

Forum Information sheet

Pre-application Community Engagement Forums



The purpose of the Forum is:

- To enable the developer to explain development proposals directly to Members, the Local Council and local residents
- To identify any issues that may be considered in any formal application
- To inform Members and the public of a development proposal at an early stage in the pre-application process
- To inform officer pre-application discussions with the developer
- To enable the developer to shape an application to address community issues

The Forum is not meant to:

- negotiate the proposal in public
- commit Members or the local planning authority to a view
- allow objectors to frustrate the process
- address or necessarily identify all the issues that will need to be considered in a future planning application
- take the place of the normal application process or the Planning Committee

The outcome of the Forum will be:

- The developer will have a list of main points to consider
- Stakeholders and public will be aware of proposals and can raise their concerns
- Members will be better informed on significant planning issues
- Officers will be better informed as to community expectations during their pre-application negotiations with developers