

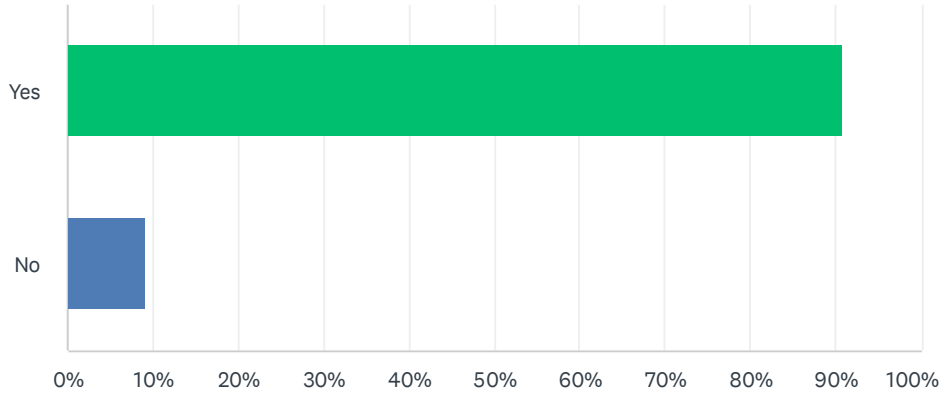
Q1 Are you answering this questionnaire as a member or non-member of SAPC or NAPC?

Answered: 23 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Member of NAPC	10/12/2022 5:58 PM
2	No	10/12/2022 2:40 PM
3	Member	10/12/2022 12:44 AM
4	Non-member	10/11/2022 4:27 PM
5	Non member	10/11/2022 3:28 PM
6	Member NAPC	10/11/2022 1:19 PM
7	Member	10/11/2022 9:19 AM
8	Yes	10/11/2022 8:48 AM
9	Member	10/11/2022 8:31 AM
10	Member of SAPC	10/10/2022 4:46 PM
11	Member	10/10/2022 9:09 AM
12	Member of SAPC	10/8/2022 12:52 AM
13	Non-member	10/7/2022 9:10 AM
14	Non-member	10/7/2022 4:24 AM
15	Yes! Badly worded question. What I think you want to know is whether I am a member of one of the planning committees - which I am!	10/6/2022 10:35 PM
16	Member of NAPC	10/6/2022 8:38 PM
17	Non Member SAPC	10/6/2022 5:05 PM
18	Member SAPC	10/6/2022 4:32 PM
19	Non member	10/6/2022 3:05 PM
20	Southern Area Planning Committee	10/6/2022 1:38 PM
21	Member	10/6/2022 11:04 AM
22	Member	10/6/2022 10:51 AM
23	Non member	10/6/2022 10:48 AM

Q2 Do you think that the new committees (NAPC and SAPC) are working well since the reduction of membership from 24 to 13?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	90.91%	20
No	9.09%	2
TOTAL		22

