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Proposal: Outline for a mixed development of 30 dwellings, commercial buildings, access, public open space, landscaping, and associated works

Location: Land at NGR 303116 110179 (NE of Rydon House) Willand Devon

On 31 January 2018 councillors on the planning committee voted to refuse this application by 10 votes to 1. As they went against the advice of their officers they have to consider an implication report from the officers and vote again when some, or all, may change their minds. The implications report by the officer is now on the planning committee agenda website where he still argues for them to approve and lists the reasons and argues it may cost money to stand their ground.

There is now one problem in that the applicant has appealed to the Planning Inspectorate against MDDC for non-determination of the application. Decisions should normally take 13 weeks unless an extension is agreed. Officers had the application in April 2017, the last recorded contact with the applicant was in May 2017 so did not make a decision until 9 months had passed. They were waiting for the appeal decision to be made on the application for 259 houses.

Committee will still make their decision on 28 February 2018 meeting but as an appeal has been lodged the decision will not matter other than to help the Inspector with his deliberations. The Parish Council, nor Ward Councillors, will be permitted to speak BUT we can all turn up and ask questions during public question time as we did last time. We may not get answers but some councillors will listen and consider what we have asked. PLEASE COME for 1400 to register.