

Notice of motion No. 28 – Planning Legal Agreements

Officer Response

We already have a system in place for consulting with parish councils on significant changes to legal agreements including those relating to major applications. However, with minor changes, the planning service agrees numerous deeds of variation without a formal application under the Scheme of Delegation. The expense, workload, delay (not least to the Housing Associations that the Council works in partnership with) and additional staff time that the generation and processing of formal applications and engagement would produce would hinder the effective and timely operation of the planning system and the delivery of housing at a time when the Government is seeking to speed up housing construction. Such a requirement would add very limited value to the process but would add significant time penalties and costs to all parties. A system is already in place that ensures that any changes to section 106 legal agreements are uploaded to the Council's web site once completed.