#### READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

#### REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT & NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO: PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: 27 JUNE 2018 AGENDA ITEM: 5

TITLE: PLANNING APPEALS

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#### PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF REPORT

1.1 To report notifications received from the Planning Inspectorate on the status of various planning appeals.

#### 2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That you note the appeals received and the method of determination as listed in Appendix 1 of this report.
- 2.2 That you note the appeals decided as listed in Appendix 2 of this report.
- 2.3 That you note the Planning Officers reports on appeal decisions provided in Appendix 3 of this report.

#### 3. INFORMATION PROVIDED

- 3.1 Please see Appendix 1 of this report for new appeals lodged since the last committee.
- 3.2 Please see Appendix 2 of this report for new appeals decided since the last committee.
- 3.3 Please see Appendix 3 of this report for new Planning Officers reports on appeal decisions since the last committee.

#### 4. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

4.1 Defending planning appeals made against planning decisions contributes to producing a sustainable environment and economy within the Borough and to meeting the 2015 -18 Corporate Plan objective for "Keeping the town clean, safe, green and active."

#### 5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

5.1 Planning decisions are made in accordance with adopted local development plan policies, which have been adopted by the Council following public consultation. Statutory consultation also takes place on planning applications and appeals and this can have bearing on the decision reached by the Secretary of State and his Inspectors. Copies of appeal decisions are held on the public Planning Register.

#### 6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 Where appropriate the Council will refer in its appeal case to matters connected to its duties Under the Equality Act 2010, Section 149, to have due regard to the need to—
  - eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
  - advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
  - foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

#### 7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Public Inquiries are normally the only types of appeal that involve the use of legal representation. Only applicants have the right to appeal against refusal or non-determination and there is no right for a third party to appeal a planning decision.

## 8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Public Inquiries and Informal Hearings are more expensive in terms of officer and appellant time than the Written Representations method. Either party can be liable to awards of costs. Guidance is provided in Circular 03/2009 "Cost Awards in Appeals and other Planning Proceedings".

# 9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 Planning Appeal Forms and letters from the Planning Inspectorate.

# **APPENDIX 1**

# Appeals Lodged:

WARD: MINSTER

APPEAL NO: APP/E0345/Z/18/3193852

CASE NO: 171582

ADDRESS: Land at A33 Relief Rd, Rose Kiln Lane PROPOSAL: 48 sheet digital advertising board

CASE OFFICER: Claire Ringwood

METHOD: Written Representation

APPEAL TYPE: REFUSAL OF ADVERTISING CONSENT

APPEAL LODGED: 18<sup>TH</sup> May 2018

WARD: KENTWOOD

APPEAL NO: APP/E0345/D/18/3202378

CASE NO: 180057

ADDRESS: 12 Lower Armour Road, PROPOSAL: First floor rear extension

CASE OFFICER: Tom Hughes

METHOD: Written Representation Householder

APPEAL TYPE: REFUSAL

APPEAL LODGED: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018

WARD: REDLANDS

APPEAL NO: APP/E0345/W/18/3198514

CASE NO: 171954

ADDRESS: 3-5 Craven Road

PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment to form

25 Retirement Living units (C3 use) for older persons with communal facilities, parking and associated landscaping.

CASE OFFICER: Stephen Vigar METHOD: Informal Hearing

APPEAL TYPE: REFUSAL

APPEAL LODGED: 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## **APPENDIX 2**

# **Appeals Decided:**

WARD: ABBEY

APPEAL NO: APP/E0345/W/17/3190722

CASE NO: 161430

ADDRESS: 179 Oxford Road, Reading

PROPOSAL: Rear extension to second floor to enlarge 2x1 bedroom flats

on approved application ref: 11/01564/FUL into 2x2

bedroom flats.

CASE OFFICER: Ethne Humphreys

METHOD: Written Representation

DECISION: ALLOWED DATE DETERMINED: 25/05/2018

WARD: ABBEY

APPEAL NO: APP/E0345/W/17/3189394

CASE NO: 170975

ADDRESS: 48 Watlington St

PROPOSAL: Part single- part two-storey rear extension and conversion

of enlarged existing HMO to form a six-person HMO above a

self-contained basement flat.

CASE OFFICER: Richard Eatough

METHOD: Written Representation

DECISION: DISMISSED DATE DETERMINED: 01.06.2018

## **APPENDIX 3**

Address Index of Planning Officers reports on appeal decisions.

No reports available this time.