

PLANNING OBJECTIONS – WHAT TO DO

If you are aware of a local planning application that you wish to object to, you should do the following.

Initially speak to other immediate local residents to agree common concerns and establish local leadership. Following that, draft a concise, measured set of reasons for your objection. This must be based on specific failures to conform with the established planning policies of Elmbridge Borough Council (EBC). Use your objection as a template from which others can copy and paste to help craft their own objections.

To help build local support for your objection, get in touch with your immediate local community to build support for the objection via email/what's app groups or flyers. In addition, you may want to consider professional advice. Make sure you build support from the wider community of Oxshott making use of your community network, so that other people also file their objections: the more the better.

To ensure that the application gets elevated to a planning committee and is not decided by planning officers, you must get at least 15 letters of objection filed online by the stated date.

Alert and discuss the rationale for your objection with your local councillors and seek their guidance and support.

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Always encourage a site visit by committee members so they have an appropriate appreciation of the site and how the application may adversely affect the community.

And finally consider the benefits of speaking at the EBC area/main planning committee.

See relevant websites that contain further detailed information

For guidance on commenting on planning applications, go to:

<https://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/planning/find-or-comment-planning-application>

For access to EBC's planning policies, go to:

<https://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy-and-guidance>

For more details on how EBC takes planning decisions, go to:

<https://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/planning/get-involved-planning/how-decisions-are-made>

For more information, contact planning@fedora.org.uk