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## **BRADFORD COUNCIL PLANNING APPLICATION 20/02933/MAF**

**Planning application number:** 20/02933/MAF

Dear Secretary of State

I am writing to you to ask you to call in the planning application referenced above decided by Bradford Council on 28 September 2021.

The reason for this is as follows:

**Bradford Council inappropriately used delegated powers to allow officers to decide this application rather than a planning committee.**

Planning Officers have claimed that because this application was similar to a 2018 application (17/06074/MAF) to build 114 houses which was approved, there was therefore no need for this decision to be made by a public planning committee.

However the most recent planning application is for a much smaller site (the site from the 2018 has been divided in two) and in the meantime another application 20/00174/MAF for the other half of the site was refused.

As such this justification has not been satisfied and it was not appropriate for this decision to be delegated.

**By delegating this decision to planning officers, it has deprived councillors from effectively scrutinising an application at a site where some applications have been refused.**

As a ward councillor I also requested that this application be decided by planning committee but was told that as the decision to defer had already been made, my request was not accepted.

I am incredibly frustrated that in this instance Bradford Council has made this important decisions in a way that blatantly ignore the views of local residents and a ward councillor elected by those residents.

Many thanks for your consideration and I trust you will make the correct decision.

**Matt Edwards**

Ward Councillor

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