

## **First Draft**

### **Speech to SC Constitution and Governance Committee**

**30 Jan 2023**

Good morning – my name is Nick Hall. I live in Pilton. In May I was elected as a Parish Councillor. Today I am speaking in a personal capacity owing to the quick turnaround.

It is possible that one or more planning applications for our Parish may be determined by your Council very shortly after vesting day.

I note the formation of a Strategic Planning board and four Area Planning sub-committees. There is much interest in the rules for determining an application in particular the officer scheme of delegation and the rules for the Area Planning sub-committees.

Under Agenda Item 5 – Appendix 2: Committee Structure and Procedure Rules I note that the Planning and Licensing functions have their own rules.

Under Agenda Item 8 – Appendix 2: Planning Committee Procedure Rules I would like to make the following points:

3.1 Planning applications cannot be delegated from the Strategic Planning Committee until a definition of ‘major’ development is agreed upon. It is my assertion that any development which exceeds say [50] Ha should be considered ‘major’.

7.18 The term “two working days” needs clarifying and I believe that it is rather long.

7.19 It is unacceptable, and probably contrary to the Human Rights Act, for the parish councillors, objectors and supports to be so severely limited in time by introducing a shared 3 minute time limit.

I also have some concerns about 8.6, 8.7 and 8.8. Also there should be a transitional arrangement to the Divisional Members. For example if there are substantial changes to an application on 20 March 2023 is the existing Ward Member responsible for referral or the new SC Divisional Member?

**ENDS**