

## Developer Engagement Policy

### 1. Purpose

Honeybourne Parish Council recognises the importance of transparency, fairness and community confidence in planning matters.

This policy sets out how the Council engages with developers, landowners and their representatives to ensure engagement takes place in an open, appropriate and accountable manner, while maintaining the Council's role as a statutory consultee in the planning process.

### 2. Principles

The Council's approach to engagement with developers is based on the following principles:

- Transparency and openness
- Fair and equal treatment of all parties
- Avoidance of any perception of bias or pre-determination
- Engagement through appropriate formal processes

### 3. Engagement Through the Planning Process

The Council engages with developers, landowners and their representatives through the statutory planning consultation process and the consideration of planning applications at public council meetings.

This ensures that engagement takes place openly and that the community has the opportunity to observe and participate in the Council's consideration of planning matters.

### 4. Engagement Outside the Planning Process

The Council does not hold separate meetings with developers, landowners or their representatives outside the formal planning consultation process and public council meetings.

This approach helps to maintain transparency, avoid any perception of bias or pre-determination, and maintain community confidence in the Council's role in planning matters.

### 5. Review

This policy will be reviewed periodically by the Council to ensure it remains appropriate, effective and aligned with best practice.