

REVIEW OF PLANNING APPLICATION DECISION MAKING PROCESS**SUMMARY OF RESPONSES OF PARISH/TOWN COUNCILS**

Parish/Town Council	Delegation	Committee Site Visits	Public Speaking
Kenilworth Town Council	Automatic referral to Committee if T.C. objects is satisfactory. Clarification required if schemes are amended. Feedback on "10 objections" rule needed – although no specific evidence of concern given.	Changes are unfortunate. Public perception is that they are excluded and unwelcome. Ward Councillor should be an "observer" at the site visit to ensure they are perceived as fair and balanced.	A successful initiative – more democratic. 3 minute period start but acceptable. 5.15 p.m. reporting time is quite early. Speakers need to be made aware of changes to plans after.
Leamington Town Council	Working effectively but more could be done to make interested parties aware of committee referral procedure.	Regret loss of attendance – suggests "observer" status. Would welcome attendance at quality site visits.	Working well.
Stoneleigh Parish Council	Request confirmation that cases where they object are referred to Planning Committee.	Public should have right to speak.	Query whether P.C.'s have full 3 minutes.
Lapworth	No comment.	Feel local knowledge is being ignored and democratic rights eroded through lack of P.C. attendance.	Speaking at site visits is preferred as speaking in the Council chamber can be quite daunting.
Bishops Tachbrook	No specific comment.	No specific comment.	Useful change. Too early to draw definitive conclusion on the whole package.
Budbrooke	No specific comment.	Would like to be informed of and have right to speak at site visits.	No specific comment.

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Cubbington Parish Council	No specific comment.	Not happy with ending of speaking at committee site visits.	Ward councillor concerned about longer committee meetings which is onerous both to councillors and members of public. Parish Council supported this view.
Whitnash Town Council		Would like to have representation at site visits.	3 minute slot should be increased to 5 minutes.
Leek Wootton Parish Council		Site visits should be strictly chaired to avoid interruption.	3 minutes insufficient on more contentious applications.
Norton Lindsey Parish Council	Agree delegation can save time and effort on non controversial cases.	Parish Councils can usefully draw attention to significant local details at site visits.	N.C.P.C. has not used this facility but question its purpose if it is first used to make (not ask questions and obtain answers) which can be sent in written form.
Barford Parish Council		Lack of Parish involvement is a substantial defect since important input of local knowledge is denied and decisions could be based on inadequate intelligence.	
Baginton Parish Council			Welcomed introduction of speaking rights and generally commented that new arrangements were working well and were an improvement on what needed to be done before.