

VIRTUAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Emergency legislation was passed on 25 March 2020 to support the UK's coronavirus plan. This new planning legislation was introduced by the government to allow emergency infrastructure, such as hospitals, to be built and for planning to continue. This legislation is permits the creation 'Virtual Council Meetings'

Notwithstanding this, developers shouldn't be able to push through poor planning decisions. Instead local voices must be heard to maintain the resilient green future we all want.

Public can access these live virtual meetings in a slightly different way depending on whether the PA is with WBC and BFC. Up to the Covid19 situation if you wish to attend and put your comments to the council on the day of the meeting you must give advance warning. There is no difference the virtual planning meetings

Bracknell Forest Council

Information on meeting procedures are handled by the department Democratic Services & Registration :

- email: committee@bracknell-forest.gov.uk
- post: Head of Democratic Services & Registration, Time Square, Market Street, Bracknell, RG12 1JD

To just observe a planning meeting on the day you should click on the following link <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/attending-virtual-public-meetings> on the day of the meeting It will take you to '*Attending Virtual Public Meetings*'. Details of how to participate in the meeting will be published on this page It will only become active once the meeting starts.

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If one wishes to speak at a planning meeting you need to a different access method go to the following link www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/consultations/participate-council-meeting

There will still be the usual limit to the length of the presentation which will be by telephone to the meeting. If there are multiple applicants to speak it is up to the committee to allocate time proportionally to more than one speaker.

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Just as with BFC, applications to speak will be required to be made in advance.

On the publishing day of the agenda of the virtual meeting all those that have made comment and/or wish to put forward comment on the day will be contacted by Wokingham Borough Council.

You will be able to view the meeting via YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/WokinghamBC/featured>. A copy of the committee report and a direct link to the virtual meeting can be found online at .e.g. <http://wokingham.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=135>

Comments will be split into the following categories: Town and Parish Councils, Objectors, Supporters (including applicants and agents) and Ward Members. If you submit a statement within your category, then it should be no more than 390 words. However, if committee receive more than one statement in that category you will be asked to reduce your word limit accordingly. You will be contacted by Democratic Services if this is the case. Statements must be received by 10am on the 2nd working day prior to Committee."