



# Local Council Planning Refresher Training 2023 Development Management

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- Introduction to the Teams
- What is Development Management?
- Role of Local Councils
- The Planning Application Process
- How to Make a Decision
- Material Planning Considerations including a short exercise
- Planning Conditions and Obligations
- The Decision
- Where to find guidance and more information online
- Interactive planning guide 'Day in the Life of a Planning Application'

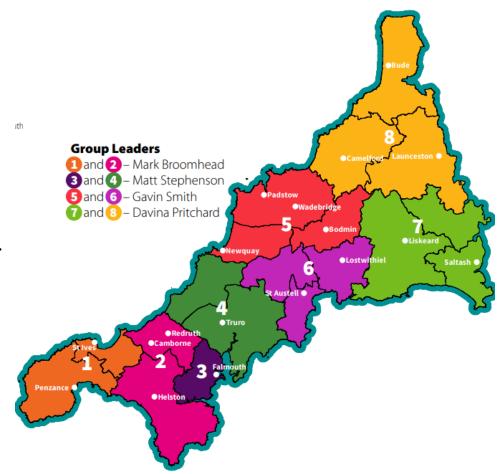




## **Development Management Teams**

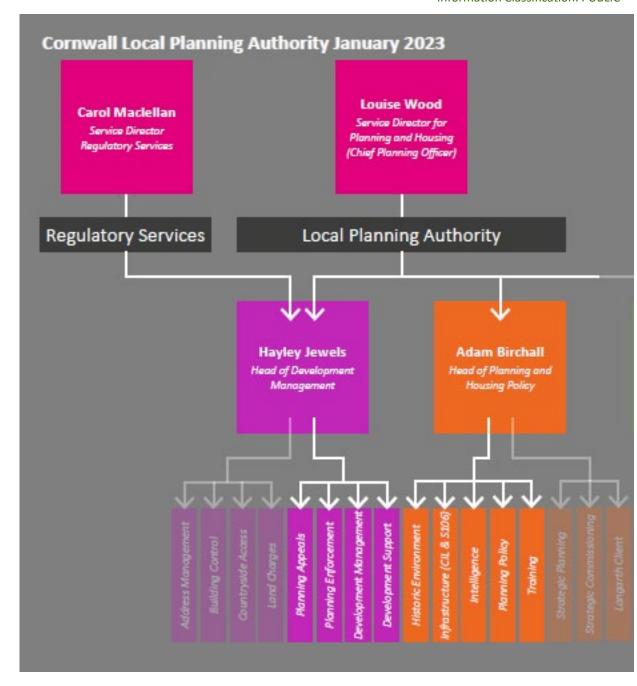
- Cornwall-wide
   Development Support

   Team
- 8 Area Planning Teams
- Enforcement, Minerals & Waste Team
- Appeals Team





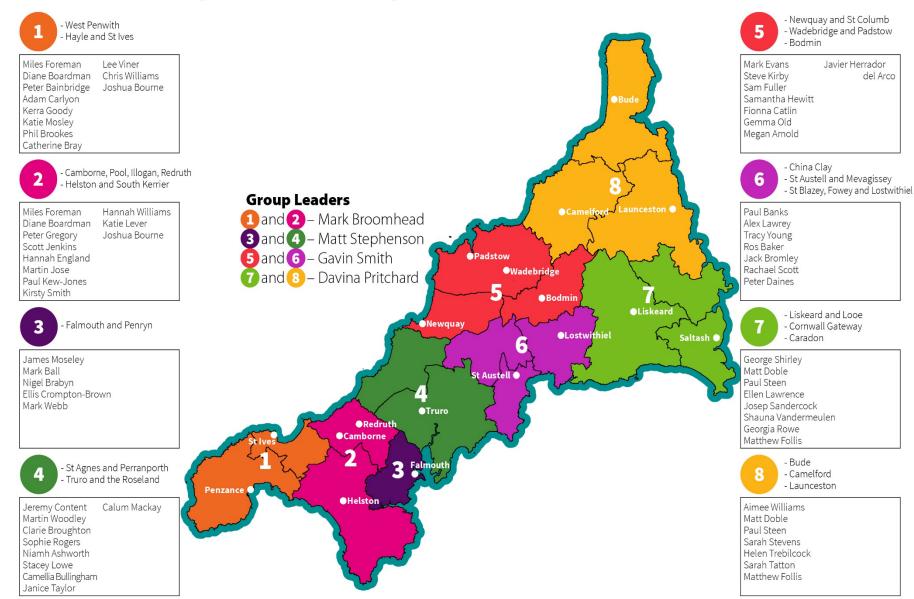
Updated organisational structure for the Local Planning Authority from April 2022

