

Appendix 1 – Director’s Criteria for Applications to be determined by Planning Committee and the Strategic Applications Sub-Committee.

(i) Applications where any Elected Member has, prior to the last date for comment as published on an application, made a written request to the Director that the application be referred to the Planning Committee and has given sound and reasonable planning grounds for that request .

(ii) Applications that, within the specified consultation period attract a qualifying objection of either :-

- a) one or more petitions of objection totalling 25 or more individual signatories or
- b) 15 individual objections in writing

unless

the application is being recommended for refusal, in which case, the application shall remain under officer delegated powers. The lead petitioner will be informed of the recommendation to refuse under delegated power.

In order to promote effective decision making and to ensure that meetings of the Committees are managed efficiently, in the event that a lead petitioner or ward councillor do not register their intention to speak to the item at Committee the matter will be taken out of the Committee agenda and revert back to Officer Delegation.

(iii) Any personal/private application made by any Member of the Council, or any member of staff employed in the Council’s Planning Service.

(iv) Any application where an Elected Member is involved in any capacity as an agent or consultant where at least one objection has been received.