



Landford Parish Council – Planning Tips

Last year, your Parish Council carefully reviewed and made *recommendations* (we're not empowered to make planning decisions) on approximately 50 planning applications made to Wiltshire Council and the New Forest National Park Authority. If you are thinking of making changes to your property, you may wish to consider:

- Checking if you need planning permission before starting any building work (e.g. did you know that, under permitted development, fencing and gates can only be erected adjacent to a highway if the height above ground level does not exceed one metre?) as obtaining retrospective permission may not be possible and could mean you could be forced to take your building down
- Talking to the Planning Officer or Case Officer at the relevant Authority before making your application. There may be policies that affect your plans that you are unaware of and which, if not addressed, could cause your application to be rejected unnecessarily
- Talking to your neighbours to try to ascertain their views – it may be that a small part of your plans upsets them and could easily be amended to keep everyone happy, thereby avoiding objections which could derail your plans and add to the cost of the application
- Inviting affected parties to come round and walk them through your plans
- Referring to the Landford Village Design Statement for further guidance on design and materials
- Going along in person and explaining what you are trying to do when your application is being considered, whether by your Parish Council or by a planning authority

If the property lies within the New Forest National Park then the current planning policies, applications and decisions can be viewed by clicking on <https://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/planning/>. To view the current policies, applications and decisions for those areas of the Parish outside the National Park, then click on <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment.htm>.

The Council meets at 7.15pm on the second Wednesday of every month which is when it reviews planning applications. Members of the public are very welcome to attend the meetings and may, at the invitation of the Chair, give input on any of the topics on the agenda. The Planning schedule is always posted on the Parish Council noticeboards, the Parish Council website and the Parish Council and Villages Facebook pages on the Friday preceding the meeting.

Any questions? Please contact Eve Finlayson (Parish Clerk) on 07421 354039 or via email at clerk@landford.org.uk