

## Call-in of a planning application to Planning Committee

In calling in a planning application to planning committee, the member will need to set out, in writing, clear material planning reasons to support their call in. This could have consideration of (but is not limited to) the principle of development, impact on residential or visual amenity, non-compliance with policy or government guidance, design, layout and scale, viability or highways safety concerns.

The Head of Planning, in consultation with the Chairman of the Planning Committee, will have the delegated authority to make a final determination on whether a called-in application is taken to Planning Committee. Considerations that would inform such a decision will include:

- Whether the reason for the call-in relates to the principle of the development, where the principle has already been established (by a previous grant of planning permission and/or Local Plan allocation) and whether any changes in the material planning considerations are identified through the call-in that would justify derogating from the established principle;
- Whether the call-in reason relates to an issue upon which a consultee has been consulted and to which the consultee does not object to the proposal, with no empirical evidence having been presented that contradicts the consultee response;
- Whether it would be possible to impose planning conditions that would address the concern(s) raised and whether the condition(s) would be reasonable to impose and can be agreed by the applicant (where appropriate).
- Whether the planning reasons cited through the call-in are vague and/or imprecise and do not reasonably relate to or engage with the material planning considerations pertinent to the determination of the application.