

CHIDHAM & HAMBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

POLICY ON ENGAGING IN EARLY DISCUSSIONS ON DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

1. Chidham & Hambrook Parish Council welcomes early notification and detailed explanations of proposed major developments from developers or their representatives.
2. The developer, in seeking a meeting with the Parish Council, must provide information about the proposed development affecting the parish in writing.
3. The Parish Council will treat all developers fairly and equally.
4. The Parish Council and its councillors will make no statements or comments that can be construed as support, or otherwise.
5. When the Parish Council agrees to meet developers, the timing and format of such a meeting will be at the discretion of the Parish Council, and such decisions will be minuted.
6. The Clerk or a District Council Planning Officer shall normally make the arrangements for such a meeting, attend and write up any notes.
7. The meeting will be chaired by a Parish Councillor.
8. Any further meeting will be at the discretion of the Parish Council, and depend on new information being available.
9. No hospitality shall be offered by a developer and none will be accepted by any representative of the Parish Council. It is an offence for a developer or his agent to promise or give financial advantage to a local council with the expectation of an improper consideration of a planning application.

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