

Campaign for Planning Sanity

LOCAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR ADVERSE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

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TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING POLITICAL PARTY POLICY SURVEY 2005

To assist our members with decisions as to how to cast their votes at the General Election we would be grateful if your Party could complete the following questionnaire on your policies relating to town and country planning procedures and practices.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Question</i>	<i>Response</i>
1)	<p>The issue of health concerns of the public are raised in the context of many development types for instance:- telecommunications, incinerators, contaminated land, quarries and landfill, nuclear and chemical plants and so forth. What are your parties policies in relation to:-</p> <p>(a) procedures for taking health concerns into account within the planning decision?</p> <p>(b) the ability of the public to make meaningful comments on health concerns?</p>	

<i>No.</i>	<i>Question</i>	<i>Response</i>
2)	<p>The prior approval process has come under increased criticism of late particularly in relation to telecommunications. What are your Party's policies in relation to:-</p> <p>(a) The prior approval process in general?</p> <p>(b) Telecommunications?</p> <p>(c) Implementation of the recommendations of the Litchfield Report?</p>	
3)	<p>A considerable problem for local planning authorities is sufficient funds to ensure that decisions are made only after full and appropriate consideration of the issues. Funding shortages puts pressure on planners to achieve targets by taking short cuts.</p> <p>(a) What are your Party's policies on funding of the planning system?</p>	
4)	<p>What are your Party's policies on third party rights of appeal to planning decisions?</p>	

<i>No.</i>	<i>Question</i>	<i>Response</i>
5)	<p>Many countries now have environment courts to hear all cases relating to the environment including planning decisions. A review of this was under taken some years ago called the Court Project but never implemented.</p> <p>(a) What are your Party's policies on the setting up of Environmental Courts?</p> <p>(b) What are your Party's policies on the recommendations of the Court Project?</p>	
6)	<p>(a) What are your Party's policies on the wording and meaning of the term precautionary principle?</p> <p>(b) What are your Party's policies on the implementation of the precautionary principle within development decisions?</p>	
7)	<p>Much is made by all sides to development proposals as well as within Government policies to the term 'Sustainable Development'.</p> <p>(a) What are your Party's policies on the meaning of the term 'sustainable development'?</p>	
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