

Providing major planning application support to Trafford Council

Due to a resource gap at Trafford Council, it left their planning team with reduced capacity to support with a major complex planning application into the borough.

What we did

We processed a major planning application working remotely but then meeting at client offices as required.

Works carried out include:

- > Initial briefing with the Council to understand any particular issues of relevance - planning policy, council Member interests, community or consultees issues, other technical, procedural, sensitivities or local knowledge based matters;
- > Familiarisation with the proposal, planning history, planning policy framework etc;
- > A site visit;
- > An assessment and summary of consultee and neighbour responses;
- > Production of interim issues report plus client instructions as necessary;
- > Instructing the Council's business support team to re-notify local residents and relevant consultees if necessary;
- > Assessment of additional responses;
- > Preparation of a robust committee report and list of planning conditions;
- > Preparation of heads of terms of a legal agreement for committee decision (if necessary)
- > Quality check by one of our managers



The outcome

- > We were able to determine a high profile, controversial planning application in a timely manner
- > We produced a robust planning committee report with clear justification, recommendation and conditions
- > We were able to provide a remote working solution mixed with on-site attendance at meetings.

