

*The following guidance note has been issued by the Monitoring Officer to provide further advice on the operation of the Member-Call In procedure.*

### **Planning Protocol – Member Call-In (Additional Guidance Note)**

Where a Member is **concerned about an application** and feels there are sufficient planning/probity grounds, they are advised to call it in irrespective of whether they think it will be refused or not (using a precautionary principle).

This is on the basis that an applicant is likely to come forward with amendments to satisfy planning concerns. As a consequence an application that may seem unlikely to succeed at the outset may be amended to the extent it has a realistic chance of being accepted.

If a Member does not agree with the original application there is a chance they will not agree with the amended version.

A call-in can always be 'called off' if amendments are:

- (i) Acceptable to the Member or
- (ii) If the application is refused by the officer acting under their delegation.

When a Member is **satisfied with an application** but changes are subsequently made that the Member is not satisfied with there will be grounds for considering the 'exceptional circumstances' clause.

This is likely to be a rare occurrence since amendments usually reduce scale, impact etc. rather than increase it.

A call-in using this clause would have to be justified in respect of the **'amendments only'** since the original application was not called-in.