



Putney Society Buildings Panel

Engagement Guidelines for Planning Policy, Applications and Enforcement

The Buildings Panel comments formally on behalf of the Putney Society on planning matters with the aim of fostering high standards of planning, architecture and civic design and to oppose developments that would affect the quality of life in Putney. Primarily covering the SW15 post code, it may also comment on nearby sites with an impact on that area. Comments are limited to planning issues.

Panel members also engage on behalf of the Society with Roehampton University, Wandsworth Council and wider planning forums, as well as with various award schemes.

Engagement Guidelines:

Planning Policy:

- Respond to consultations on and changes to relevant national, regional and local planning and heritage policies such as the National Planning Policy Framework, the London Plan or the Wandsworth Local Plan and SPDs.

Planning Applications:

- Comment on all applications for major developments including where possible holding pre-application meetings with developers and attending pre-view exhibitions.
- Comment on individual planning applications of any scale where there is significant impact on the public realm and/or public amenity.
- Highlight to Wandsworth Council harmful precedents or cumulative trends, both often illustrated in minor applications, such as the loss of offices, other employment space or trees, the proliferation of hard standings, dormer windows in Conservation Areas etc.
- Identify to Wandsworth Council discrepancies in its delivery of its own policies.

Planning Enforcement:

- Inform Wandsworth's Planning Enforcement team if we become aware of works having been done without consent, or failure by developers to comply with conditions such as planting trees.

Notes:-

- The Putney Society has **no** statutory role in respect of planning.
- The Buildings Panel is composed of volunteer Members of the Society. Participation is open to any Member of the Society.
- The fact that a particular application / matter falls in these categories of engagement does not mean that the Society will automatically object or comment, but the panel should debate the action to be taken.
- The Panel does not have the resources to respond to applications of limited local interest, even where the immediately affected neighbours are Members.