



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**Planning Control Committee
2 September 2010**

ITEM 8

Report of the Director of Planning and
Transportation

Development Control Performance Quarter April-June 2010

SUMMARY

1. This report gives details of our statistical performance reported to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) on decisions made during the period April-June 2010.

RECOMMENDATION

2. To note the report.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 Our performance levels are shown on the tables in 3.2. Members should be aware that there are some categories of application that are not included in the DCLG return. These include:
 - Applications for works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order or within a Conservation Area
 - Applications by Telecommunications operators for Prior Notification determination
 - Applications for Prior Notification of proposed demolition
 - Applications for Hazardous Substances Consent
 - Applications for Discharge of/Compliance with conditions of a previous permission
 - Applications for Non-material amendments
 - Applications called-in for determination by the Secretary of State
 - Application that are withdrawn, or finally disposed of.

3.2

Type	Government Target	Apr –June 2010 Actual Performance (change from previous quarter)
Major	60% in 13 weeks	67% (+7%)
Minor	65% in 8 weeks	75% (+29%)
Other	80% in 8 weeks	77% (+14%)
Total Number Determined	-	353
Total Number Received	-	359

Type	Number of applications determined by category
Major: Residential	4
Offices/Light industrial	1
General industrial/warehousing	0
Retail and distribution	0
Gypsy and Traveller pitches	0
Others	1
Total	6

Minor: Residential	29
Offices/Light industrial	3
General industrial/warehousing	4
Retail and distribution	11
Gypsy and Traveller pitches	0
Others	34
Total	81

Others: Minerals	0
Change of use	22
Householder	199 (of these 80% in 8 weeks)
Advertisements	21
Listed Building Consent	8
Conservation Area Consent	0
Cert. of Lawful development	12
Notifications	0
Total	262

3.3 Of all the decisions made, 95% were made under delegated powers in this period.

- 3.4 Members will be aware of the fact that the Development Control Section remained understaffed in this period due to three Planning Officers posts being vacant. In addition, one of the remaining officers was seconded to work within another section, on a part time basis, for part of this period, and an admin team post (part time) was also vacant, due to adoption leave. As a result, the workload for each of the remaining officers is above the 150 applications recommended per year and this is despite the number of applications received being lower than in the previous year.

In terms of managing the section I am actively monitoring the income, workload and performance to seek to achieve an acceptable balance. I have also embarked on a structural review to enable more focus on prompt delivery and to exceed customer expectations. In this respect members will note that the bulk of our workload is dealing with Householder applications where we dealt with 80% within the 8 week target figure.

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Background papers:	Communities and Local Government Statistical Release – Planning
List of appendices:	Applications Appendix 1 – Implications

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1.1 None.

Legal

2.1 None.

Personnel

3.1 None.

Equalities Impact

4.1 None.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5.1 Our performance levels in dealing with planning applications have implications for delivering excellent services, performances and value for money (priority).