



Tenterden Town Council

Developer Contact Policy

The following restrictions relate to windfall sites. Allocated sites within the local plan would normally be handled by a steering group (administered by ABC) which includes members of the public.

If the council is to adopt a dialogue within set parameters, then the following conditions need to be adhered to:

1. Does not interfere with or lead to any unauthorised disclosure of commercially confidential and sensitive information discussions between the developer and ABC during the "Pre App" process.
2. Any meeting is held post "Pre App" process, as confirmed by the relevant ABC officer(s).
3. Meetings will be held in Ashford Civic Centre or the Town Hall and be facilitated by and be in the presence of relevant ABC planning officer(s).
4. The meetings will be open to the public (as observers) up to a practical number that either office can accommodate.
5. The Town Clerk will be responsible for taking minutes of such meetings. The meeting will be recorded and the audio be made available via the Town Council website. [This will ensure confidence is not eroded, and trust is retained with evidence there has been no horse trading, or secret deals.]
6. Councillors must not make comments, suggestions, or agreements that predetermine themselves or commit the council to a particular course of action.
7. The Planning Officer or Town Clerk will have the right to halt the meeting if he/she feels the direction of the meeting is inappropriate.
8. Councillors will be nominated by the planning committee for these meetings.

Adopted by Town Council on 4th November 2019