



Newmarket Town Council

Development and Planning Committee Report

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The Development and Planning Committee can comment on all planning and licencing applications in Newmarket. The committee has also held all its meetings online over the last year due to coronavirus pandemic restrictions. Working from home has been quite effective, allowing councillors to access the West Suffolk Council planning portal on their own computers during the meeting. Working remotely has its distractions and problems, but we managed to run an effective committee throughout the year.

The committee set up several task and finish working groups to work through consultations to both West Suffolk and East Cambridgeshire Local Plan reviews, the National Planning Policy Framework, and Sunnica solar farm applications, to name a few.

We have also introduced more reference to our Newmarket Neighbourhood Plan and have included a guide to material planning considerations to our agenda packs, so all councillors can be informed when making objections to applications. As ever, we are only considered a neighbour response with West Suffolk Council and sought to engage with them to learn how we can be more effective moving forward.

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