The Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Sections 319ZZC to 319ZZF
Town and Country Planning (Discharge of Local Authority Functions) (England) Regulations 2026

From **31 October 2026**, The National Scheme of Delegation (under the provisions of Sections 319ZZC to 319ZZF of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, inserted by the Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025) will replace each Local Authority's existing Planning Scheme of Delegation.

This Scheme, available here supersedes and replaces the Council's previous planning delegation and call-in arrangements. The Scheme applies to the determination of all applications and related planning matters where the Council is the Local Planning Authority.

It must be read in conjunction with, and interpreted in compliance with, the Town and Country Planning (Discharge of Local Planning Authority Functions) (England) Regulations 2026 ("the Regulations") available to view here and the statutory guidance, Planning Committees and the National Scheme of Delegation of Planning Functions, dated 1 June 2026 which is available to view here

The National Scheme of Delegation, separates each application "type" into either Schedule 1 or Schedule 2 (see below). As a result:

Schedule 1: Applications must be delegated to Officers
Schedule 2 and own-interest applications: Applications are presumed to be delegated to officers, except where:

- Both the Nominated Officer (Chief Planning Officer) and the Nominated Member (Chair of Planning Committee) agree that the application raises one or more issues of significance under the statutory referral criteria (also known as the "Gateway Test").

  The Statutory referral criteria are:

  Criterion A

  The application raises one or more issues of economic, social or environmental significance to the local area, or

  Criterion B

The application raises one or more significant planning matters having regard to the development plan and any other material considerations.

- It is an "Own- interest application", which is made (whether jointly with any other person) by the authority or an officer or member of the authority, or it is an application

where, in the view of the nominated officer and nominated member, the authority or any of its members or officers has an interest. The Nominated Officer and the Nominated Member may agree to refer "an own-interest application" to Planning Committee for reasons of transparency or propriety, even where the application may not satisfy Criterion A or Criterion B.

- A Local Member(s) asks for any Schedule 2 application to be considered by the Nominated Member and Nominated Officer at the "Gateway Test" stage after completing a Gateway Referral Request proforma. **IMPORTANT: The referral request can only be made by Qualifying Member of the Local Authority.**
- All other Schedule 2 applications shall be triaged by Officers to assess whether they may potentially meet the criteria, and therefore can proceed to the "Gateway Test" stage to be considered by the Nominated Member and Nominated Officer.

For ease and for the avoidance of doubt, the Weekly list of applications will be split into Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 applications.