



Blunsdon Parish Council – Public Participation Guidelines

Blunsdon Parish Council welcomes public engagement and values the input of residents during planning discussions. Please note the following guidelines for participation:

Role of the Parish Council: As a statutory consultee, Blunsdon Parish Council can comment on planning applications, but does not make final decisions. The authority to approve or reject applications lies with Swindon Borough Council.

Public Participation at Meetings: A dedicated public participation session is held at the start of each council meeting, typically lasting **15 minutes**.

Individual residents may speak for up to **5 minutes**, however this may be reduced to 2 minutes if several residents wish to speak.

However, if several residents attend regarding the same application, they may be asked to nominate **one spokesperson** to represent the group

During Council Deliberations: Residents are not permitted to speak during council discussions unless invited by the Chair, Ian Jankinson, to clarify a specific point.

Making Effective Comments: Please ensure your comments relate to material planning considerations, such as:

- Traffic and access
- Noise and disturbance
- Design and appearance
- Environmental impact
- Overlooking or loss of light

Issues such as property values or personal disputes are not considered valid planning grounds.

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to constructive contributions that help shape our community.