

Tuesday, 15 September 2026

PLANNING COMMITTEE

A meeting of **Planning Committee** will be held on

Wednesday, 23 September 2026

commencing at **5.30 pm**

The meeting will be held in the Banking Hall, Castle Circus entrance on the left corner of the Town Hall, Castle Circus, Torquay, TQ1 3DR

Members of the Committee

Councillor Brook (Chair)

Councillor Billings

Councillor Mandy Darling

Councillor Fox (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Pentney

Councillor Strang

Councillor Tolchard

Councillor Virdee

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PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**

To receive apologies for absence, including notifications of any changes to the membership of the Committee.

2. **Disclosure of Interests**

- (a) To receive declarations of non pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda.

For reference: Having declared their non pecuniary interest members may remain in the meeting and speak and, vote on the matter in question. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.

- (b) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda.

For reference: Where a Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest he/she must leave the meeting during consideration of the item. However, the Member may remain in the meeting to make representations, answer questions or give evidence if the public have a right to do so, but having done so the Member must then immediately leave the meeting, may not vote and must not improperly seek to influence the outcome of the matter. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.

(Please Note: If Members and Officers wish to seek advice on any potential interests they may have, they should contact Governance Support or Legal Services prior to the meeting.)

3. **Urgent Items**

To consider any other items that the Chair decides are urgent.

4. **7, 7A, 8, 9, 10, 10A, 11, 11A, 12, 13 And 14 The Strand, Torquay and 43, 45, 47 And 55, 57, 59 The Terrace, Torquay** (Pages 5 - 114)

(P/2026/0238)

Redevelopment including demolition of site and partial demolition and alterations to No.8 The Strand to form a hotel (Use Class C1) comprising a building of up to six storeys with rooftop bar / restaurant, ground floor commercial spaces (Use Class E(a) and (b)) along with public realm, highways works, infrastructure, landscaping and associated works.

5. **8 The Strand, Torquay (P/2026/0239)** (Pages 115 - 164)

Alterations to the building including partial demolition of external structures and the roof, internal walls and features including associated works to adjoining structures. Construction of additional storey to roof, formation of new windows and new doors to the northern elevation. Removal of ATM machine and creation of new entry on the south (front) elevation. (See accompanying MPA

P/2026/0238).

Public Speaking

If you wish to speak on any applications shown on this agenda, please contact Governance Support on 207087 or email governance.support@torbay.gov.uk before 11 am on the day of the meeting.

We are using hybrid meeting arrangements to give registered speakers the opportunity to either attend the meeting in person to give their views or to attend the meeting remotely via Zoom. If you would like to attend the meeting remotely to speak you will be provided with a Zoom link to join the meeting. We also ask that you provide a copy of your speech to governance.support@torbay.gov.uk, before 11 am on the day of the meeting, so that the Clerk will be able to continue to read out your speech if you lose connection or cannot be heard in the physical meeting. Remote attendees who lose connection may still be able to follow the meeting via the live stream on the Council's YouTube channel.

Councillors who are not members of the Planning Committee will also be able to join the meeting via Zoom and must use their raise hand function to declare any interests.

Site Visits

If Members consider that site visits are required on any of the applications they are requested to let Governance Support know by 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 16 September 2026. Site visits will then take place prior to the meeting of the Committee at a time to be notified.

Order of Business

The Planning Officer will present the application and outline the recommendation. Registered speakers will then be invited to address the Committee in the following order: those objecting to the application, Neighbourhood Forum representatives, non-Committee Councillors, and those in support, with each speaker allocated up to five minutes.

Members will then have the opportunity to ask questions of the Planning Officer before the Chair opens the item for debate. At the conclusion of the debate, the Chair will seek a proposer and seconder, and the proposal must be stated in full, including any conditions or reasons. The Chair will then confirm with the Planning Officer whether a period of summing up is required.

Live Streaming

To encourage more people to engage in our public meetings the Council is trialling streaming our Planning Committee meetings on our YouTube channel in addition to recording the meetings and publishing the recording on our website. To watch the meeting live please visit <https://www.youtube.com/user/torbaycouncil>.

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