

**Somerset Council – Decisions taken by the Planning Committee - East on Tuesday, 7 January 2025**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<p><b>A4</b></p>	<p>Planning Application 2023/0864/FUL - Land at 377700 149200, Packsaddle Way, Frome, Somerset</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That planning application <b>2023/0867/FUL</b> be <b>REFUSED</b> contrary to the Officer's recommendation for the following reasons:</p> <p>The site is located outside of the housing development limit and is therefore contrary to the settlement strategy, as outlined in Policies CP1 (Mendip Spatial Strategy), CP2 (Supporting the Provision of New Housing) and CP4 (Sustaining Rural Communities) of the Mendip District Local Plan Part I. As the Council cannot currently demonstrate a 5-year housing land supply, the presumption in favour of sustainable development applies, as outlined in the National Planning Policy Framework. Although the site is adjacent to the settlement of Frome, the harms of the proposal would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits. Harms include the principle of the proposal and being contrary to Policy DP1 (Local Identity and Distinctiveness), Policy DP4 (Mendip's Landscapes) and Part 1 of Policy DP16 (Open Space and Green Infrastructure) of the Mendip District Local Plan Part I. As such, the proposal is not considered to constitute sustainable development and is contrary to Policies CP1, CP2, CP4, DP1, DP4 and Part 1 of DP16 of the Mendip District Local Plan Part I and the National Planning Policy Framework.</p> <p><b>Votes – 6 for, 3 against, 2 abstentions</b></p>
<p><b>A5</b></p>	<p>Planning Application 2021/1226/FUL - Rear of 16 High Street, Shepton Mallet, Somerset</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That planning application <b>2021/1226/FUL</b> be <b>REFUSED</b> in accordance with the Officer's recommendation.</p>

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<b>A6</b>	Planning Application 2022/0669/FUL - The Lodge, Little Pennard Lane, East Pennard, Somerset	<b>RESOLVED</b>  That planning application <b>2022/0669/FUL</b> be <b>REFUSED</b> in accordance with the Officer's recommendation.  <b>Votes – Unanimous</b>
<b>A7</b>	Planning Application 2024/1408/FUL - Land West of Mount Pleasant Farm, Murtry Hill Lane, Buckland Dinham, Frome, Somerset	<b>RESOLVED</b>  That planning application <b>2024/1408/FUL</b> be <b>REFUSED</b> in accordance with the Officer's recommendation.  <b>Votes – 6 for, 3 against, 2 abstentions</b>
<b>A8</b>	Planning Application 2024/1319/FUL - Land at 379869 148317, Styles Hill to Berkley Cross, Rodden, Frome, Somerset	<b>RESOLVED</b>  That planning application <b>2024/1319/FUL</b> be <b>APPROVED</b> contrary to the Officer's recommendation as a departure to the development plan as, taking into account the location of the site, the proposed re-use of a rural building and the contribution towards the housing supply, it was deemed that the harms of the proposal did not significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits. That delegated authority be given to Officers to issue the permission subject to advertising the application as a departure and the imposition of necessary planning conditions.  <b>Votes – 9 for, 1 against, 1 abstention</b>

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<b>A9</b>	Planning Application 2024/0607/FUL - Land South of Corner Cottage, Blackey Lane to Withey Lane, Neighbourne, Shepton Mallet, Somerset	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That planning application <b>2024/0607/FUL</b> be <b>REFUSED</b> in accordance with the Officer’s recommendation.</p> <p><b>Votes – Unanimous</b></p>