

I will speak to these tonight, this is for ease of the minutes, thanks. Charlotte.

25/2502/ FUL Redundant Barn adjacent to Burnthouse Cottage - I attended a planning committee meeting to argue in favour of this. Many on the committee seemed persuaded of my arguments. However, there was an issue with the ecological survey not being complete (a red line in planning acceptability terms), and the committee decided to defer its decision pending a site visit with EDDC officers. This deferral should give the applicant time to complete the ecological survey to a satisfactory standard. I await a date for the site visit. The application will come back to committee following that visit for a decision.

The matter of alleged illegal waste sorting continues at Rydon Orchard, I have escalated this among some other planning enforcement issues and requested it be prioritised. I believe the issue has been ongoing for eighteen months now. We have a problem with under-resourcing of our planning enforcement function at East Devon, which is frustrating for all. I therefore intend to refer the function to our Scrutiny committee to see if the council can find ways to improve the function, in the absence of central government support.

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