



“Mini” Planning Peer Challenge

Teignbridge District Council

Full Council

23rd November 2020



In February 2020 you resolved

- *To reassure elected members and the general public, the independent Planning Advisory Service (PAS) is invited by Teignbridge Council to review all relevant matters and processes relating to the granting of application 19/00238/MAJ Langford Bridge Farm, Kingskerswell Road, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ12 5LA at the Planning Committee meeting of the 21st January and to report its conclusions to the Council.*
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The team

- **CLlr Bryony Rudkin**, *Deputy Leader Ipswich Council*
- **Bridget Downton** – *Head of Business Insight & Corporate Communications, Dorset Council*
- **Richard Crawley** - *Planning Advisory Service, Peer Challenge Manager*

The process

- Spoke to a number of councillors and officers
 - Listened to the issues of those who were concerned
 - Reviewed a number of documents
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Overarching message(s)

- The decision was made properly
 - The officer's report was good
 - Many of the allegations about it are based on misinterpretation
 - Relationships between some councillors and some officers are challenging
 - Lack of understanding of other's perspective
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Recommendations

- Review size of planning committee?
 - Improve arrangements for site visits
 - One team approach and ownership to planning committee arrangements
 - Tailor arrangements where necessary
 - Joint officer councillor training to cover planning; political awareness – the art of the possible
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