

### **Hints & Tips for making your planning objection**

- Each adult in a household can object –the more the better. Try to lodge each persons objection individually otherwise it will be only taken as one representation
- Anonymous objections won't count as the council needs to ensure that those responding are entitled to exercise their view. Avoid putting any personal details in your response as it will have be screened out prior to publication on the website (more work for the council)
- Focus on the facts of the application and not speculation or character abuse.
- Point out any inconsistencies, irregularities & factual inaccuracies in the available documentation, linking those to your concerns
- Make clear reasons why you object, use bullet points to provide emphasis and structure if required
- Try to prioritise your concerns starting with the most important to you
- Point out any linkages or inconsistencies with other planning matters locally which may indicate a precedent on how something similar has been handled locally
- Highlight issues that do not align to the village or local plan
- Put your personal slant on what the proposal means to your life in the village
- Avoid comments that are personally derogatory in nature, discriminatory or other such and have no relation to the published facts of the application. Also avoid unfounded speculation.
- Short comments can be made via the MSDC planning website online but there is a maximum character limit so you have to be concise
- Longer comments can be emailed to the planning office as an email or attachment – but remember to include your name and address. If two people in the household are doing this we'd suggest sending two separate emails
- Do your research & Reading! Study the documents and draft and proof read your submission prior to sending or entering on the website. A good response is a well-considered one in clear language.