

The Lindal & Marton Residents Association



Following a request from numerous villagers the Residents Association attended a meeting at Barrow Town Hall to discuss The Green, and related issues.

Present at the meeting, representing Barrow Borough Council were:

Mr S Warbrick, Director of Development
Mr C Wilton, Northern Area Planning Officer

Representing The Residents Association:

Mr D Barr, Chairman
Mr S Gibson
Mr I Mckie

The agenda for the meeting was informal, the objectives being to establish the development of future proposals surrounding The Green and War Memorial.

It was initially established that opinions on the content of future proposals would not be discussed and that we should identify why the current situation has arisen and the process by which any future proposals would be developed and evaluated.

The withdrawal of the initial planning application was discussed. It was established that the decision to withdraw the proposed development was taken by The Parish Council. This decision was taken following advice from the Local Authorities Planning Department on the understanding that if the plans were to be submitted, without modification, the Planning Department would recommend refusal on the basis that the majority of objections deemed the proposals unacceptable and that the proposed development would be detrimental to the appearance of The Green.

The effects of withdrawing the planning application were discussed further, it was established that as a direct result of the withdrawal any objections to the development would also be rendered void and that any following submission would be presented free of any objections.

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The future of The Green and any alternative proposals were then discussed.

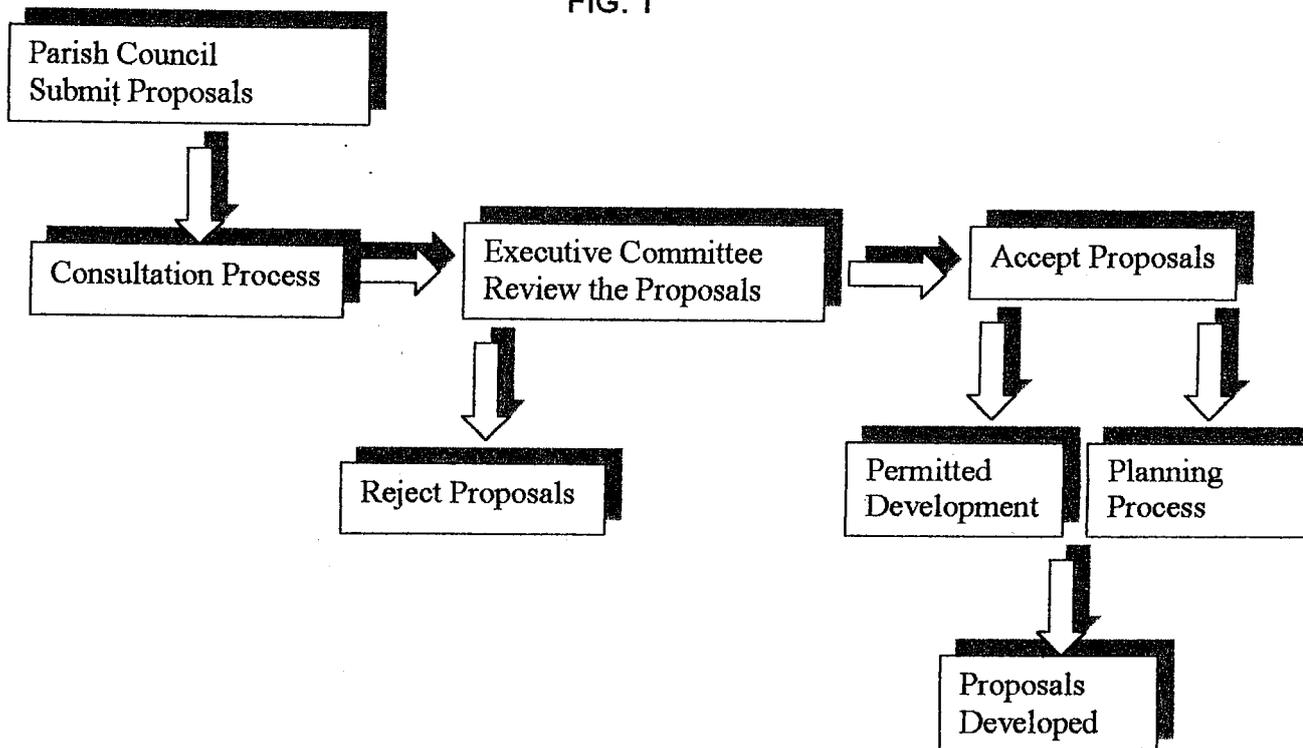
The procedure for the review of future proposals was established, fig. 1, in that initially any proposals would be developed by the Parish Council with or without further consultation.

These proposals would then, following consultation by the Borough Council, be presented to the Executive Committee of The Borough Council, who will decide if the proposals are acceptable to them.

From here the proposals may take three routes, they may be rejected outright as being unsuitable, they may be granted Permitted Development Status in which case there may be no further consultation process, alternatively the proposals may be subject to the formal Planning Process as before.

At this stage it was indicated that a definitive selection route has not been chosen and that if, or when, a questionnaire is to be used it shall be the sole responsibility of the Borough Council to prepare and interpret the results

FIG. 1



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The subject of the questionnaire was further discussed where it was established that, if required, and, after the Borough Council have compiled the questionnaire it will be issued on a per/resident basis with no weighting criteria attached e.g. the views of the residents living around The Green will have no more value than residents from Marton.

Finally the issue of funding and any associated works were discussed.

The requirement, and funding, of any traffic calming measures around The Green will be dependent, initially, upon the results of the traffic survey. From this survey it will be established if, at the current time, traffic calming measures are required.

Following this, and dependent upon any future proposals, the issue of additional traffic calming measures will be reviewed as and when it is deemed necessary.

If it is decided that any traffic calming measures are required these works will be funded by The County Council from their Highways budget, and not funds allocated to future proposals of The Green. It was noted the Parish Council have not received confirmation that funds are available from the County Council.

Funding available this financial year, 2004-2005, has been made available to The Parish Council by the Borough Council in the sum of £30,000, for development in Lindal and Marton.

David Barr

On behalf of
The Lindal and Marton Residents Association