



# InfoSheet 06



**Nottingham**  
**City Council**

## Planning, housing - objecting

### The Problem

*Objecting to a planning application requires a similar level of knowledge about the system as does making an application for yourself. Case officers often receive many objections that focus on issues that are not relevant under planning law. To be effective requires an understanding of what constitutes a breach of planning requirements, which may be procedural, or may be aesthetic, but should always focus on the key elements and not try to capture as many issues as possible in the hope that this will strengthen an argument - it rarely does. Multiple objections are more impactful than a single voice, but many residents fail to object to developments until they are on their own doorstep which gives the impression to the planning authority that there is little local concern.*

### The Solution

The Nottingham Park Residents' Association (NPRA) has a sub group (PPSG - Park Planning Steering Group) which reviews applications within and adjacent to the Estate boundary and makes appropriate comments on accepted planning applications whenever applicable. The NPRA is strongly supportive of the Conservation Area and its continued wellbeing. It also supports conservation enhancement works in The Park, as does the Nottingham Park Estate Limited and the Park Conservation Trust. A summary of all applications in the Park Estate is posted regularly on the NPRA Facebook Group. Using this resource will alert you to applications that you might feel are important to respond which are not close enough for you to have been notified about directly.

### The Process

The planning system works on a number of levels, including expert advice sought for cases that are deemed to be sensitive, but also relies upon strength of opinion within the neighbourhood. If multiple objections are received once an application has been registered and within the allotted 6 weeks from that point in the process, these will be considered along with the case officer's report and any other advice sought from different officers representing conservation, highways (vehicles and access), the environment agency (flood risk), environmental services (bins, refuse), trees, etc.

Objections can be made in writing, to Planning, LH Box 5, Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG, emailing to [development.management@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:development.management@nottinghamcity.gov.uk). or on-line at <https://publicaccess.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/online-applications/> but must always include the case reference number.

Multiple objections using a templated format will carry less weight, but raising awareness within the immediate area, or notifying the PPSG of your concerns can be effective. email [PPSG@parknews.co.uk](mailto:PPSG@parknews.co.uk)

How to comment on a planning application:

<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/information-for-business/planning-and-building-control/planning-applications/view-comment-on-planning-applications/how-to-comment-on-a-planning-application/>