

# **Walton Parish Council**

## **Planning Matters Statement for the Website**

In order to deal with incoming Planning Applications timely and efficiently, the Parish Council (PC) have an “Advisory Group”. It has at present, four Councillors who have volunteered to look at each application and make a recommendation of support or rejection, or make comment. The comments are circulated to all Councillors and if time permits, can be discussed at the next meeting of the PC, before forwarding to Warrington Borough Council. This results in a time saving at a PC meeting, compared to when the plans were all being displayed and discussed.

Many applications are of a straightforward nature and have no or little effect on the Parish. If the 21 days allowed for sending comments on these ends before the next PC meeting, the comments will be sent to WBC to meet that timescale.

Those applications that would affect the Parish will be dealt with prior to the PC meeting.

Some applications result in engagement with the applicant, usually for clarification of the work proposed. There may also be engagement with neighbours of an applicant to elicit their views. There have been incidences where a neighbour has been very elderly or renting, such that people who should be aware of an application are not. The PC welcomes dialogue with neighbours who can benefit from that discussion or who can ask the support of the PC - although the PC may not be making comment themselves. The PC will reiterate the neighbour’s objection, although not objecting themselves.

**Councillor R Hardie**

**Chair of Planning Advisory Group**