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Our Ref :
Date 11 August 2017

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Dear Mr Taylor

Complaint: Planning applications 1/0442/2017, 1/0441/2017

Thank you for your letter dated 21 July addressed to our Head of Paid Service, Mrs Jenny Wallace.

Office Hours

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu
8:45am - 5:15pm
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While I note your comments, and can offer a response to some of the allegations you raise, the underlying issue is clearly that permission was refused in relation to both of the above applications. The officer's report on both applications recommended refusal and set out the reasons for reaching that conclusion. While the Plans Committee is free to consider the matter and reach the same or a different conclusion to that of the officer, the ultimate decision must be supported by planning law and policy. In this instance, the Committee agreed with the officer's recommendation and the policy grounds as set out in the officer's report. If the applicant for permission feels that the decision is flawed, then they are able to make an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate.

Head Of Paid Service
Jenny Wallace

In relation to the conduct of the Members of the Plans Committee, the usual route for a complaint of that nature would be the Council's Standards Committee. However, it would be necessary for you to specifically identify the councillors subject to the complaint, and the reasons you consider they have breached the Members Code of Conduct.



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Yours sincerely

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Jamie Hollis
Senior Solicitor