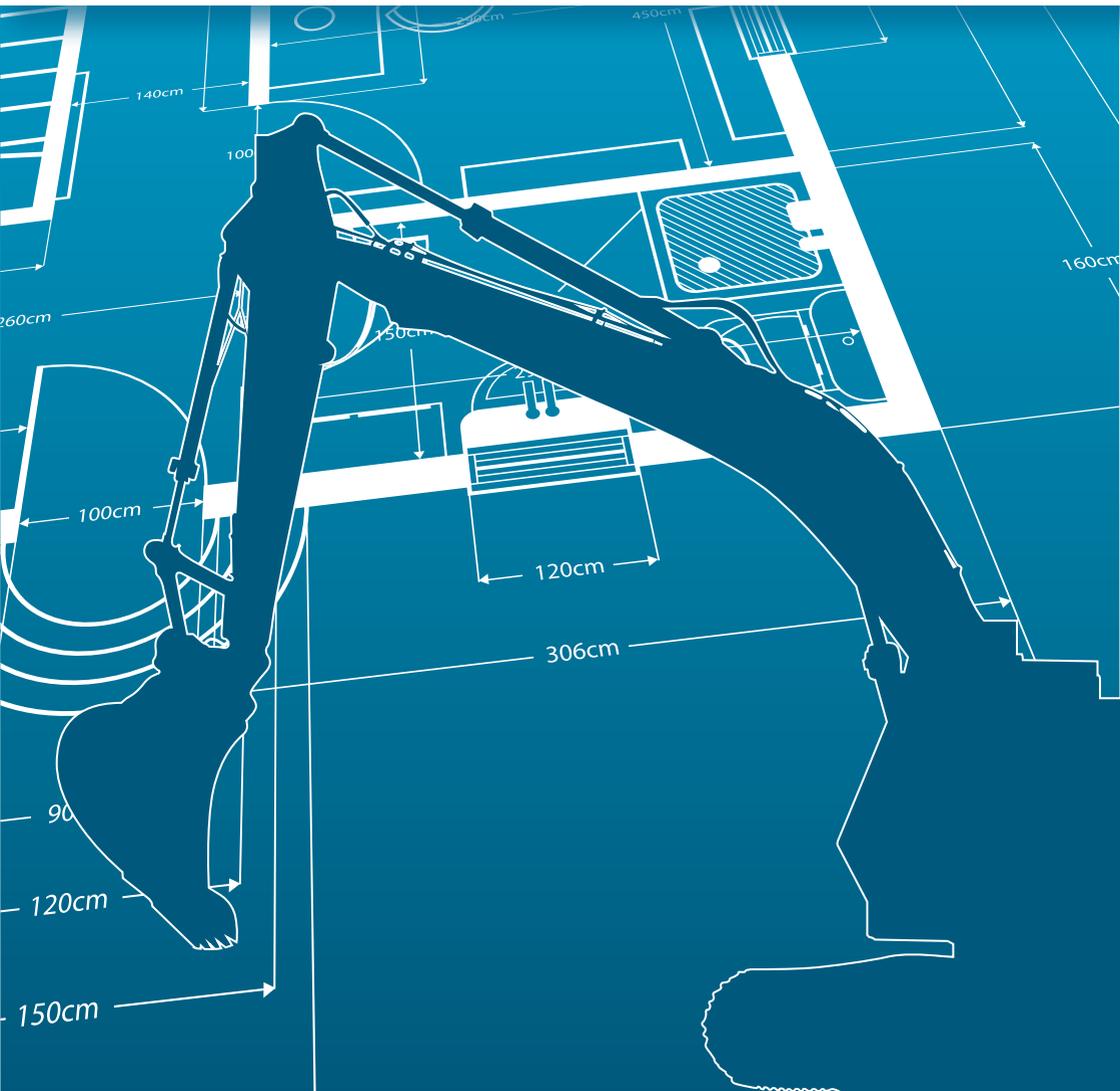


# Planning and Development

What is it and how can I have my say?



**As a Co-operative Council, Telford & Wrekin understands the importance of listening to the views and opinions of local people.**

**We know that ‘Your Views Matter’, and when it comes to planning, local communities and individuals have vital local knowledge that can help us to make the right decisions.**

**This leaflet will help you to understand what the Council has to do in relation to planning and how you can get involved in the planning process by giving your views on planning policy and planning applications.**

## Planning Policy

Every Council has to produce a plan which sets out how the borough will develop over the next 20 years. This is called the Local Plan. All decisions on planning applications should be made in line with the Local Plan. The Council will also produce other policy documents to support the Local Plan.

