

**DECISION ON PLANNING AND ENFORCEMENT APPEALS
- QUARTERLY REPORT -**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To provide Members with the quarterly update covering performance for the period 1 July 2016 – 30 September 2016

2. REPORT

2.1 The Schedule is attached at Appendix 1 for the period 1 July 2016 – 30 September 2016 (Planning and Enforcement).

| | Valid appeals started in system at beginning of period | New valid appeals started | Appeals decided (or withdrawn / closed / invalid) | Valid appeals started in system at end of period |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|--|---|
| 1 Jul – 30 Sept | 22 | 18 | 21 | 19 |

2.2 For all appeals decided this quarter, the outcomes were as follows:-

| | Allowed | Dismissed | Total | Withdrawn / Closed | Invalid | Split |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1 Jul – 30 Sept | 2 | 18 | 20 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | 10% | 90% | | | | |

2.3 BVPI 204 was not retained as a new National Indicator although it has been retained as one of our local indicators. BVPI 204 was quite specific over which appeals it covers and for example does not include enforcement, advertisement, lawful development certificate, permitted development, hedge and tree appeals, this is reflected in the table below.

| | Allowed | Dismissed | Total | Withdrawn / Closed | Invalid | Split |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1 Jul – 30 Sept | 2 | 17 | 19 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | 11% | 89% | | | | |

2.4 For all appeals decided over the last 4 quarters, the outcomes were as follows:-

| 2015/16 | Allowed | Dismissed | Total | Withdrawn / Closed | Invalid | Split |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1 Oct – 31 Dec | 10 | 7 | 17 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 Jan – 31 Mar | 3 | 9 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 Apr – 30 Jun | 2 | 11 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 Jul – 30 Sept | 2 | 18 | 20 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 17 | 45 | 62 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| | 27% | 73% | | | | |

This data shows that for the third quarter of 2016 10% of all appeals were allowed. For the 12 month period to 30 September 2016 an average of 27% of all appeals

were allowed. This is below the traditional national average figure of 36% of all appeals allowed. With regard to withdrawals it should be noted that appeals can be withdrawn at any time, even after the statements have been exchanged or the appeal heard but whilst the Inspector's decision is awaited. At that stage the LPA has undertaken all the work but without any commensurate result.

- 2.5 All decisions are viewable on the councils web site located on the planning appeals page and are e-mailed directly to the ward member, Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Appeal documentation for applications made in 2004 onwards can also be viewed on Public Access using the planning application search facility.

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