

What happens to my comments?

We add a copy of your comments to the application file, which is available for public inspection including via our website. We delete signatures and personal telephone numbers and email addresses before publication but cannot treat your comments, or any part of your email or letter, including your name, address or any other personal details you mention, as confidential.

How is a decision made?

We weigh up many issues before reaching a decision. Your comments may not sway the decision, but we will consider them carefully.

If one of our Development Management Committees is to decide the application, we summarise your comments in our report and give you an opportunity to speak at the Committee meeting. Our leaflet, [Planning Applications – who decides?](#) explains which applications are decided by Committee.

Will I be kept informed?

You can register your details online to track the planning application and find out if it is approved or refused. We will tell you:

- if our Development Control Committee is to consider the application
- if an appeal is lodged

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Planning Applications

Making comments

This leaflet explains how you can help us shape the environment by taking part in the decision-making process.

It explains:

- How you can make your views known about a planning application
- What issues we can and cannot take into consideration
- How we will deal with your comments

Anyone can comment on a planning application. You do not need to have a direct interest in the site or be a neighbour.

How can I find out more?

You can see copies of the plans and application forms for current applications on our website. If you do not have internet access at home, public computers are available at our offices and at many libraries. Alternatively, you can contact your local Parish or Town Council to see their copies.

You can find out more about how we deal with applications by reading our leaflet 'Planning Applications – Their Processing', which is available to download from our website.

How can I make my views known?

You should [submit your comments online](#) or write to tell us:

- your name and address
- the application reference number (if known) and the address of the site
- if you are supporting, objecting to, or commenting on the proposal
- details of your comments

Your comments should reach us by the deadline shown on the planning notice.

You may, if you wish, organise a petition. If you do, please make sure it is properly set out with its purpose and the reasons for objecting to or supporting the application. Make sure that names and addresses of those signing it are legible. It is better to have a short petition of people who will be affected by the application, than a long list of people, including those living far away from the site.

Who else should I tell?

You may wish to inform your district councillor or parish or town council of your views so that they can consider whether to support them. District councillors' details are available online at www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/councillors

Comments on Buckinghamshire County Council's applications should be sent to their offices at County Hall, Aylesbury and copied to us.

What issues can AVDC take into account when making decisions about planning applications?

This depends on what is proposed and where but may include issues such as:

- technical advice, for example about road safety and traffic
- daylight, privacy or noise disturbance;
- design and appearance
- conservation of buildings, trees, open land and safeguarding the countryside;
- the appearance of the area
- government guidance
- case law and previous decisions; and
- relevant planning policies (copies are available for inspection at our office in Aylesbury)

What issues cannot be taken into account?

Again these vary, but may include:

- private property rights
- the applicant's morals, motives or past record
- the effect on the value of nearby properties
- the fact that development has started
- trade objections based on competition
- moral objections
- loss of a private view
- inconvenience or other problems caused by building works