


## Planning Committee

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<b>Subject:</b>	Decisions of the Planning Inspectorate
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### **DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **That Planning Committee:**

Notes the decisions of the Planning Inspectorate as detailed in the attached appendices.

#### **1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

This report is submitted to inform the Committee of the outcomes of appeals that have been made to the Planning Inspectorate by applicants who were unhappy with the Committee's decision on their application.

#### **2 IMPLICATIONS FOR SANDWELL'S VISION 2030**

The planning process contributes to the following ambitions of the Vision 2030 –

Ambition 7 – We now have many new homes to meet a full range of housing needs in attractive neighbourhoods and close to key transport routes.

Ambition 8 - Our distinctive towns and neighbourhoods are successful centres of community life, leisure and entertainment where people increasingly choose to bring up their families.

Ambition 10 - Sandwell now has a national reputation for getting things done, where all local partners are focused on what really matters in people's lives and communities.

### **3 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 Applicants who disagree with the local authority's decision on their planning application may submit an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. An appeal may also be made where the local authority has failed to determine the application within the statutory timeframe.
- 3.2 Appeals must be submitted within six months of the date of the local authority's decision notice.
- 3.3 Decisions on the following appeals are reported, with further detailed set out in the attached decision notice:-

<b>Application Ref No.</b>	<b>Site Address</b>	<b>Inspectorate Decision</b>
DC/20/64780	91 Lewisham Road Smethwick B66 2DD	Dismissed

## **4 STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no direct implications in terms of the Council's strategic resources.
- 4.2 If the Planning Inspectorate overturns the Committee's decision and grants consent, the Council may be required to pay the costs of such an appeal, for which there is no designated budget.

## **5 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS**

- 5.1 The Planning Committee has delegated powers to determine planning applications within current Council policy.
- 5.2 Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 gives applicants a right to appeal when they disagree with the local authority's decision on their application, or where the local authority has failed to determine the application within the statutory timeframe.

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