

**RINGWOOD TOWN COUNCIL****TERMS OF REFERENCE****PLANNING, TOWN AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

1. To undertake within the overall policies and approved budgets of the Council the following duties and functions:-
  - i) Responding on behalf of the Council to all consultations on applications for development under Planning legislation, provided that where an application would have a significant effect on the character of the town such application shall be referred by the Committee with its recommendations to the Council for determination.
  - ii) Determination of responses on behalf of the Council in respect of all applications relating to the preservation, felling or other works with respect to trees and tree preservation orders.
  - iii) Determination of the Council's response to any appeal against a planning decision by the District Council including the preparation of submissions to be made to an Inspector.
  - iv) Determination of any responses to be made by the Council in relation to applications for licenses issued by the District Council including those relating to entertainment premises, justices licenses, taxi and private hire licensing and street collections.
  - v) Acting as the consultee in respect all matters relating to the built environment, roads and highways, car parking, traffic management, footpaths, traffic regulations and bus shelters provided that where any proposals in relation to these matters would have a significant impact on the character of the town the Committee shall make recommendations to the Council.
  - vi) To be responsible for all matters relating to the provision and control of street lighting.
2. To advise the Council on its responses to be made in relation to:-
  - i) Hampshire structure plan.
  - ii) New Forest District local plan.
3. To advise Policy and Finance Committee on planning and environment issues in relation to the New Forest National Park and the Town Plan for Ringwood.