The Planning Committee does not have the power to determine all types of application - in a few cases it simply makes formal observations to the Secretary of State. Very occasionally applications are also referred to full Council for decision.

Sometimes sensitive matters have to be dealt with in a closed part of the meeting.

The public cannot take part in the discussion at Planning Committee other than through the deputation process. Members of the public should not talk to or lobby councillors during the meeting.

If you would like more detailed information on deputations or petitions please contact the Democratic Services Team. For more information on planning applications and when they are likely to go to Committee please contact planning case officers.

Planning Committee Councillors’ conduct is subject to a Code of Practice. If they have an interest in a particular application, they will declare an interest. If that interest is greater than the average resident of the ward, they will declare a prejudicial interest and leave the meeting for the item.

Further information on committee procedures, deputations, petitions, site visits and the Councillors’ Code of Practice are available from: Democratic Services Team, PO Box 50, Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield, Middlesex EN1 3XA
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The Planning Committee is one of the Council’s regulatory committees and meets to make decisions on planning, listed building, conservation and advertisement applications and to consider enforcement matters.

Most items are dealt with in the following way:-

- The applications are usually taken in agenda order.
- However, at the Chairman’s discretion, applications with deputations are taken at the beginning of the meeting to make things easier for the public.
- The planning officer introduces the report.
- Any deputations will be heard for a maximum of five minutes.
- Ward Councillors sometimes speak on behalf of local residents.
- Councillors then debate the matter.
- A vote is taken by a show of hands.
- Where the committee decides not to follow officers’ recommendations, the Chairman asks Councillors to identify reasons for this.

The following types of decisions are made:-

- Approved with conditions and or legal agreements*see back page.
- Refused with reasons.
- Deferred for further information or for a site visit.
- Deferred and delegated to the Assistant Director (Planning and Environmental Protection) for final decision which may be taken in consultation with the Chairman.

*By legal agreements is meant agreements under Section 106 of the Town and Country planning Act 1990 which enables the Council to control development or obtain a necessary community benefit from a developer beyond the scope of planning conditions.

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