

5. Terms of Reference for Planning Committee

1. To determine applications for planning permission (save for minor variations to existing permissions) where:
 - (a) it relates to residential development and it will result in 10 or more dwellings being constructed or concerns a site greater than 0.5 hectares in size
 - (b) for any other form of development if it results in floor space greater than 1000 square metres
2. To determine any applications for Class A4 and A5 Food & Drink uses (Hot food takeaways/Pubs).
3. To determine any application where the applicant or a close relative of the applicant is a member or employee of South Ribble Borough Council. (Close relative is defined as a spouse, partner, parent, parent-in-law, son, or daughter).
4. To determine any application where the Officer who would normally make the decision knows that a member or employee of South Ribble Borough Council has a declarable interest in the application.
5. To consider any application which, within 3 weeks of its validation, a member has requested the Director of Development, Enterprise and Communities in consultation with the Chair of Planning Committee to refer to the Committee. Any request must be accompanied by appropriate planning reasons for the referral to the satisfaction of the said Director and Chair.

Where none of the above applies the decision will be made under the power of officer delegation set out in paragraph 6 below. This will include cases where the decision may be contrary to views which have been received from interested parties.