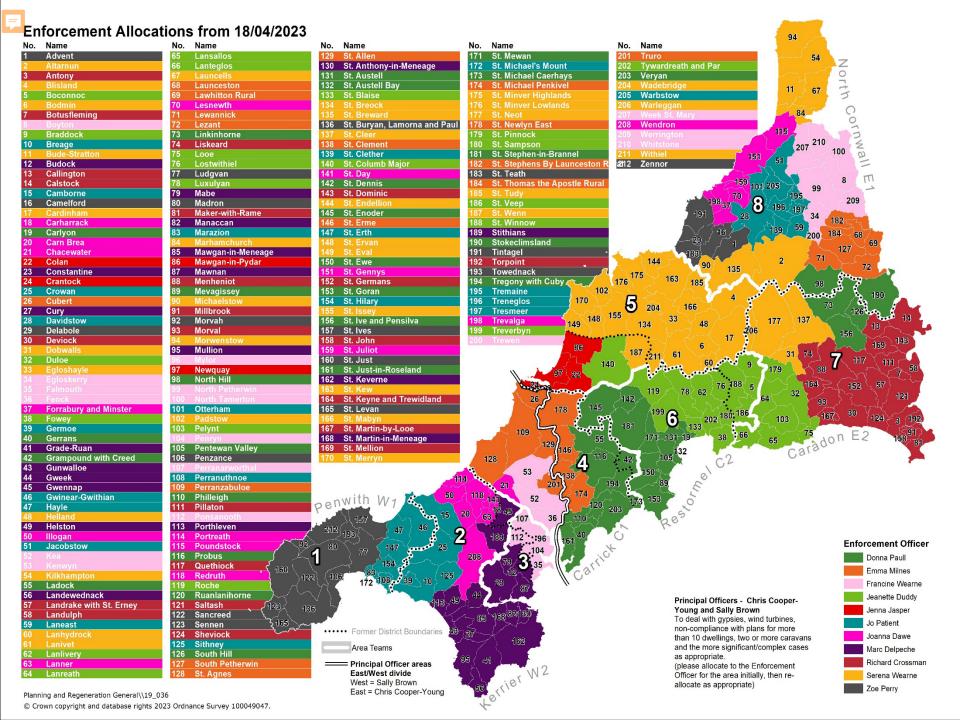






#### **Development Management Area Planning Teams from June 2023**







## **Current Appeals Team**

- Chantal McLennan Group Leader, Appeals
- James Holman Principal Development Officer
- Peter Blackshaw Principal Development Officer
- Jim Lee Senior Development Officer
- Sandra Oram Senior Development Support Officer
- Tazmin Burr Development Technical Officer





### **Minerals and Waste Team**

- Jon Drew Group Leader, Enforcement and Minerals and Waste
- Tim Warne Principal Officer dealing with Minerals and Waste Applications
- Matt Sleeman and Steph Carlyon pro-actively monitoring compliance with planning conditions on Minerals and Waste sites



## What is Development Management?

Pre-application discussions, considering and determining planning applications, monitoring and enforcement.





