

**Request by Member for Scrutiny Review  
2008/09 Work Programme**



**APPENDIX 1**

Please complete the form below to request consideration of your issue by the  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee

<b>Proposers Name:</b> Cllr A Cooper	<b>Date of Request:</b> 14 Nov 2008
<b>Supporting Councillors (if any):</b>	
<b>Summary of Issue you wish to be scrutinised:</b>  When considering a Planning Application Councillors should be mindful to consider Officers recommendations. They should also consider these recommendations in conjunction with the Council's own policies or the County Council's policies.  In the event at a later stage the decisions are to be challenged i.e. at a Public Enquiry or complaint etc the Officers then refuse to support their recommendations made in line with their own policies what are the likely repercussions for Councillors who have made the final decision?  Q – Can Officers, Councillors disregard policy, if so in what circumstances?  - In planning can it lead to an unsafe decision?  - In the event of a claim against this Council can it claim against the County if it is their Officers refusing to stand by their original decision?  - If this Council is paying for Professional advice i.e. Highways why should it have to pay for more advice to compensate for the original advice being withdrawn?  - In the event of this happening with Planning Applications should they not always be discussed in public?	
<b>NOTE: ENTRIES BELOW RELATE TO ISSUE CATEGORIES OF THE PICK PROCESS. PLEASE REFER TO THE EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THIS FORM FOR FURTHER INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Public Interest Justification:</b>  High	

**Impact on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area:**

Could impact on all aspects

**Council Performance in this area (if known: Red, Amber, Green):**

Not known

**Keep in Context (are other reviews taking place in this area?)**

Not known

**Office Use:**

**Pick score:**

**Considered By OSCC:**