

Media Release

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Planning applications to be published online to allow publicity to restart

In order to get public consultation on planning applications moving again, following an unavoidable suspension of consultation periods as a result of COVID-19, the Planning Service has developed temporary webpages so that all applications can appear online.

Decisions on planning applications had been suspended due to the inability for the public to view applications, as Sir Charles Frossard House was and remains closed to the public. In order to enable the consultation to begin again and the public to take part, the Planning Service has put all applications online at gov.gg.

Current applications that were interrupted by COVID-19 can be viewed at www.gov.gg/interruptedapplications, which is live from today. Any new applications will be available to view at www.gov.gg/liveplanningapplications, which will go live on Tuesday 26th May 2020.

Anyone who has previously made representations on an application that is being re-publicised following interruption by COVID-19 does not have to make their representations a second time.

Deputy Dawn Tindall, President of the Development & Planning Authority, said:

“Whilst the use of temporary webpages is not the perfect solution, it does allow for members of the public to take part in the consultation on planning applications and see details of those applications online. Such participation is an important element of ensuring the views of all parties affected by a development can be taken into account.

“The Planning Service have been working very hard behind the scenes not only getting applications ready to proceed to decision subject to publicity but also to accept new applications. Having the ability for the public to be consulted is an important step which allows decisions to be made and building work to start.”

Under the legislation, planning applications must be publicised in order for public representations on the proposal to be made. Therefore, the same procedure for publicity that occurred before lockdown will restart and site notices will be issued on the valid applications. The 21-day consultation period will start as soon as the site notice has been displayed and confirmed by the applicant. They do this by returning the site notice confirmation slip and a photograph of the notice in place to the Planning Service.

The oldest of those applications interrupted will be uploaded first, followed swiftly by more recent applications. Applications will be removed after their publicity period has ended.

In the event that you are unable to view the application online please contact us on 717200 to discuss alternative solutions. The Planning Service will provide the ability for the public to physically view applications as soon as circumstances permit.

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