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NEWLY FORMED PLANNING COMMITTEE

Sandwich Town Council is a statutory consultee for planning applications – there is a requirement set out in law for the planning authority (Dover District Council) to consult with the town council on planning matters, and the town council is under an obligation to respond.

Previously planning applications have been considered each month within the main Council meeting, however, in order to allow more time for better scrutiny of each application a dedicated Planning Committee of the Council has been set up. The Committee has been delegated the power to:

- Make representations to the Local Planning Authority on applications for planning permission which have been notified to the Council;
- Make representations in respect of appeals against the refusal of planning permission;
- Identify and make representations to the relevant authorities in respect of enforcement action or any matters considered to be breaches of planning regulations;
- Monitor, review and where necessary make recommendations to the Council for amendments to the planning consultation procedure, and
- To deal with any other planning related matters that a meeting of the Full Council considers appropriate to be referred to the Planning Committee

Representatives from the local community have also been invited to join the Committee as non-voting members.

As with all official meetings members of the public are welcome to attend. The inaugural meeting of the Planning Committee will take place on Thursday 29th November at 4pm in

the Council Chamber, details of subsequent meetings and agendas will be available at www.sandwichtowncouncil.gov.uk.

If you would like to make representation to the Committee about a specific planning application please contact the Clerk, Miss L Fidler, on t. 01306 617197 / townclerk@sandwichtowncouncil.gov.uk as soon as you're aware that the application has been made.

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