

Planning Application process

If you wish to make a comment on a Planning Application, whether it is a neighbour's extension to their home, or a large development of land, there is a formal process in which to do this. Should you not be familiar with this process we have provided some guidance on how you can do this.

Your comment can be either *in favour or against* a Planning application. If you wish to object to the application, to carry weight, your comments should be constructive and relevant to **Planning matters**.

Please follow the instructions below;

Go to: Worcester City Council website: <http://planning.worcester.gov.uk/OcellaWeb/planningSearch>

Search for the Planning Application by Planning Reference No (if known) or by address in the appropriate box provided.

- Click on the reference (in blue font) to show the full details of the application
- Click on the box marked '**Enter Comment**'
- You will then be presented with a box to complete with your personal details and add your comments.
- Click on '**View Documents**' to see other Consultation responses, documents, drawings and plans.

Alternatively you may express your views by writing to the Planning Department.

For general guidance, when making an objection the key points to consider are listed below;

Change of use of the land/property- the South Worcestershire Development Plan, adopted in early 2016, sets out land allocated for development and the type of development i.e **B1** Business (Offices), **B2** or **B8** storage or distribution.

Insufficient parking - particularly relevant to larger developments; lack of public transport (i.e not situated on an existing bus route) may cause 'nuisance' parking in your immediate area or on other roads in the wider area. (i.e similarly to the situation residents in other areas of the Villages have experienced, close to Worcester Royal Hospital / Kings Court)

Traffic concerns - impact on the immediate road network and for larger developments, the wider effects up to the motorway Junctions 6 &/or 7 - M5.

Noise nuisance - close to residential area (Change of use for a site may give rise to additional noise levels which may be inappropriate with a residential area) i.e B8 usage; it is not uncommon for such activities to operate on a 24 hours basis.

Traffic noise nuisance - (ie increased traffic volumes, type of business usage shift change times, HGV vehicle deliveries and despatch particularly if business is in 24 hr operation)

Light pollution - particularly associated with B8 business usage as opposed to B1 offices. Generally brighter lighting and required to remain on a 24/7 basis.

Increased traffic - impact on residential streets.

Ecological - Green spaces/wildlife habitat - additional noise/ light pollution generated by 24 hour operation, may have an adverse effect on wildlife in the area.

Conservation areas - consider if the proposed development have a detrimental impact on a Conservation area in the Parish (**Warndon Court and Trotshill Conservation areas**) - more details of these can be found on the **Worcester City Council** website.

Archeological interest – impact on ancient remains.