

Previously Approved Scrutiny Matrices

Growth and Development Scrutiny Group

Councillor Request for Scrutiny	
Proposed topic of scrutiny ...	Conservation Areas
I would like to understand ... (key lines of enquiry)	<p>Residents are expressing concerns about how conservation areas are operated within the borough and what effect being in a conservation area can have on other planning matters. This scrutiny would look to understand the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a conservation area? • Why is it designated? • Where they are? • What features they contain? • What makes them special? • How they are determined? • What effect they have on planning matters? • What other restrictions apply? • What does a conservation area not prevent? • What is the statutory requirement? • Is there a policy? • What's it like living in one? • What are the positives and negatives? • What resources does the borough have for this area of work? <p>Once Councillors understand Conservation Areas in more detail they will be able to put residents' concerns in context, respond to such concerns and make suggestions to officers if any changes or improvements can be made.</p>

Councillor Request for Scrutiny	
Councillor Clarke	
Proposed topic of scrutiny ...	Council policies relating to all forms of alternative energy and emerging technologies

<p>I would like to understand ... (key lines of enquiry)</p>	<p>What criteria are used when considering potential planning applications for alternative energy sites. How do we assess the impact and what weight is given to each factor when giving permission for such a site on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the environment - flora and fauna, air quality, visual • residents - their amenities • affect on views • noise • roads - traffic movements • end of life of site - re-instatement conditions. <p>How do we assess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • existing infrastructure and any need for additional infrastructure • loss of agricultural/industrial land/green spaces/wildlife habitat. Much of Rushcliffe is high grade agricultural or pastureland. <p>How do we quantify the counteracting benefits of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbon reduction potential • Environmental additions • Long term benefits for local residents and businesses. <p>What assessment has been made of sites recently given permission and the impact of so doing? What have been the consequences of allowing those sites? How do we assess keeping up with advances in technology with the potential to allow obsolete methods which create harm as against newer methods?</p>
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Covid-19 Business Recovery Update is a rolling item. It was last considered in [October 2021](#).

<h2>Councillor Request for Scrutiny</h2> <p>Councillors Barney, Brennan, Clarke, Combellack, Dickman, and Upton</p>	
<p>Proposed topic of scrutiny ...</p>	<p>Sewage infrastructure and discharge within Rushcliffe</p>
<p>I would like to understand ... (key lines of enquiry)</p>	<p>I would like to understand the situation in Rushcliffe regarding sewage infrastructure and any unlawful discharges. This is a national problem but could also be locally affecting environmental health, humans and wildlife.</p>

I have attached some research information (which is available on request from Democratic Services) - there were 101 incidents in Radcliffe on Trent recorded in 2020 and problems in other villages. There have been concerns with the infrastructure in the Neville Ward affecting Hickling and Kinoulton. East Leake and Ruddington, Sutton Bonington and Normanton on Soar have had considerable problems, and probably elsewhere in recent years. There may be problems elsewhere from other local Rushcliffe pumping stations particularly as we are still very reliant on old Victorian pipe work. We therefore need to know more in order to protect our residents. Leaks into the Trent have received publicity recently giving rise to concerns. Residents and Local Councillors are concerned.

New housing is permitted and planning and building regulations have controls within the development sites but do not necessarily address the added demand placed on existing infrastructure, which may be very old.

It maybe that we need to lobby or enhance our liaison with other agencies e.g. STWA and County Council but at the end of the day we need to protect the residents of Rushcliffe.

Residents need to be reassured that sewage is fully treated before any discharge to water courses, therefore a better understanding of the sewage system and controls within the Borough would be helpful and how the situation can be addressed.

Do we need:

- additional planning controls
- improved consultee responses to planning applications regarding sewage infrastructure
- to lobby government for amended legislation
- amendments to existing policies.
- stronger conditions on planning approvals
- more rigorous enforcement procedures
- consideration of apportioning s106 monies to improvement of sewage infrastructure.

Communities Scrutiny Group

Councillor Request for Scrutiny

Councillor R Walker

Proposed topic of scrutiny ...	Sports Development in Rushcliffe
I would like to understand ... (key lines of enquiry)	<p>This scrutiny seeks to understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What measures are in place to track participation in sport/physical activity in the Borough?• What these measures tell us about trends?• How we are tackling under-representation within particular groups?• How we can further improve school/club links and increase competition in school sport?• How is the Borough delivering community sport and physical activity opportunities?• What are the barriers to increasing participation and what interventions/resources are needed to overcome them?

Officer Request for Scrutiny

D Hayden, Community Development Manager

Proposed topic of scrutiny ...	Access Agreement between RBC and Canal and River Trust (CRT) for the Grantham Canal (2003 – 2025)
I would like to understand ... (key lines of enquiry)	<p>What CRT is delivering under the agreement If the agreement should be renewed and, if so, what revisions should be made</p>

Councillor Request for Scrutiny

Councillors J Wheeler / Jones

Proposed topic of scrutiny ...	Establishment of a Rushcliffe Youth Council
I would like to understand ...	I would like Scrutiny to consider how we can establish a Youth Council to enable the Council to engage with our

(key lines of enquiry)	young people to hear their views on key subjects such as Climate Change, our Nature Strategy and leisure provision as well as other areas we are responsible for. This Youth Council should aim to have representation from every Secondary School across year groups, as well as YOUNG and Positive Futures. Primary School aged Children should also have an opportunity to contribute.
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The scrutiny matrix for the item on External Communications is included at appendix three of this report.

Carbon Management is a rolling item and was last considered in [April 2022](#).

Appendix