

Welcome to The Planner's Arms Quiz



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Round One

Which of these considerations might be ‘relevant to planning’ when you are discussing a planning application?

1. Mrs Elvin has been a long-standing supporter of local causes and charitable activities in the village. She wants your support for an extension to her house because it would enable her to host committee meetings and social events for the various local organisations in which she takes part.
2. Mr Gill’s furniture workshop on the edge of your village provides employment for eight local people. He wants to expand his premises and says that this will protect jobs by allowing the company to make a wider variety of products and becoming more competitive.
3. Last year Mr Young built a new access to his land without planning permission and ‘got away with it’. Now he wants to build a conservatory, and some people are suggesting that you should object because this is a chance to show him how you feel about his previous behaviour.
4. The headteacher of the local state primary school wants you to support a proposal for some new family housing because she is concerned that without families moving into the village there may not be enough pupils for the school to stay open long term.
5. There have been reports that the houses this applicant puts up are often shoddily built and there is concern that anyone who buys one of them would be taking a risk with their investment.
6. As part of the development a plot would be provided free of charge to local GPs on which to build a new surgery, something that everyone agrees is desperately needed.

Round 2

Which of these statements do you think are true?

1. As parish councillors, it's our job to stand up for our community against the planning system.
2. As a parish councillor I must avoid expressing any opinion at all about the content of a planning application until the day on which the council looks at it formally.
3. Parish councillors should never participate in or attend consultation events or activities which have been organised to explain or promote a planning application.
4. It would be OK for me to have dinner with someone promoting a planning application so that they can explain its merits to me in a relaxed and convivial atmosphere.
5. It would be OK for me to be part of a group of residents who are taken on a visit organised by a housebuilder to see another of their developments as a fact-finding exercise.
6. The best thing we can do to oppose or support a planning application is to get as many people as possible to write to the local planning authority with their views.