

Site Visit Procedure

- (1) Any Member of the Planning Committee or local Member(s) may request at a meeting the deferral of any application (reported to Committee) for the purpose of holding a site visit. The decision about whether to defer for a site visit will be made by the Planning Committee.
- (2) The attendance at the site inspection is confined to Members of the Planning Committee and the relevant affected local Member(s).
- (3) The purpose of the site visit is to view the proposal and enhance Members' knowledge of the site and its surroundings. Members will be professionally advised by Officers on site but no debate shall take place.
- (4) There are no formal votes or recommendations made.
- (5) There is no allowance for representation from the applicants or third parties on the site.
- (6) The application is reported back for decision at the next meeting of the Planning Committee.
- (7) In relation to applications of a controversial nature, a site visit could take place before the application comes to Committee, if Officers feel this is necessary