

## **Council – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

### **Notice of Motion**

#### **Development Control Committee – Southend City Council Planning Applications**

Southend City Council applies for a planning application, This is called into development control for Southend City councillors to decide the outcome. This makes an application difficult to query any issues if that is required. Nobody should be marking their own homework. No transparency. Therefore I request that any application from our Southend City Council should not be heard by our Southend development control committee but an alternative method to be agreed. For example, a neighbouring authority.  
I lay out my skeleton case.

Our Southend City Council in a recent development control meeting put forward an application.

The application was designed by Southend City Council officers, Southend City architectural department placed the application to planning department of Southend city council and reviewed by Southend City Council planning officers. Presented to the development control by Southend City Council officers and recommended for approval by Southend City Council officers. Supported at development control by Southend city Council housing and asset senior officer.

The example is just one case.

Other examples our Southend City Council officers have also put. Applications for electric charging points in parks, cycle shed in parks that our Southend City Council Officers simple have allowed as permitted development and therefore no process for querying.

#### **This Council therefore:**

To sum up I request that any application from our Southend City Council should not be heard by our Southend development control committee but an alternative method to be agreed.

Proposer: Cllr S Ayles

Seconders: Cllr Murphy and Cllr Wakefield