

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Customer, Democratic and Legal Services	Development Control Committee	11 September 2007

GUIDELINES FOR MEMBER SITE VISITS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To introduce a set of guidelines to assist the Chair and Members of the Committee in the conduct of site visits.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That the guidelines for future site inspections by Members of the Committee be approved. (Appendix 1)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- Whilst carrying out a site visit of a proposed development, it is imperative that the impression of any partially on the part of any Members is avoided if the reputation of Members, the Planning System and the position of the Council as a Planning Authority is to retain public confidence.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Put Chorley at the heart of regional economic development in the central Lancashire sub region		Improved access to public services	
Improving equality of opportunity and life chance		Develop the character and feel of Chorley as a good place to live	X
Involving People in their Communities		Ensure Chorley is a performing Organisation	X

BACKGROUND

- At the Annual Council meeting held on 15 May 2007, the Site Inspection Sub-Committee was not re-appointed. At the Development Control meeting held on 22 May 2007, the Director of Development and Regeneration and the Director of Customer, Democratic, and Legal Services submitted a joint report on the proposed new arrangements for site inspections.
- The report outlined the procedure and arrangements for site inspections but did not present any specific guidelines for Members to adhere to, whilst out on site.

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7. The guidelines are set out in (appendix 1) of this report.

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CHIEF OFFICER DESIGNATION – DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMER, DEMOCRATIC AND LEGAL SERVICES

There are no background papers to this report.

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