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Guildhall Planning Panel Report

Guildhall Planning Panel - Members

Win Derbyshire (Clerk)	Jenny Howell
Mary Pringle	Charlette Shiel-Small
June Tranmer	Ann Petherick
Sarah Daniel	Sarah Friar
Chris Donegani	David Chatfield

- Panel members have a wide range of skills, experience and knowledge of York
- New members would be welcome.

Guildhall Planning Panel Organization

- Meetings every three weeks typically lasting 1.5 hours
- Meetings are predominantly video conferences
- Every 6 months an in person meeting is held
- Preparation for the meeting could take up to an hour a week
- There are currently 10 members of the GPP
- The GPP is looking for more members
- New members must be residents of, or work in, the Guildhall ward

Why be a GPP member

- The GPP can influence the planning process and heritage of Guildhall Ward by putting in interested residents' views.
- Over the years the GPP has influenced planning decisions by looking at things from residents' perspectives - nobody else does –
- As a body recognised by York Council more weight is applied than from individuals directly. Note that in some referred (to councillors) plans our views are often expressed as a separate point.
- Also, as residents we have often expressed views on shop fronts, shop signage, air conditioner locations (noise to residents) all of which are relevant to local residents.
- The GPP comments on the details of a design can make so much difference to local people, whether it be the handling of trees, the way the building addresses a street, the screening of bins, location of bike stores and many other details.

Guildhall Planning Panel – Metrics

GPP is one of 44 planning
Panels/Parish organizations (2.3%)

GPP is one of 21 wards (4.7%)

GPP reviews 13% of City of York's
planning applications

Guildhall Planning Panel – Metrics continued

~ 30 planning applications per month (Based on last 6 months)

Type of planning applications:

- FUL: 23%
- LBC (listed Building Consent): 20%
- AOD: 21%
- ADV: 12%
- TCA: 10%
- CLD + CLU: 6%
- TCNOT: 4%
- NONMAT: 4%

Guildhall Planning Panel - Issues

- Enforcement of Planning Process violations – credibility of the planning system
- Short Term Holiday Lets (STHL)– is the current process controlling the number of short term lets effective?, are there density issues?
- Student Housing – do we have an independent report demonstrating the need for further investment in student housing and are the provisions for convertibility to residential use practical.
- Tree policies – encourage replacement (help to meet CYC tree target)
- Change of categories- Should there be a time limit and restrictions on density of HMOs etc. Should building reviews as part of the retrospective HMO approvals
- Climate Change Adaptation – should the planning application process be used to encourage adaptation for climate change. Such as tree replacement or offsets, enforceable energy standards etc.
- GPP would welcome an opportunity to have training/discussion sessions with the Planning Department



Summary

- GPP is alive and well
- Residents can contact the GPP regarding planning application issue or if they wish the GPP to consider/comment on, or if they would like to consider joining the group.
- We would welcome more members (contact your councilor, GPP member, or a member of the Communities and Equalities team)
- GPP contact - guildhallplanningpanel@gmail.com
- Thank you!