

Council/Committee:	Planning Committee
Date of Meeting	18 February 2026
Subject	Scheduled Site Visits
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Appendices	Location plan – P25_0082_DE_002_07 B Site Layout - P25_0082_DE_001_02

1. Summary

This report makes recommendations to visit submitted planning application proposals in advance of the planning committee reaching a formal decision. The visits are recommended when it is considered there may be significant public interest.

2. Recommendations

That the Committee notes that Planning Application DC/25/71072 will be visited by the Committee on 1 April 2026.

3. Reasons for the recommendation

Planning officers recommend these visit(s) to assist with the timescales set by government for reaching decisions on planning applications and when an application has generated substantial public interest.

4 Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 Planning applications can generate considerable public interest, and it is considered that in some circumstances a visit to the site by the planning committee will assist them in understanding the proposal in relation to the surrounding area.

- 4.2 Visiting the site earlier in the planning process can assist with the timescales set by government for reaching decisions on planning applications.
- 4.3 In the event that the application does not generate objections or it is refused in line with objector's concerns, then members will no longer be required to consider the planning application before their committee and instead the application will be decided under delegated powers as set out in the council's delegation agreement.
- 4.4 Site visit(s) for the following planning application(s) are reported. A location plan and site layout are attached:-

Application No., Description and address	Date received	Reason
DC/25/71072 Proposed 18 dwellings, public open space and infrastructure. At: Land To Rear High Point Academy Friar Park Road Wednesbury	1.10.2025	To enable elected members to understand the site surroundings in terms of topography, relationships to existing properties and the extent of changes to the existing open space and trees.

5. Legal and Governance Implications

Planning applications should be determined in accordance with national and local adopted development policies unless material consideration indicate otherwise.

6. Other Relevant Implications

None.

7. Background Documents

None.

8. How does this deliver the objectives of the Strategic Themes?

All of our residents are active participants in influencing change – through being listened to, their opinions are heard and valued.

Relevance Check**Budget Reduction/Service Area: N/A****Service Lead: Tammy Stokes****Date: 5/2/2026**

In what ways does this Budget reduction have an impact on an outward facing service?
How will the service feel different to your customers or potential customers?

N/A

If not, how does it impact on staff e.g. redundancies, pay grades, working conditions? Why
are you confident that these staff changes will not affect the service that you provide?

N/A

Is a Customer Impact Assessment needed

