

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**PLANNING TRANSFORMATION – Planning Applications Publicity**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform members of the adoption of an alternative practice on the publicity of planning applications, which commences on 1 April 2017.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The council is required, in undertaking publicity on planning applications, as a minimum, to satisfy the prevailing statutory requirements and Government guidance. Otherwise the council's practice seeks to ensure that publicity is conducted commensurate with an application's likely impact.
- 2.2 The current minimum statutory requirements for publicity for applications for planning permission are set out principally in the Development Management Procedure Order 2015. Whilst there are specific provisions for notifying town and parish councils and other bodies, Article 15 sets out the requirements for general publicity.
- 2.3 In summary, Article 15 prescribes that:
- applications involving an Environmental Impact Assessment, departures to the Development Plan or affecting a right of way are publicised:
    - on the council's website;
    - by site notice(s);
    - by press notice;
  - other major planning applications are publicised:
    - on the council's website;
    - by site notice(s) or by notifying adjoining owners or occupiers;
    - by press notice;
  - all other applications are publicised:

- on the council's website;
- by site notice(s) or notifying adjoining owners or occupiers.

### **3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3.1 There are no options for consideration.

### **4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS/ALTERATION**

4.1 The council will continue to satisfy the statutory publicity requirements using web, site notices and press notices only.

4.2 The change in practice, which will take effect as of 1 April 2017, involves:

- ceasing the practice of issuing:
  - all individual neighbour notification letters;
- sending the communications listed below as email if the applicant/contributor has provided their email address (if no email address is supplied, using paper mail):
  - applicants' acknowledgement letters;
  - decision notification letters;
  - right to speak at committee letters;
- promoting the accessibility of planning information through the council's web site.

### **5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

#### **5.1 Financial**

No additional financial resources will be required as a result of this change.

#### **5.2 Staffing**

No additional staffing resources will be required.

#### **5.3 Property**

There are no additional property implications arising from this report.

#### **5.4 IT**

There are no IT implications.

**6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

6.1 N/a

**7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED**

7.1 N/a

**8. RECOMMENDATION**

8.1 That Planning Committee notes the contents of the change in practice.

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**Background papers used in the preparation of this report**

N/a