

Planning Committee Policy on When to Have a Site Visit



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1. Policy on when to have a Site Visit

1. Planning Committee Site Visits should only take place where:-
 - (a) The visual, verbal and written material is insufficient to convey a clear impression of the impacts and affects on the site and its surroundings.
 - (b) Specific impacts/effects such as landscape, visual amenity, highways and proximity to properties need to be inspected because of the site's location, topography and/or relationship with other sites/facilities which cannot be addressed in text form.
 - (c) The proposals raise new or novel issues on site which need to be inspected.
2. Site visits should not be undertaken simply at the request of the applicant, objectors or other interested parties whether expressed in writing or during public speaking.
3. No site should be revisited within a period of two years since the last visit unless there are exceptional circumstances or changes since the last site visit.
4. The arrangement and conduct of all visits should be in accordance with the Committee's Site Visit Protocol.

Notes:

1. In this protocol the term 'applicant' means the relevant applicant(s) for planning permission, the relevant landowner(s), if different, and, where the site visit relates to a matter other than a planning application, it means the person(s) using the land in question and the owner(s) of that land.
2. This policy was approved by the 11 October 2007 Planning Committee.

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