**The Development Plan**

Planning applications must be assessed against National Planning Policy Framework, any Local Development Framework (LDF), Site Allocations and Management Of Development (SAMDev) Plan and Community Led Plans.

**Precedent, what has happened in the locality previously or what could happen**

Consistency should be applied when considering any application and full regard given to any precedent set by the council in the past. Future repercussions should also be taken into account.

**Viability and economic or financial matters**

The viability of any planning application should be considered but the council may not comment on: restrictive covenants, loss of value, inconvenience to others by building works, opposition by business competitors, opposition in principle if outline planning has already been granted and matters dealt with by other legislation such as building control.

**Loss of employment**

Any adverse effect on the village economy should be considered including loss of employment or traditional industries, threat to the viability and vitality of the village and creating an imbalance between jobs and homes.