Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Barlaston Parish Council
Held on Tuesday 16 September at the Barlaston Methodist Church at 6:30 pm

Present:

Cllr D Borasinski (Chairman)
Cllr C Hurst
Cllr O Sear
Cllr E Philpott
Cllr P Fisher
Cllr G Jones
Cllr L Arnold (minute taker)

Also in attendance:

Approximately 40 members of the public
The Clerk was not present.

Public Open Forum: Approximately 40 members of the public were in attendance and shared their views on the proposed application, which were noted by members present.

473. Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs Pickering, Thomas, Tudor and Dando. It was resolved to accept these.

474. Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.

475. Written applications for dispensations under the Localism Act 2011: There were no written applications for dispensation.

The Chair advised that the Parish Council's Planning Consultant would join remotely to provide advice on application 25/40885/OUT. Councillors present would remain responsible for decisions, and a quorum was confirmed. The Consultant would be invited to speak at relevant points in the discussion, which would be heard by the public.

476. Planning Application Reference 25/40885/OUT: Land between Trent Canal and Old Road Barlaston. Described as a residential development for up to 81 dwellings with access considered.

Councillors unanimously resolved to strongly object to the proposed development. The Council noted that the site is in the Green Belt, outside the settlement boundary, and does not meet the criteria for rural exception or "very special circumstances." Identified housing needs have already been addressed through sites allocated in the 2024 Housing Needs Assessment and the Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan. The proposal would set a precedent for inappropriate Green Belt development, harm the character of the area, raise highway safety and flood risk concerns, and provide open space outside the settlement that would not benefit the wider community. A formal representation will be submitted, emphasising that the proposal fails to meet national, local, and neighbourhood plan policies.

477 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 14th October 2025

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