

**PLANNING COMMITTEE – 4 APRIL 2019**

**PART 5**

Report of the Head of Planning

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

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- **Item 5.1 – Former Doubleday Lodge, Glebe Lane, Sittingbourne**

**APPEALS ALLOWED / AWARD OF COSTS REFUSED**

**COMMITTEE REFUSAL**

**Observations**

The Inspector recognised that this was a finely balanced case. It was considered that due to unanticipated costs since starting the development and in light of the viability evidence to support this, the development is unviable. Therefore, when this was taken into account along with the likely delivery of affordable housing, the Inspector concluded that this outweighed the harm that would be caused by not providing contributions towards health services, education and open space which had been previously agreed under the original proposal.

In refusing the application for an award of costs against the Council, it was considered that the Council had not behaved unreasonably on the grounds that substantive evidence had been provided in refusing the application, albeit, that a different conclusion had been reached to the Inspector.