

## **TOCKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING POLICY**

Planning applications are reviewed by the Parish Council as a whole, which is made up of five non-professional volunteers, who meet and seek to take a broad Parish perspective of any planning application received from Wiltshire Council.

The Parish Council will consider all planning applications based on their individual circumstances and merits. All responses to planning applications will be based on material planning reasons (e.g. policy documents, design, impact on area, traffic). Non-material considerations (e.g. moral issues, personal circumstances, property prices) will not form any part of the response to Wiltshire Council.

The Parish Council will respond to all planning applications within the timeframe stipulated by the Wiltshire Council. Where a planning application has been received after publication of the agenda the Clerk will email councillors to notify them of the late addition.

The application will be discussed and decided at the meeting unless a councillor determines that there is insufficient time to adequately review the plans in which case a vote will be taken on whether to postpone discussion of the application to a future (possibly extra) meeting.

Where planning applications are received outside of the normal meetings cycle, noncontentious applications will be dealt with through consultation with councillors via email. An additional Council meeting may be called whenever there is a situation of wider public concern.

The Parish Council opinion will represent the majority local interest and comments will reflect local knowledge and interest in the local environment. The Parish Council will seek to ensure that any development, either new or for alterations to existing properties, will blend in and be sympathetic to the surrounding area and is in line with Tockenham Neighbourhood Plan, Wiltshire Core Strategy, Wiltshire Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

For formal advice about planning matters please contact Wiltshire Council.

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