

Motion proposed by John Lodge, Leader of R4U – Council Meeting 17th December 2015

The Council has a duty to support the valid decisions of its Quasi-Judicial Planning Committee. The Planning Committee refused an application by Kier Homes for 300 dwellings off Thaxted Road in Saffron Walden and the applicant appealed to the Planning Inspector. A decision was taken then by UDC not to defend the Planning Committee's decision at the subsequent hearing of the Planning Inspectorate on the basis that there were no grounds for refusal. At the hearing, Saffron Walden Town Council successfully defended the decision of the Planning Committee. The cost to SWTC was £47,000 and the motion is that UDC reimburses SWTC from the reserves set aside to cover such appeals.