



# BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL

## Our role in Planning

### Statutory Consultee

The local planning authority for Bridgnorth is Shropshire Council. This is where you would submit your application. However, Bridgnorth Town Council is a Statutory Consultee. Meaning that Shropshire Council are required to consult us on applications within the Bridgnorth Boundary.

**Bridgnorth Town Council will not ultimately decide the outcome of your application, but we can offer an opinion to Shropshire Council based on National and Shropshire Planning Policies, local knowledge and what we believe is right for the Town.**

### Planning in Bridgnorth

Bridgnorth is a historic and unusual place. However, this does come with some additional restrictions when it comes to planning permission.

**Conservation Area** - A large portion of the centre of Bridgnorth falls under a conservation area. This is to protect special architectural and historic features.

**Article 4 Direction** - Some areas of Bridgnorth are under an article 4 direction. Which adds an additional layer of protection on top of a Conservation Area. For example, this could restrict things like altering doors and windows or front gardens. The purpose is to protect the character of an area.

**Listed Buildings** - If it is believed that a building is of special architectural or historic importance, it may be listed. Listings come in three levels, Grade I being buildings of exceptional interest (these are very rare), Grade II\* and Grade II. We have many listed buildings in Bridgnorth, including Bishop Percy's House which is Grade I listed!

Take a look at the following websites for more information:

[www.bridgnorthtowncouncil.gov.uk/community-information/planning-applications/](http://www.bridgnorthtowncouncil.gov.uk/community-information/planning-applications/)  
[www.shropshire.gov.uk/planning](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/planning)  
[historicengland.org.uk](http://historicengland.org.uk)

