

**PLANNING COMMITTEE – 13 AUGUST 2015**

**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 – Swanton Croft, Swanton Street, Bredgar**

**APPEAL ALLOWED**

**Observations**

A most disappointing decision that permits a substantial extension to a replacement dwelling where the Council withdrew permitted rights for further extensions in order to restrain development in the AONB, and which will result in cumulative harm to the countryside. Strangely the Inspector appears to blame the Council for allowing the replacement dwelling, and then compounds the harm he alleges by allowing a further extension. He also refers to relaxation of permitted development rights that do not apply in AONBs, no doubt for a good reason.

- **Item 5.2 – Little Norwood Farm, Parsonage Lane, Bobbing**

**APPEAL ALLOWED**

**Observations**

The Council’s decision on the application the subject of this appeal predates recent changes in legislation and national planning guidance, which fundamentally undermined the Council’s case here. As such, it is unsurprising that the appeal has been allowed.

- **Item 5.3 – Parklands Village, The Broadway, Minster**

**APPEAL DISMISSED**

**Observations**

A good decision that supports all of the reasons for refusal given by the Council.

- **Item 5.4 – Land Adj 71 South Road, Faversham**

**APPEAL ALLOWED**

**Observations**

Another very poor decision from the same Inspector who decided item 5.1 above, taking a very narrow view on matters of conservation and on circumstances pertaining on the day he visited. This development has long been resisted and refusals of other schemes nearby involving loss of open spaces within the conservation area have been upheld.