

Ward Members Statement – Station Rd North Appeal 14.07.24

Stalbridge Town Council as a consultee objected to the application to build 160 properties on land north of Station Road with Dorset Council who are the authorised planning authority for the county.

Dorset Council took the decision to refuse the initial application from which the land agent (Gladmans) then appealed against the decision made.

Ward councillors and a Stalbridge Town Council councillor participated at the subsequent legal appeal hearing between Dorset Council and Gladmans, chaired by an independent Inspector from HM Government. All three councillors delivered strong and robust arguments for why the rejected application should stand, highlighting national, county and local problems with the application, along with planning and legal representation from Dorset Council.

James Vitali our Ward Councillor is seeking urgent clarification as to whether Dorset Council intends to challenge the Inspectors decision and, will advise once he has been able to meet with the planning department.

At this stage it would be inappropriate for us to make further comment. Thank you.