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Subject: FW: Request to redirect application to planning committee - Whitehouse Farm, Archenfield - Barn Egg Unit for Fertile Egg Production - Ref 161600

Dear Cllr Price,

I write to confirm that I considered your request to redirect to committee the above mentioned planning application at a meeting today with the Planning Committee Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the head of service and the lead development manager.

Your request was considered having regard to the 'redirection arrangements' as set out in the Council's Constitution.

On this occasion the decision was that the application shall be referred to Planning Committee as considered against the three criteria as set out in the Constitution.

In relation to the first criterion, I considered that the application raises sensitive and important planning issues because of the nature of the application, its location and the planning history here.

The second criterion was whether the application had attracted an unusually high level of public interest. As a number of letters of both public objection and support have been received, this was considered relevant for the purposes of the constitution, particularly in such a rural and remote area as Archenfield.

The third criterion was whether there had been a recent or significant change in planning policy that would result in a different recommendation. I am of the opinion that this this did not apply to this particular case.

Although I acknowledge that your redirection request was received more than three weeks beyond the date of submission, I have carefully considered this and confirm that a redirection has been allowed having regard to the first and second criteria above.

I hope that this email fully explains the reasoning behind this decision to redirect this to committee.

I will ask Roland Close to keep you updated on the date of the committee hearing.

Regards

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