

COUNCIL

MEETING OF 18 FEBRUARY 2025

**AGENDA ITEM 6 - QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL
PROCEDURE RULE NO 5.6**

The following question has been asked pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 5.6 by Sharon Page:

- **Question Subject: Costs of Appeal**

At the last Area 2 Planning Committee, Chief Planning Officer James Bailey's reasoning for not accepting the 8;2 majority vote against the application, was on the ground of the cost implication to the council, should the developer appeal any of the grounds for refusal.

It is my understanding that 'costs' must not be a factor in planning decisions. In addition, Mike Taylor council member, stated the significantly substantial cost , running into hundreds of thousands of pounds. The Housing & Planning Scrutiny Select Committee doc of March 2024, highlights the Planning appeal cost to be significantly less than stated.

Therefore, the question is, why is this being used as an excuse for refusal ?

A response will be provided at the meeting by the relevant Member and set out in full in the Minutes.