Q3 In a previous questionnaire to committee members some responses questioned the size of the committees. What are your views?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The size is fine	10/12/2022 5:58 PM
2	I think they work better if they have the right Cllr on the committee	10/12/2022 2:40 PM
3	Too small in that a lot of experienced councillors are precluded from being members. Parish Councillors and residents expect their Borough councillor to be on a planning committee. Therefore ALL members who want to be on a planning committee should be able to do so.	10/12/2022 12:44 AM
4	Acceptable	10/11/2022 4:27 PM
5	More members on the committee would be helpful when a number of members are absent	10/11/2022 3:28 PM
6	The size is ideal.	10/11/2022 1:19 PM
7	I feel they are about the right size, too big makes decision making difficult	10/11/2022 8:48 AM
8	I feel the size is just right, this is a demanding committee and the main point is are there good discussions on applications. This has been established through actions against officers recommendations which requires great thought and debate. In the words of Councillor Matthews if it's not broken don't fix it. The SAP committee works exceptionally well and added numbers would have no benefit other than placing pressure on other Councillors.	10/11/2022 8:31 AM
9	I have not recalled any problems from a smaller committee	10/10/2022 4:46 PM
10	I think it functions well. The only potential issue is non attendance by members. It should be noted that members must be interested and have adequate training to be part of the smaller committee. Ongoing training and at times maybe a debrief would be useful.	10/10/2022 9:09 AM
11	The size of SAPC seems right. I have no experience of NAPC.	10/8/2022 12:52 AM
12	Good numbers	10/7/2022 9:10 AM
13	I think they strike the right balance between having a slimmer more professional committee and enabling those that want to serve on planning committees to do so.	10/7/2022 4:24 AM
14	Would prefer all members to be involved in their local committee	10/6/2022 10:35 PM
15	The old system of all members on the committee worked much better than the present one in which there is far too little experience of planning with some strange statements being made.	10/6/2022 8:38 PM
16	I think they could be smaller, although the views of colleagues on whether each ward should still be represented should be paramount.	10/6/2022 5:05 PM
17	I've no problem with the Committee size being reviewed. There is a number of Councillors who would wish to be on SAPC who are excluded. The SO's could state "the Committee size will be fixed at the start of each Council year and will number between 13 and 17."	10/6/2022 4:32 PM
18	I don't know enough to make a judgement	10/6/2022 3:05 PM
19	I believe they should stay the same	10/6/2022 1:38 PM
20	In my opinion the size of the committee is ok.	10/6/2022 11:04 AM
21	No problem at current size.	10/6/2022 10:51 AM
22	Size is OK	10/6/2022 10:48 AM

Q4 100% of planning committee members agreed that viewing panels are adding value to the process. In light of this do you consider that failure to attend could compromise the decision making process?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Yes	10/12/2022 5:58 PM
2	Yes	10/12/2022 2:40 PM
3	No. A lot of viewing requests are for applications where the viewing was only called by a councillor to gain favour with a parish council or local residents. Viewings work only if those attending speak at committee informing those unable to attend what the situation is like on the ground and explaining what photos can't portray. Most times a private visit by councillors not able to attend the VP can suffice and be very helpful.	10/12/2022 12:44 AM
4	Possibly - dependant on knowledge of particular application by committee member + info sought by member elsewhere/at more convenient time.	10/11/2022 4:27 PM
5	I agree that viewing panels are an important part of the process. Failure to attend can compromise the decision. making.	10/11/2022 3:28 PM
6	Yes I do.	10/11/2022 1:19 PM
7	This is a very difficult question to answer as some members work so unable to attend a viewing panel, I suggest that the members of the committee work out how the best way forward to having a day when everybody can attend, that may also include a weekend viewing, this thing become difficult because officers would have to work at the weekend.	10/11/2022 9:19 AM
8	Yes it can do, particularly if the location is not known to a panel member, however if I am unable to attend I make sure I view the location if it is feasible prior to the meeting	10/11/2022 8:48 AM
9	I don't think so as attendees put forward there thoughts when debating where other members can listen and respond to the comments.	10/11/2022 8:31 AM
10	Attendance at viewing is valuable. But members who ware unable to attend the panel., will often visit the site at their convenience and take note of comments from committee members when they refer to the site visit and what that showed.	10/10/2022 4:46 PM
11	Not necessarily, viewing panels are useful in many circumstances, but being unable to attend does not disadvantage the member or compromise the decision making process. There are many applications where viewing panels are not called or if called not felt necessary.	10/10/2022 9:09 AM
12	No. A viewing panel can help provide context but a good presentation of facts supported by photographs is often quite adequate.	10/8/2022 12:52 AM
13	No. I don't think it compromises the process but it's obviously advantageous for as many planning members as possible to attend viewing panels.	10/7/2022 4:24 AM
14	No. The views of members who attended are helpful in shaping the conclusions of non attendees	10/6/2022 10:35 PM
15	Members who do not attend should give there apologies and reason and maybe should state before speaking in debate that they have not visited the site.	10/6/2022 8:38 PM
16	No. But viewing panels should be made as accessible as possible, perhaps by way of using a mini bus to transport members there on the day of the committee meeting? Non committee ward members should also be allowed to attend - this happens with viewing panels at other councils.	10/6/2022 5:05 PM
17	No. A planning focused Cllr will go and see the site separately if there are issues that need understanding on the ground.	10/6/2022 4:32 PM

