

COUNCIL – 26 FEBRUARY 2019

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR D EVERITT TO COUNCILLOR T J PENDLETON

“The reduced Council Planning Committee has been in operation for some time now.

1. How many applications have come before the reduced planning committee since it was formed.
2. How many of the above applications came before the committee because they involved the interests of councillors and officers.
3. How many of the applications submitted were recommended refuse by the planning officers.
4. How many applications submitted were refused by the committee.

Will you please supply the comparable figures for the same period of time during the previous year”.

RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR T J PENDLETON

- “1. The first Planning Committee with numbers of Members reduced to 11 was July 2018 and in the 8 meetings to February 2019, 20 applications have been reported to the Committee.

In the corresponding period July 2017 to February, 38 applications were reported to Planning Committee.

2. From July 2018 to February 2019 there were 5 applications reported to Planning Committee because of interests of members/officers. Of these, one was an officer application and the other four were submitted by the agent, Andrew Large, who is related to a serving Councillor.

In the corresponding period July 2017 to February, seven had officer/member interests. Of these, one was an officer application, four were members applications and two were submitted by the agent, Andrew Large, who is related to a serving Councillor.

3. Of the 20 applications reported to Planning Committee between July 2018 and February 2019, 1 was recommended for refusal.

In the corresponding period July 2017 to February, 8 of the 38 applications were recommended for refusal.

4. Of the 20 applications reported to Planning Committee between July 2018 and February 2019, one was refused by Planning Committee in accordance with the officer recommendation. There were no refusals in this period contrary to officer recommendation.

Of the 8 applications recommended for refusal between July 2017 and February 2018, 4 were refused and 4 permitted contrary to officer recommendation. In addition, Planning Committee refused 7 applications that were recommended for approval. In total Planning Committee refused 11 applications in this period”.