



Report to Planning Committee 5 June 2025

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Report Summary	
Report Title	Annual Report detailing the exempt reports considered by the Planning Committee
Purpose of Report	To consider the list of the exempt business considered by the Planning Committee for the period 1 March 2024 to date and which if any, reports can be released into the public domain.
Recommendations	That the report be noted, with any items being released into the public domain if considered no longer exempt by report authors.

1.0 Background

1.1 The Councillors' Commission at its meeting held on 25 September 2014 proposed a number of changes to the Constitution, one of which being that 'the Committees undertake an annual review of their exempt items at their last meeting prior to the Annual Meeting in May', this was ratified by the Council on 14 October 2014.

1.2 Members will be aware that, they have the opportunity to request under the Access to Information Procedure Rules, that exempt information should be released into the public domain if there are substantive reasons to do so.

2.0 Proposal/Options Considered and Reasons for Recommendation

2.1 Officers have been requested to consider if any reports could now be released into the public domain or if the information contained in these reports remains confidential.

2.2 The following table provides the exempt business considered by the Planning Committee for the period 1 March 2024 to date:

Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Exempt Paragraph	Opinion of Report Author as to current status of the report
28 May 2024	Implications of new evidence on pending planning appeals in relation to applications: 22/00975/FULM - Construction of a solar farm, access and all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure at Land At Knapthorpe Lodge, Hockerton Road, Caunton, Newark On Trent, NG23 6AZ (Knapthorpe Lodge); and 22/00976/FULM - Construction of a solar farm, access and all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure at Field Reference Number 2227, Hockerton Road, Caunton (Muskham Wood)	3 & 5	Open
11 July 2024	Whether the Council wishes to defend the appeal which has been accepted by the Planning Inspectorate by way of a hearing for the refused application (against officer recommendation) by Members relating to: 22/02341/OUT – Holly Court Rolleston - Outline application for erection of two detached dwellings and the re-alignment of Rolleston Public Footpath no.5 with all matters reserved except access	3 & 5	Open

2.3 The reasons these items were both exempt originally was to ensure no prejudice to the Council's defence during appeal proceedings. Officers consider that both exempt items can be made public as the relevant appeal processes have been completed and decisions issued. Both decisions are beyond the timescales for judicial review furthermore.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Nil.