

County and District Council Members

When attending and debating Planning issues, Town Councillors who are also Members of Devon County Council and Teignbridge District Council may reserve their final views on the application until they are in full possession of all the relevant facts for and against the application at subsequent District and County Council meetings.

Where else can I go for help?



The District Planning Authority, Teignbridge District Council, has a dedicated team of expert Planning staff who are available to advise on planning and Conservation Area issues.

The Reception and Planning Staff at Teignbridge will be pleased to assist you with any queries you may have and plans are also available for inspection at the Council Offices at: **Forde House, Brunel Road, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 4XX. Telephone: 01626 361101.**

The District Council is the initial decision-making body on most planning issues affecting the Teignbridge area outside Dartmoor National Park. However, there are rights of Appeal against planning refusals made by the District Authority through the Planning Directorate.

Copies of the **Teignbridge Local Plan**, together with details of Conservation Areas in Dawlish, are available at the District and Town Council Offices.

If you require assistance in making your point to the Council, then a member of staff will be happy to discuss the possible avenues available to you.

How to contact us

The Town Council Offices are open Monday to Friday 9.30a.m. to 1.00p.m. and 1.30p.m. to 3.00p.m.

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Attending Dawlish Town Council Planning Meetings

A guide to making your point



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Attending a Planning Meeting

Members of the Public are welcome to attend Planning Committee meetings of the Town Council to listen to the debate and recommendations of the authority.

Plans and applications are available for inspection at the Town Council Offices during normal office hours.

Prior to each Planning Committee meeting, the Dawlish Town Council *Plans Inspection Team* meets to make a preliminary inspection of applications and plans on the current Agenda. The Team's task is to determine in advance of the meeting whether a complicated planning issue is involved which may require further investigation. Their preliminary recommendations are put before the full Planning Committee to assist in the deliberations on each planning matter.

On every Agenda there is a business item:

“Deferment of Business (for comment by the public.)”

The Committee Chairman will adjourn the Council's business at this point, in order to give members of the public an opportunity to speak to the Planning Committee.



When to speak

The Planning Committee Chairman will indicate to any member of the public when it is appropriate for them to speak. He or she will also determine for how long a person may address the meeting (normally about three minutes).

As a speaker, you cannot expect Council Members to enter into any discussion with you about the issues you raise but at the end of the allotted time, the Chairman will inform you what action the Town Council will take immediately, in order to address those issues.



What happens next?

Once you have raised an issue at a Planning Committee meeting, the Councillors will take your comments into account when discussing that particular application. If necessary, the Committee will defer discussion to another meeting to enable them to gather further information. You are, of course, welcome to attend and speak at that meeting too.

The Council's recommendations will be published shortly after the meeting by way of Minutes which are displayed at :

- The Town Council Offices
- The Library
- The Dawlish Leisure Centre
- The Town Council Web Site
www.Dawlish.gov.uk

Can the Town Council help?

In order for you to determine whether or not to speak to the Town Planning Committee it is necessary to understand a little about the functions and duties that are imposed upon the Town Council by Government.

Functions of the Town Council

The Town Council is a Statutory Consultee on planning issues affecting the Town.

This means that although it has the opportunity to make recommendations to the Planning Authority (Teignbridge District Council) it has no powers to make decisions regarding planning issues. However, its recommendations are taken into account by the Planning Authority when it makes its own deliberations.

Categorisation of Applications

Teignbridge District Council places applications in two categories:



Teignbridge District Council initially lists *most* applications as **DEL (Delegated - Officer)** unless it has some interest in either the land or the application.

Applications listed as **DEL**, may be dealt with under delegated approval; i.e. the Head of Planning Services may be authorised to make a decision under powers specifically given to him.

Where an application concerns land or development in which the District Council has an interest, it will be listed as **COMM (Committee)** so that it must be considered by the Development Control Committee and cannot be decided under delegated powers.

A ward Member may request that an application is listed as **COMM** so that it must be considered by the Development Control Committee and cannot be decided under delegated powers. The Head of Planning Services may also list an application as **COMM**.