

Motions

The following Motion has been submitted by Councillor Andrew Turpin:-

The process of planning delegation

There are occasions in our planning decision making process when the democratically elected members of the Parish Council and the respective Ward Member/s have disagreed with an officer recommendation. The decision as to whether the issues are fully debated at the Area Committee rest entirely with the Area Chairman.

There are other more specific issues where officers recommend refusal, the Parish Council members, residents, the Ward Member/s are in full support and the statutory consultees have no problem with the application, yet it is possible that the Area Chairman can rule that the application cannot be debated at the Area Committee.

Proposal: With a view to improving our existing system of delegation, facilitated by our Development Control Department, Members review the 'delegation' aspect of the Council's planning decision making process.