At its meeting on 24 September 2015, Suffolk Coastal DC Full Council meeting considered a report proposing changes to the scheme of delegation relating to the determination of planning applications. The full discussion can be read at Item 12 in the minutes which can be accessed below:


The decision was as follows:

**RESOLVED**
(1) That the changes to the Constitution relating to the determination of planning applications as set out in Appendix A (as amended) of report CL24/15 (attached) was approved.

(2) That the Planning Committee regularly reviews the process and a report is brought back to Council in 12 months.

(3) That delegated authority be given to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive to make any necessary consequential amendments to the Constitution including a specific definition of ‘referral’.

Appendix A to the report reads as follows:

**CL24/15 APPENDIX A (amended)**

**CHANGES TO THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION RELATING TO THE DETERMINATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

*Changes to Constitution: See page 67 of the Constitution for full text of the delegations to the Head of Planning and Coastal Management.*

6. (Delegations) to the Head of Planning
(a) to (c) as now
Suggested changes to 6(d)
6 (d) To determine (inter alia):
‘Major’ and ‘Minor’ applications other than where a Town/Parish Council, Statutory Consultee, or at least three interested parties raise material planning objections within the prescribed consultation period when officers are minded to approve and have so advised the Town/Parish Council and Ward Member(s); or where officers are minded to refuse and have so advised the Town/Parish Council and Ward Member(s) and the Town/Parish Council or at least three interested parties have written in within the prescribed consultation period raising material planning issues in support of the case AND the Town/Parish Council directly or through its Ward Member(s) have made a referral request, within 5 working days of the advice being received, that the application should be reported to the Planning Committee.
‘Other’ applications other than where following receipt of an objection where officers are minded to approve and have so advised the Town/Parish Council and Ward Member(s) and where a Town/Parish Council or the relevant Ward Member(s) have made a referral request within five working days of the advice being received, raising material planning issues, before the expiry of the consultation period, that the application should be reported to the Planning Committee.
Consultations on Suffolk County Council applications, Listed Building applications, Conservation Area Consent applications, Tree Preservation Orders and works to protected trees, Advertisements, Prior Notifications, Discharge of Conditions and Material Amendments. Such delegation shall not be exercised where a Town/Parish Council directly or through its Ward Member(s) have made a referral request, raising material planning issues, that the application should be reported to the Planning Committee.
that the Planning Committee attends a Site Visit to view an application site and surrounding area pending a full report on the application being presented to a subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee.
NB This delegation does not apply to:
• Applications where the recommendations of the officers are contrary to the provisions of the Development Plan;
• Applications submitted by the District Council or a member or employee of the District Council;
• Applications accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment.

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Clerk to the Council

15 October 2015