**PLANNING POLICY**

Observations will be made on all planning applications during the course of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting following their receipt.

**Further general information**

The local planning authority for this area is Cornwall Council. It decides what the planning policy for the county is in consultation with other bodies and make decisions on individual planning applications.

All planning applications received by Cornwall Council for the Parish of Maker with Rame are passed on to the parish council for consultation. As a parish council we have no powers to refuse or permit applications, we can only comment based on certain criteria outlined in Cornwall Council’s policies. Any comments made by the council are taken into account by the Planning Committee at Cornwall and are balanced against the views of other individuals or bodies.

**Code of Conduct requires members to consider whether they have an interest in any application and if so to make the necessary declaration and leave the room whenever the matter is being discussed.**

There are strict guidelines set out by Cornwall Council regarding reasonable grounds for objecting to an application called material planning considerations. In general, these guidelines are concerned only with material land use and environmental issues. There are no grounds for objecting to an application based on private interests (eg. loss of a view, loss of value to a property or business, ownership disputes etc) and the parish council will not discuss such issues in consideration of applications.

**Comments from the Public**

The public are welcome to comment on applications, either by attending a Parish Council meeting (when you can make your view known, although the Council may not agree with them) or by contacting Cornwall Council.

Only comments based on material planning considerations will be taken into account by the Parish Council and Cornwall Council. There is guidance on the most effective way to make your comments count.