

How to stop or improve a bad development

Concerned about the impact a development could have on your local environment? Or do you just want to make sure it benefits the community as much as possible?

Under this section you will find information on

- **How to respond to planning applications**
Planning applications are the heart of the planning system. Learn how to comment on applications.
- **Planning application process**
The process developments must follow to get permission to go ahead
- **How applications are assessed**
>The policies against which planning applications are assessed, whether they're applications for roads, new buildings or waste facilities
- **Environmental impact assessments can help**
>You can push for an environmental impact assessment to be carried out before a local planning authority decides whether to grant planning permission. You can read our briefing on environmental impact assessment.
- **Planning appeals**
If a planning application has been refused, or has had conditions placed on it, the applicant is often allowed to appeal against the decision. We can help you through the process of fighting an appealed application.
- **Departure applications**
>Some applications depart from the development plan. These 'departure applications' usually follow a different procedure from regular planning applications.
- **How to enforce planning rules**
>The steps to take to encourage your council to ensure planning rules are properly enforced.

We can help

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Learn about the planning system

Objecting to or supporting planning applications is one way of protecting the countryside. But another way and one that is potentially more effective, is to influence the plans and policies that the planning authority has to follow when it decides on planning applications.

Government policies and statements

Back up your arguments! Government policies and statements are material consideration and must be taken into account when an authority is making a decision on a planning application. Read the policies and use them to help shape local decisions about development.

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