



NOTICE

St Erme Parish Council -Temporary protocol for considering Planning Applications during the Coronavirus Outbreak:

Due to the Coronavirus restrictions the Parish Council are not able to meet in public as usual. The following process has been agreed for dealing with planning applications and allow the Council to receive public comments (that would usually be made at meetings) to take into consideration, when making their comments to Cornwall Council (who then make the final decision).

i) The clerk will advertise on the parish council's website (www.stermeparishcouncil.org.uk/planning) links to all planning applications received from the planning authority, offering the public the opportunity to comment on the application.

The notice will give a deadline of 5 working days from the date of publication (usually on a Monday) on the council's website, for public comments. Comments must be submitted in writing to the clerk by e-mail to clerk@stermeparishcouncil.org.uk, quoting the Planning Application Ref No.

At the same time the clerk will circulate the list with links to all members of the council on a weekly basis.

ii) At the end of the public opportunity to comment, the clerk will forward a summary of the public comments received to all members' for member comments for a period of a further 5 working days.

iii) Under the Emergency Scheme of Delegation, the Clerk and appropriate members will agree a council response which identifies relevant material considerations, the St Erme NDP and may give local information or opinion. The draft response is then shared with members for 2 days for any comments, before being sent to Cornwall Council with the following statement:

"Due to the restrictions placed on the council as a result of the pandemic Coronavirus, this response represents the opinion of members of St Erme Parish Council identified through a consultation process and will be ratified at the next appropriate meeting of the council. "

iv) The Council's response can then be posted on Cornwall Council's on-line planning portal.

v) If the matter is referred back to the council under the 5 day protocol, the Emergency Scheme of Delegation will allow the clerk to take any appropriate action to respond on behalf of the council. As the council's opinion has not been gained through the normal public process, it may be prudent to simply reply that

'due to the restrictions placed on the council as a result of the pandemic Coronavirus, it has been unable to consult further and therefore has nothing further to add'.