

Bolsover District Council

Meeting of the Planning Committee on 18th March 2026

REVIEW OF PROCEDURE FOR PUBLISHING DETAILS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN THE PRESS

Classification	This report is Public
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PURPOSE / SUMMARY OF REPORT

- To set out the departments intention to review the procedure for publishing details of planning applications received in the press.
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REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 Local planning authorities have discretion about how they inform communities and other interested parties about planning applications. Article 15 of the Development Management Procedure Order 2015 (DMPO) sets out minimum statutory requirements for applications for planning permission.
- 1.2 Bolsover District Council sets out more detail on how it will consult the community on planning applications in its Statement of Community Involvement (2022). In respect of press notices it states that the Council “*will publicise all major planning applications in accordance with national requirements.*” It goes on to states that it will “*publicise a press notice for some other types of application including applications that are in conservation areas or that affect the character or appearance of a listed building.*”
- 1.3 The DMPO requires that applications of the following nature must be advertised in the press:
- Accompanied by and Environmental Statement
 - Major Development
 - Departure from a development plan
 - Affect a public right of way
 - Development affecting the setting of a listed building
 - Development affecting the character or appearance of a conservation area

- 1.4 The County Council currently make arrangements for notices to be published in local newspapers circulating in the locality on behalf of the Local Planning Authority.
- 1.5 Notices for planning applications received for development within Whaley Thorns, Nether Langwith, Upper Langwith, Langwith Junction, Langwith, Shirebrook, New Houghton, Stony Houghton, Pleasley and Whaley are currently published in the Mansfield Chad. Notices for applications received for development within Elmton with Creswell, Whitwell, Belph, Bakestone Moor, Hodthorpe and Steetly are published in the Worksop Guardian and notices for applications received for development in Ault Hucknall, Hardstoft, Astwith, Stainsby, Glapwell, Rowthorne, Bramley Vale, Palterton, Pinxton, Scarcliffe, Hillstown, Bolsover, Shuttlewood, Stanfree, Clowne, Barlborough, Doe Lea, Spinkhill, Tibshelf, Newton, Blackwell, Hilcote and South Normanton are published in the Derbyshire Times.
- 1.6 Notices for all applications that require a press advertisement are published in a local newspaper following registration, with the exception of development that does not accord with the development plan for the area. Only if the Local Planning Authority is minded to approve such an application would a notice be currently published in the press.
- 1.7 The 2025/26 annual budget for publishing notices for planning applications received in the press is £36,000. The cost of each notice can vary from £300-£800 per notice, depending on the newspaper the notice is to be published in, and its size.
- 1.8 The approach to publicising details of planning applications received across local planning authorities varies. Some authorities use companies that specialise in inserting press advertisements to publish notices and others condense all applications received that require a press notice into one notice to make cost / efficiency savings.
- 1.9 Such is the variation, that a review of our practices is considered to be appropriate to ensure that we are making best use of the budget allocated and to ensure that decision making is timely and not compromised by our current procedures.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- It be noted that a review of the procedure for publishing details of planning applications received in the press will be undertaken within the next 3 months and that any changes will be reported to a future planning committee meeting.
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IMPLICATIONS:

<p><u>Finance and Risk</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Details: The recommendations within this report do not have a significant financial implication for the Council.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">On behalf of the Section 151 Officer</p>	
<p><u>Legal (including Data Protection)</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Details: No legal implications are anticipated to arise from this report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council</p>	
<p><u>Staffing</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Details: There are no human resources implications arising from this report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">On behalf of the Head of Paid Service</p>	
<p><u>Equality and Diversity, and Consultation</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Details: There are no specific direct or indirect negative impacts on any person with a protected characteristic or any group of people with a shared protected characteristic arising from this report.</p>	

<p><u>Environment</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Details: N/A</p>

DECISION INFORMATION:

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies:</i></p>	
<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an Executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more wards in the District or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Revenue (a) Results in the Council making Revenue Savings of £75,000 or more or (b) Results in the Council incurring Revenue Expenditure of £75,000 or more.</p>	<p>(a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Capital (a) Results in the Council making Capital Income of £150,000 or more or (b) Results in the Council incurring Capital Expenditure of £150,000 or more.</p>	<p>(a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

District Wards Significantly Affected:

(to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the District)

Please state below which wards are affected or tick **All** if all wards are affected:

All

Is the decision subject to Call-In?

(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)

Yes No

If No, is the call-in period to be waived in respect of the decision(s) proposed within this report? *(decisions may only be classified as exempt from call-in with the agreement of the Monitoring Officer)*

Yes No

Consultation carried out:

(this is any consultation carried out prior to the report being presented for approval)

Yes No

Leader Deputy Leader Executive SLT

Relevant Service Manager Members Public

Other

Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy, Environment, Housing

Customers: Improving customer contact and removing barriers to accessing information.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION:

Appendix No	Title

Background Papers

(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive, you must provide copies of the background papers).