



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**Planning Control Committee**  
**21 October 2010**

Report of the Director of Planning and  
Transportation

# ITEM 8

## **Development Control Performance** **Quarter July-September 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 July-Sep 2010.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2 To note the report.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3 The report is for information.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 4.1 Our performance levels are shown on the tables in 4.2. 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  - Application that are withdrawn, or finally disposed of.

4.2

	Government Target	Local Target	Jul –Sept 2010 Actual Performance (change from previous quarter)
Major	60% in 13 weeks	70%	42% (-25%)
Minor	65% in 8 weeks	80%	80% (+5%)
Other	80% in 8 weeks	85%	86% (+9%)
Total Number Determined	-		379
Total Number Received	-		320

Type	Number of applications determined by category
<b>Major:</b> Residential	5
Offices/Light industrial	2
General industrial/warehousing	0
Retail and distribution	0
Gypsy and Traveller pitches	0
Others	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>

<b>Minor:</b> Residential	25
Offices/Light industrial	6
General industrial/warehousing	4
Retail and distribution	17
Gypsy and Traveller pitches	0
Others	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Others:</b> Minerals	0
Change of use	32
Householder	182
Advertisements	35
Listed Building Consent	16
Conservation Area Consent	1
Cert. of Lawful development	11
Notifications	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>277</b>

4.3 Of the decisions made in this statistical return, 93% were made under delegated powers.

4.4 Members will be aware of the fact that the Development Control team in the Development Management Section remained understaffed in this period due to three Planning Officers posts being vacant, a fourth Officer reducing his contracted hours and a part-time admin team post having adoption leave. As a result, the workload for each of the remaining officers is above the 150 applications recommended per year.

- 4.5 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. In this category, 'Others', we dealt with 91% of this type of application within the 8 week target figure. Members should note that the percentage performance figure for Major applications does fluctuate because of the much lower number of actual applications, and because of their complexity.
- 4.6 Members should be aware that, as part of the review indicated in 4.5, and as part of the Council's Transformation Agenda, 3 Planning Officer posts and 1.5 Admin posts, previously vacant, have now been deleted.

<b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>
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5. None

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

<b>Legal officer</b>	-
<b>Financial officer</b>	-
<b>Human Resources officer</b>	-
<b>Service Director(s)</b>	08 November 2010
<b>Other(s)</b>	-

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<b>Background papers:</b>	Communities and Local Government Statistical Release – Planning
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 – Implications

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

1      None.

**Legal**

2      None.

**Personnel**

3      None.

**Equalities Impact**

4      None.

**Health and Safety**

5      None.

**Carbon commitment**

6      None

**Value for money**

7      None

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

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