


Introduction to Planning

The Purpose of Planning

- The purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development
- The objective of sustainable development can be summarised as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs

Overarching Objectives

- An economic objective
 - A social objective
 - An environmental objective
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Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development

- Positively seek opportunities to meet development needs
- Provides for local needs
- Approve proposals that accord with an up to date plan without delay
- Development (Local/Neighbourhood) Plan is the starting point for decision making

Place making and regulation

Placemaking

Site allocations
Urban design
Shaping proposals
Infrastructure
Site Delivery

Regulation

Planning policies
Planning control
Enforcement

In Warwick District: Two Parts

- Planning Policy: Placemaking role
 - Strategic Allocations and Policy Framework
 - Infrastructure Planning
 - Supporting Site Delivery
- Development Management: Regulatory Role
 - Pre-application advice
 - Dealing with planning applications
 - Enforcement
 - Appeals
 - Trees
 - Conservation

Good planning ensures...

- The right development
- In the right place
- At the right time

Planning is also...

- **Providing legitimacy**
 - through effective consultation
 - testing of evidence
- **Delivering**
 - Finding solutions and negotiating improvements
 - Planning and funding infrastructure
 - Monitoring outcomes

Legislative Framework

WDC is the Local Planning Authority

Legal requirement to

- maintain up to date Local Plan
- determine planning applications, apply material considerations
- co-operate effectively with neighbouring councils (Duty to Cooperate)
- Support neighbourhood planning

Also legislative and regulatory framework relating to processes, consultations, appeals, enforcement, conservation etc

Key Policy Documents

- NPPF
- Strategic (cross border) Planning and Duty to Co-operate
- Local Plans
- Neighbourhood Plans
- Supplementary Planning Documents and Guidance (SPDs and SPGs)

Useful Sources of Information

- **The Planning Advisory Service Website:**

www.pas.gov.uk

- **The Planning Portal:**

www.planningportal.gov.uk

- **National Planning Policy Framework**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

- **Warwick District Local Plan (2011 to 2029)**

https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/downloads/file/4623/new_local_plan