## What is Development Management?

- Development Management enables well-designed homes, places of work, and important infrastructure such as new transport facilities and schools.
- The goal is to **promote** sustainable development that helps to deliver the vision set out in the development plan for the area. Putting plans into action!
- It's about involvement with the community and developers at an early stage.
- Pro-active problem solving and unblocking barriers to manage development opportunities for the community.
- Outcome driven it is vital to creating places because it harnesses opportunities
  created by development proposals and seeks outcomes that achieve well planned
  developments which contribute positively to the area and provides community
  benefits.
- It's about delivery not control delivering quality development to meet the needs of communities and businesses; it's not about restricting development and processing planning applications.





### What is the role of Local Councils?

- Understanding the policies
- Understanding the applications
- Getting engaged
- Liaising with the community
- Considering
- Responding to consultations



## **Planning Application Process**



Development Idea



Pre-application Stage



Application submission



Validation



Live Application



Consideration



Determination/ Decision



Post-Decision



Appeals



Compliance/ Enforcement

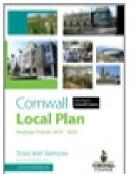


Completion of Development



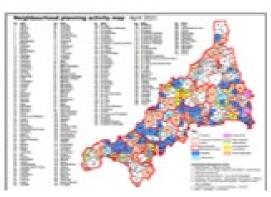
## **Making a Decision**

1) Start with the development plan policies











- 2) Take into account other material considerations, including:
- National policy
- Other council strategies
- Context and merits of the particular application
- Technical consideration
- Consultees views on planning aspects
- Other material planning matters







## **Material Planning Considerations**

- Planning history previous permissions and enforcement history
- Representations by consultees such as Environment Agency, the Highway Authority, Highways England, Historic England, Town/Parish Councils
- Representations by the public where they relate to material planning considerations
- Impact on the character of the area Design, materials, layout and density
- Impact on historic environment (the law says that we must have special regard to the desirability to protect listed buildings and conservation areas or their setting – we must give this considerable importance and weight in our balancing exercise)
- Residential amenity overlooking, loss of light or overshadowing
- Flood risk, contaminated land, noise, smell, pollution,
- Public rights of way
- Ecology and Biodiversity
- Case law and appeal decisions www.cornwall.gov.uk



## What is not material?

- Loss of private views
- The fact the application has been submitted retrospectively
- Loss of value to a neighbouring property
- Restrictive covenants
- Land ownership
- Identity of applicant
- The applicant's personal circumstances (unless exceptional such as relating to a physical disability)
- Business competition
- Private rights of way
- Matters controlled by other legislation
- The strength of volume of opposition it is not the number of objections, the evidence in support of the planning reasons for objection that is the material consideration





## Material Planning Consideration Exercise – yes or no?

- Loss or effect on trees
- yes
- Overlooking and loss of privacy
- yes
- Loss of property value
- no
- Emerging new plans not yet adopted
- yes/no
- Loss of view
- yes/no
- Government guidance and advice
- yes
- Private issues between neighbours





## Material Planning Consideration Exercise – yes or no?

- Highway issues: traffic generation, highway safety
- yes
- Effect on listed buildings and conservation areas
- yes
- Opposition to the principle of development when this has been settled by an outline planning permission or appeal
- no
- Layout and density of building design, visual appearance and finishing materials
- yes
- Private right of way issue
- no
- Legal covenants
- no

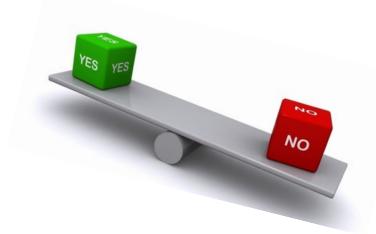




## **Making a Decision**

- 3) Consider whether planning conditions or planning obligations are necessary to make otherwise unacceptable development acceptable
- 4) Come to a view
- Grant planning permission
- subject to conditions
- subject to planning obligations
- Refuse planning permission
- Must be justified by reasons.
- Be specific identify the harm very clearly in the reason and make sure you have the evidence to back it up with reference to planning policy.
- May be subject to appeal.
- Unreasonable or invalid refusals may result in cost awards against the council.







