

Recommendation to Council on 19 April 2012	From: Constitution Advisory Group 27 January 2012	Item 11 (iii)
	Amendments to the Ethical Handbook – Site Visit Requests by Members	
1.	Council is asked to approve the following recommendation:-	
	that paragraph 10.2.3 of Part 2 of the Ethical Handbook, relating to site visits by Members, be amended as set out in Appendix A to this report.	
	Background	
2.	The Constitution Advisory Group at its meeting on 27 January 2012 considered amending the Ethical Handbook with regard to Member requests for site visits on planning applications to be considered by the Development Management Committee.	
3.	The Head of Development Management advised that currently there was no requirement for requests for site visits to be supported by any justification.	
4.	Members noted that, whilst site visits by Members could help them understand the full position relating to a planning application, maximum benefit would be achieved if the Member calling for the site visit made clear the factors that had lead to the request. In this way the site visit could be focused to ensure consideration was given to those factors.	
Appendices	Appendix A	Proposed amendments to Part 2 of the Ethical Handbook