



Meeting	Full Council
Date	Wednesday 3 September 2025
Report Title	25.077
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Clerk has spoken with John Chaplin, SDC Major Planning Team Manager and lead officer for the persimmon's application. He confirmed that he had spent over two hours meeting with the Planning Inspector to discuss the site in detail. He asked whether a representative from Cam Parish Council would be attending the appeal hearings, and I confirmed that we would be present

I also noted that, following the decision made by the Development Control Committee, we are confident that all of our concerns and priorities had been clearly put forward. Mr. Chaplin acknowledged this and confirmed that his recommendation is to approve the planning application, with the points raised by the Parish Council **to be considered**. We therefore **must** attend the hearings to reiterate and reinforce our points. However, it will be at the inspectors discretion whether he allows us to speak.

On a related note, the planning application S.21/1913/OUT which is for the Robert Hitchings site has had significant updates on the planning portal and it does appear that these developers are also looking to proceed. This is encouraging as the spine road and access from the A4135 is part of this application.

The appeal hearings are scheduled to take place on the following dates:

- 7th October – starting at 9:30am
- 8th, 9th, and 10th October – starting at 10:00am
- 14th and 15th October – starting at 10:00am
- 20th October online session for closing arguments only

The outcome is estimated to be decided by late November/ early December.