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Preface Note

High Court Judgment

Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council v Secretary of State for Housing, Communities, and Local Government [2021] EWHC 1082 (Admin)

The Judgment is relevant because it confirms that correct approach to assessing whether Very Special Circumstances exist.

The key proposition is: the assessment of VSC requires a single exercise of planning judgement. It is not an artificially sequenced two-stage process and should not be approached in an inflexible, quasi-mathematical way.

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