

## **The planning application process**

**In many ways, the planning application process is very straightforward.**

- A planning application is submitted to the local planning authority. For Danbury, the planning authority Chelmsford City Council.
- The planning authority publicises the application, in the newspaper, on its website and at the site.
- The public has a few weeks to comment on the application.
- The Parish Council is contacted with details of the application as it is a statutory consultee and normally has 21 days to respond. The Parish Council can ask for more time to respond to larger applications.
- A decision is made on the application, usually within eight weeks of it being submitted (larger applications may take longer).
- If the application is refused, or the approval has conditions on it, the applicant may appeal against the decision to the Secretary of State. If planning permission has already been granted, you have no right to appeal against the granting of permission. .

The Danbury Planning Framework is in place and is part of Chelmsford City Councils Local Development Framework until 2021. The Parish Council has commenced a Neighbourhood Plan which, if approved, will be part of Chelmsford City Council's New Local Plan (from 2021-2036).

There are two main types of application:

### **Outline planning application?**

An application for outline planning permission allows for a decision on the general principles of how a site can be developed. Outline planning permission is granted subject to conditions requiring the subsequent approval of one or more 'reserved matters'.

### **Full planning application**

An application for full planning permission results in a decision on the detailed proposals of how a site can be developed. If planning permission is granted, and subject to compliance with any planning conditions that are imposed, no further engagement with the local planning authority is required to proceed with the development granted permission, although other consents may be required.