

Planning application and appeal:

The planning application was received on 14/1/2020 and the applicant is a local councillor. Following objections being raised with the process, the hearing of the planning application was delayed. The applicant has now appealed to the Secretary of State to ask him to determine the application. The appeal documents show that the Council took advice from a specialist barrister on the correct way to deal with the application but it proposed not to follow that advice because it would make it harder to decide the application in favour of the applicant. We would like to understand why the Council is not prepared to follow the advice of its specialist barrister.