

## 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 April 2015 – 30 June 2015

### 2. REPORT

- 2.1 The Schedule is attached at Appendix 1 for the period 1 April 2015 – 30 June 2015 (Planning and Enforcement).

	<b>Appeals in system at beginning of period</b>	<b>New appeals received</b>	<b>Appeals decided (or withdrawn / invalid)</b>	<b>Appeals in system at end of period</b>
1 Apr – 30 Jun	23	13	11	25

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

	<b>Allowed</b>	<b>Dismissed</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>	<b>Invalid</b>	<b>Split</b>
1 Apr – 30 Jun	4	7	11	0	0	0
	<b>36%</b>	<b>64%</b>				

- 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, hedge and tree appeals, this is reflected in the table below.

	<b>Allowed</b>	<b>Dismissed</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>	<b>Invalid</b>	<b>Split</b>
1 Apr – 30 Jun	4	7	11	0	0	0
	<b>36%</b>	<b>64%</b>				


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

<b>2014/15</b>	<b>Allowed</b>	<b>Dismissed</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>	<b>Invalid</b>	<b>Split</b>
1 Jul – 30 Sept	1	10	11	1	0	0
1 Oct – 31 Dec	5	9	14	0	0	0
1 Jan – 31 Mar	5	7	12	0	0	1
1 Apr – 30 Jun	4	7	11	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>31%</b>	<b>69%</b>				

This data shows that for the second quarter of 2015 36% of all appeals were allowed. For the 12 month period to 30 June 2015 an average of 31% of all appeals were allowed. This is below the traditional national average figure of around 33% 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 With regard to withdrawals it should be noted that appeals can be withdrawn at any time, even after the statements have been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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