

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 7 FEBRUARY 2019

PART 5

Report of the Head of Planning

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Decisions by County Council and Secretary of State, reported for information

- **Item 5.1 - Collington Farm House, Ashford Road, Badlesmere**

PLANNING AND LISTED BUILDING APPEALS DISMISSED

Observations

The decisions support the Council's Local Plan and highlight the need to favour other uses rather than residential use for isolated rural buildings. The decisions also touch on the fact that the optimal use for a heritage asset is not always the most viable use, but the one that causes least harm. Finally, the decision refers to the harm arising from separation of groups of listed buildings and the impact that can have on their setting, character and historic interest.

- **Item 5.2 – 1 Westwood Court Cottages, Westwood Court, Sheldwich**

APPEAL ALLOWED

DELEGATED REFUSAL

Observations

The decision to grant these front facing dormer windows is contrary to the Council's adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance. The Inspector accepts that the dormers would be prominent in the relatively shallow roof slopes, and not in accordance with the Council's guidance, but appears to have based his acceptance of them on the remoteness of the property, despite the fact that a public footpath runs right past the property.

- **Item 5.3 – 12 Easton Drive, Sittingbourne**

APPEAL DISMISSED

DELEGATED REFUSAL

Observations

The Inspector agreed with the Council's reason for refusal that the proposed parking arrangement would harm highway safety and convenience.