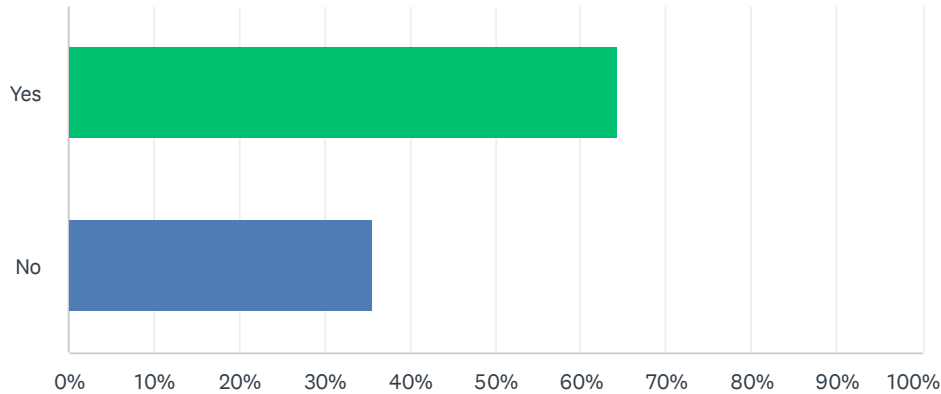
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18	I don't know	10/6/2022 3:05 PM
19	It depends on the type of application	10/6/2022 1:38 PM
20	Maybe however I know that in some instances that members could not make the exact meeting date they did visit on another occasion.	10/6/2022 11:04 AM
21	Compromise no. Reduce quality possibly.	10/6/2022 10:51 AM
22	Sometimes	10/6/2022 10:48 AM

Q5 As a non-committee member do you use the Ward Advocacy role at committee and if so how effective did you find it?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	64.29% 9
No	35.71% 5
TOTAL	14

#	PLEASE ADD ANY COMMENTS HERE	DATE
1	As a NAPC Member, I cannot use this role, but I encourage residents to ask my fellow Ward Cllr to be their advocate	10/12/2022 5:58 PM
2	It is very confusing for the public and very divisive for Borough Councillors. I have seen Borough Councillors verbally abused after a planning meeting because they did not support the alleged Ward Advocate who came along to speak against the officer's recommendation and did not use any valid planning arguments that would stand up at an appeal. It is also perceived by the public as the 'Council has already made it's mind up before the planning committee when the Advocate puts out a press release in favour or against an application.' It makes life hell for the councillor on the committee.	10/12/2022 12:44 AM
3	Albeit occasionally - possibly adds to the application and gives another 'voice' to residents.	10/11/2022 4:27 PM
4	The ward advocate role is useful for residents to have someone to contact, who are not compromised by being a committee member	10/11/2022 3:28 PM
5	Not applicable.	10/11/2022 1:19 PM
6	Not applicable as I am a committee member	10/11/2022 8:48 AM
7	I am a committee member	10/11/2022 8:31 AM
8	Experience of the planning committee, talking through applications with the case officer and listening carefully to the speakers and members questions and debate is what makes a planning committee work at its best. Not the number of committee members !	10/10/2022 4:46 PM
9	As a committee member I have used the ward advocacy role when I have needed to declare an interest in an item. I think it works well.	10/8/2022 12:52 AM
10	Very effective. Both at planning committees and being able to have franker conversations with planners about applications that have been submitted.	10/7/2022 4:24 AM

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11	I'm not a non committee member!!	10/6/2022 10:35 PM
12	I am a committee member	10/6/2022 8:38 PM
13	I find it very effective thanks.	10/6/2022 5:05 PM
14	I'm disappointed more Cllrs don't avail themselves of the opportunity to speak.	10/6/2022 4:32 PM
15	I am a member of the planning committee	10/6/2022 1:38 PM
16	I would always use ward advocacy even if I were on the committee 😊	10/6/2022 10:48 AM