

Leadership in Planning for The Future of The Community

Old Marston Parish Council is committed to provide an opportunity for the community to state its views and provide information regarding how people feel about where they live.

To achieve this the council: -

- will represent local views on local planning policies and planning applications
- will work alongside the planning authority, and the local community
- undertake and facilitate community led planning activities to guide the council's business plan

Representing Local Community Views

Old Marston Parish Council has a nominated councillor as a planning representative to review planning applications and inform councillors at the parish council meetings on the details of each application.

Planning applications are highlighted as an agenda item, published on the parish council website and noticeboards within the parish. Each application on the agenda is considered and comments sent to Oxford City Council's on-line webpage. The webpage holds copies of plans, consultations and other relevant documents to facilitate easy access by the public. Members of the public are encouraged to attend parish council meetings and are encouraged to express their views on any planning application affecting the parish and to send in any of their concerns direct to Oxford City Council via their webpage. The parish council is permitted to request plans to be called in for the local authority planning committee to discuss a planning application fully. A representative from the parish council is permitted to speak at the city council meetings.

Planning Application Process.

Oxford City Council's planning service provides Old Marston Parish Council with details of all relevant planning applications received, thereby giving parishioners the opportunity to express an opinion on proposed developments. The parish council reviews each application and proposes a response to Oxford City Council's planning service after considering:

- written comments from parishioners
- the local plan
- the rural area and conservation areas
- responses to the application posted on the Oxford City Council planning service planning website
- changes in planning legislation and guidelines
- the parish council decides the response to Oxford City Council planning service, which generally will take the form of a brief statement that either:
 - there is no objection to the application or
 - there are concerns that should be addressed before the application is approved or
 - the proposal is unacceptable, giving reasons for the opinion

- all responses can be seen by parishioners in the parish council minutes and on the Oxford City Council's planning service website under the planning application number.
- It must be remembered that Oxford City Council's planning service is responsible for planning decisions, and Old Marston Parish Council, on behalf of parishioners, may only express an opinion. Decisions may contradict this opinion.

Details of Planning Applications

Oxford City Council's planning service may inform immediate neighbours of an application or the ward councillor but is not legally obliged to do so to. They are legally obliged to inform the parish council which is a legal consultee. The parish council will publish details on local plans on their noticeboard and website. Details may also be inspected on the Oxford City Council's planning service website.

Commenting on Planning Applications

When considering either planning applications or new policies, the parish council balances the sometimes-competing concerns of local residents, and local businesses. Parishioners can comment on an application via the Oxford City Council's planning service website.

Local Planning Policy

Where local planning policy is published for consultation, the parish council will consider the policy and where time permits, take representation from the wider community.

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Signed Duncan Hatfield. Chairman

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