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GUIDANCE NOTE EAST BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT WITH PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND TREE WORKS

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These notes offer an insight into East Boldre Parish Council's role in the planning process. They are by no means definitive – always consult latest guidance and procedures on the New Forest National Park Authority website.

Planning applications

Planning applications for East Boldre Parish Council fall under the New Forest National Park Authority (NFNPA). Advice, guidance, and planning applications are available to view on the NFNPA website at: [Planning - New Forest National Park Authority \(newforestnpa.gov.uk\)](http://newforestnpa.gov.uk).

The Parish Council is invited to comment on any planning applications that fall within the parish of East Boldre. Parish Councillors will discuss applications at parish council meetings. These usually take place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7pm; agendas can be viewed on the parish council website three working days before. Members of public are always welcome to attend these meetings and to share their views during the public session.

Councillors are required to respond to the NFNPA planning team with just one of the following comments and reasons:

1. We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed below, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

2. We recommend REFUSAL, for the reasons listed below, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.
3. We recommend PERMISSION for the reasons listed below.
4. We recommend REFUSAL for the reasons listed below.
5. We are happy to accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

If East Boldre Parish Council's recommendation is contrary to that of the NFNPA planning officer, then the planning application will go to the NFNPA Planning Committee for its decision. A Parish Councillor will usually attend. More information about the structure and meetings of the Planning Committee can be found at: [Planning committee - New Forest National Park Authority \(newforestnpa.gov.uk\)](https://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/planning-committee).

Tree works

To prune or fell trees with a Tree Protection Order (TPO) or all trees that are within a conservation area (CONS), applications for tree works are made directly to the NFNPA. Guidance can be found on their website: [Trees: apply and view - New Forest National Park Authority \(newforestnpa.gov.uk\)](https://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/trees-apply-and-view).

A tree with a trunk diameter greater than 75mm at 1.5m above ground level is automatically protected under Section 211 of the town and Country Planning Act 1990 if it grows within a conservation area.

It is important to note that most of East Boldre parish falls within a conservation area. And there are currently around 11 Tree Protection Orders in East Boldre parish.

For best practice, the Park Authority seeks to inform East Boldre Parish Council of new tree work applications, giving Councillors the opportunity to advise if the proposed work could impact on any amenity value (historically or otherwise) to the community. Tree work applications are usually included on the monthly parish council meeting agendas, although this is not always possible if the deadline for comments precedes the parish council meeting date. In these cases, the Clerk will ask Councillors directly if they have any concerns that should be relayed to the NFNPA Tree Officers for further investigation.

An interactive tree map to show conservation areas and existing TPOs is available to view at: [NFNPA WebMap 9 - TPO \(cadcorp.com\)](https://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/webmap-9-tpo)