

SITE INSPECTIONS HELD ON 14 JULY 2016

- (i) **0436/16/COU** Change of use from private garage (C3) to furniture shop (A1) - Kingswood, Castle Road, Okehampton, EX20 1HX

Present: Cllrs Sanders, Benson, Cann OBE, Hockridge, Moyse, Pearce

Ward Member: Cllr Stephens

Town Council representative: Cllr Leech

Applicant: Miss Monika Pieprzyk

Supporter: Mr Sean Kelly

Officers: Planning Specialists (TJ, MJ, TF), Senior Case Manager (KT)

The Chairman began the site inspection with introductions. The Case Officer outlined the application. It was confirmed that the French doors that had been constructed did not need permission. The Case Officer clarified the area that was the subject of the application, and how the area in front of the property was able to be used for parking. The Group then entered the premises to assess the area of the proposal.

The Town Council representative expressed concerns about congestion along the highway which was very busy, particularly with traffic heading towards the Castle. The local Ward Member noted the distance from the town centre and the number of available retail units in the town. He confirmed that he did not support the proposal.

The Chairman then concluded the site inspection.