## **CC** website - Local Councils Planning area

The Local Councils web area brings together guidance and info for local councils including:

- Local Council protocol
- Role of the local council in planning
- Consultation responses
- Guidance for local councils
- Help with early stage pre-application discussions
- Post-decision community engagement advice
- Previous training presentations and videos prepared for local councils



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Local councils

#### Role of local councils in planning

- . The local council protocol (updated February 2023) sets out how local councils are involved in the application process. Please see the role of local councils in planning page for more information on
- . The Cornwall Planning Partnership is a group of officers, local councillors and clerks. The group looks at planning issues of interest to all local councils. It helps to improve processes and offers

#### Planning guidance for local councils

- Day in the life of a Planning Application An online step by step guide through the entire planning process. It spans from initial development idea through to the completion of development.
- Guidance for local councils on pre-application discussions Guidance on how to deal with approaches from developers, parish-led community engagement, and specific tips about avoiding predetermination
- Protocol for local councils, Cornwall Council and developers working together This sets out what each party will be expected to do to help closer working at pre-application stage
- Post decision community engagement guidance This includes suggestions on how to keep communities updated and a suggested planning condition where this would be helnful during construction

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Induction Planning Training for Local Councils

Previous training presentations

Other Local Council planning training

More training resources for local Day in the Life of a Planning Appli

2023 training and resources



### CC website - Planning advice and guidance hub

The <u>Planning advice and guidance</u> webpage brings together location/ types of planning guidance we publish including:

- Building Control
- Developer Contributions
- Historic Environment
- Neighbourhood Planning
- Nutrient neutrality (phosphates)
- Place-specific
- Planning application submissions
- Planning Enforcement
- Planning Policy
- Pre-application advice AND
- a new general planning advice minihub



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#### Planning advice and guidance



We provide both formal guidance documents and informal help and advice. You can use these links to find the type of guidance you need. Links will either take you to the topic web area or a page with an A-Z of that type of guidance available.

We also provide specific advice pages for Planning Agents and Local Councils

#### Popular actions

Comment on planning applications





## **New General Planning advice and guidance**

page

This new <u>General planning advice and</u> <u>guidance</u> page provides links and an overview of guidance content for 26 different planning info and topic pages, including:

- Advertisements and signs
- Appeals
- Article 4s
- Advice for businesses
- Consultee help
- Divisional Member role in planning
- How applications are decided
- Notification and publicity
- Planning performance agreements
- Revisions and amendments
- Trees, and more





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#### General planning advice and guida

Below you will find links to a variety of our general planning advice webpages and guidance no are listed A-Z.

You can find links to other specific guidance, on our main Planning Advice and Guidance page content on this page. (For example, planning policy or historic environment guidance)

#### Additional development guidance

Class Q - permitted development rights for:

- · agricultural buildings
- annexes
- use classes
- · Fire Service access and facilities

#### Advertisements and signs

What you can do and when you need to apply for advertisement consent

#### Appeals

Search for an appeal, when to appeal, how to submit, the process and decision



## Other web pages to check out for info ...

As well as the pages already mentioned, we have web areas especially for our Planning Agents. These contain info/advice and guidance for these stakeholders as well key messages:



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What's new in planning

Planning Agents Area

And finally, we have a news pages for latest happenings in CC planning and where our newsletters are available:

- What's new in planning
- Planning news

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St Lawrence Urban Expansion Concept Masterplan

<u>Chief Planning Officer's Advice Note:</u>
<u>Providing Homes</u>

Septic tank or package treatment plant

in River Camel area?

Planning News Spring 2023

CIL Fund Round 3

Nutrient Neutrality in Cornwall





## Interactive planning guide – 'Day in the Life of a Planning Application'



https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/v1coelzv/day-in-the-life-of-a-planning-application.pdf



## Any Questions?.....





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