When it produces new plans and policies the Council will promote them and let you know how you can comment and give your views. Copies of the document will always be made available on the Council website and you can call into Council buildings or your local library to have a look at them.

Local people’s views can be gathered in the following ways;



Face to face



Leaflet questionnaires



Online questionnaires



Open workshops



Public meetings



Focus groups

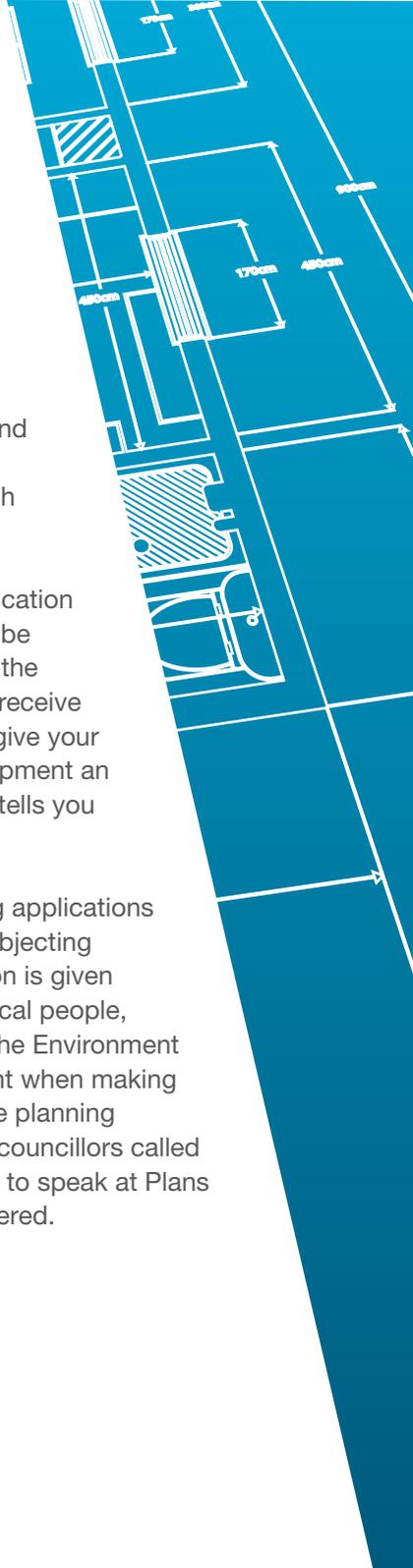
## Planning Applications

Many types of development need planning permission from the Council to go ahead. Planning applications are made to the Council which set out the nature of the proposed development.

Telford & Wrekin Council is supportive of people discussing issues in relation to development **before** planning applications are made. This might involve neighbours talking to each other about extensions and building work, or building companies holding public meetings and events with local people to talk through larger building schemes.

The Council asks people submitting a planning application to display a site notice at the site that is intended to be developed with details of how you can comment on the plans. If you live next to a development site you will receive a letter from the Council that tells you how you can give your views. If an application is received for a large development an advert may be placed in the local newspaper which tells you how to have your say.

Councils must seek local people's views on planning applications and anyone can comment on an application either objecting to or supporting proposals. Each planning application is given to a planning officer who will listen to the views of local people, businesses and agencies like English Heritage and the Environment Agency. The officer will take these views into account when making a decision to refuse or approve an application. Some planning applications have to be decided by a group of local councillors called the Plans Board. Members of the public can register to speak at Plans Board meetings when applications are being considered.



## Giving your views

The views of local people really do matter to Telford & Wrekin Council and when it comes to planning it is vital for us to listen to public opinion.

The Council keeps the contact details of local people and organisations who want to be informed about planning policy development. These people are automatically contacted when views are being gathered during planning policy production.

If you would like to add your details to this database please email [developmentplans@telford.gov.uk](mailto:developmentplans@telford.gov.uk) or ring 01952 384255.

Watch out for opportunities to give your views on local planning issues and visit [www.telford.gov.uk/planning](http://www.telford.gov.uk/planning) to read the Council's full Statement of Community Involvement.

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