

## **Planning, Highways and Transport Sub-Committee**

**Number of Members:** 8 Councillors

**Frequency of Meetings:** Monthly (whenever possible approx. 10 days before SSDC Area West Committee)

**Open to the Press and Public:** Yes (unless a Resolution is made to exclude the press and public for a specific item / specific reason)

**Quorum:** 3 Councillors

### **Overall Purpose / Scope**

- To discuss in detail planning, highways and transport matters as they affect Ilminster, its residents, businesses and visitors
- To liaise with relevant organisations e.g. planning authorities, transport providers
- To make recommendations and representations to the appropriate authorities / organisations

**Note:** The Town Council is a Statutory Consultee for Planning Applications and as such does not make the final decision on any application. Any decisions and comments this Sub-Committee makes will be fed into the planning process and added to the report by the Planning Officer. South Somerset District Council is the Planning Authority and will issue the final decision notice (Planning Determination) once their investigations into the application, consultation period and decision-making process has been completed.

### **Specific Responsibilities**

1. \*Makes recommendations on behalf of Ilminster Town Council to the relevant Planning Authorities (South Somerset District Council or Somerset County Council) on planning applications, listed building consents, conservation area consents and Tree Preservation Orders within Ilminster or its adjacent neighbours where there may be an impact on Ilminster.

2. \*Makes recommendations on behalf of Ilminster Town Council to Somerset County Council on highways issues such as parking, traffic calming, highway improvements, maintenance of verges, drainage and gullies.
3. \*Makes recommendations on behalf of Ilminster Town Council to Somerset County Council on issues regarding public rights of way, footpaths and bridleways
4. \*Liaises with relevant organisations regarding issues relating to public transport
5. \*To consider information received by the Town Council in relation to Road Closure Orders and makes relevant related comments to Somerset County Council where there is an impact upon the town of Ilminster
6. \*To make suggestions and recommendations when requested to do so by South Somerset District Council or developers, for street names for developments within Ilminster.
7. \*To ensure that in respect of the Sub-Committee's work, decisions and activities that full and proper consideration is given to the likely effect on crime and disorder and the need for prevention (Crime & Disorder Act 1998 S17)
8. \*To ensure that in respect of the Sub-Committee's work, decisions and activities that full and proper consideration is given to the Council's duty to promote equality and diversity
9. \*To ensure that in respect of the Sub-Committee's work, decisions and activities that full and proper consideration is given to Human Rights legislation
10. \*To ensure that in respect of the Sub-Committee's work, decisions and activities that full and proper consideration is given to environmental impact and sustainability
11. \*To ensure that in respect of the Sub-Committee's work, decisions and activities that full and proper consideration is given to health and safety
12. \*To ensure that in respect of the Council's work, decisions and activities that full and proper consideration is given to obtaining and delivering value for money.