

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT
TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
18th July 2017

Agenda item 5

Application ref. 16/01101/FUL

Land off Meadow Way, Baldwin's Gate

Following the preparation of the main agenda report, Officers have received a copy of a letter from Baldwin's Gate Action Group Number 2 that has been circulated to Members of the Planning Committee. The issues raised are addressed within the main agenda report.

A letter has been received from Sir William Cash MP enclosing an e-mail from Baldwin's Gate Action Group Number 2 requesting the Chairman to agree an adjournment of the hearing of this application by the Planning Committee on Tuesday 18th July. This communication was not directly received by the Chairman. The Group states that it is unable to present a complete argument for its objection to this application due to a failure of the Planning Department to provide information requested in a formal Freedom of Information application made on 7th April on behalf of the Group.

The request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act has now been responded to.

Your Officers' advice on the request for an adjournment (deferral) is that whilst the delay in responding to the FOIA request was both unfortunate and regrettable that delay is not detrimental to the requester's ability, or that of any Group he is a member of - such as BGAG#2, to submit to the Local Planning Authority their views on the planning merits or otherwise of the application (as both he and they have done). With the exception of the consultation responses and public representations, all of which have been available to view on the Council's website since soon after receipt, none of the information sought by the requester is information which the Council is required, by the Town and Country Planning Act, to make available for public inspection, nor is the delay in its provision now a proper or justifiable basis for the Committee not now determining the application.

On this basis the recommendation that is given to the Committee remains that which was provided in the main agenda report