



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**PLANNING CONTROL COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 2010**

ITEM 6

Report of the Assistant Director - Regeneration

Development Control Performance Quarter October-December 2009

RECOMMENDATION

1. To note the report.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 This report gives details of our statistical performance reported to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) on decisions made during the period October-December 2009.
- 2.2 Our performance levels are shown on the table in 2.3. 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 - Application that are withdrawn, or finally disposed of.

I estimate that this group of applications would total around 150 for this quarter.

2.3	Type	Government Target	Oct-Dec 2009 Actual Performance (change from previous quarter)
	Major	60% in 13 weeks	87% (+27%)
	Minor	65% in 8 weeks	66% (-15%)
	Other	80% in 8 weeks	81% (-4%)
	Total Number Determined	-	347
	Total Number Received	-	315

	Number of applications determined by category	
Major: Residential	7	
Offices/Light industrial	1	
General industrial/warehousing	1	
Retail and distribution	1	
Gypsy and Traveller pitches	0	
Others	6	
Total	15	
Minor: Residential	39	
Offices/Light industrial	2	
General industrial/warehousing	2	
Retail and distribution	13	
Gypsy and Traveller pitches	0	
Others	37	
Total	93	
Others: Minerals	0	
Change of use	20	
Householder	180	
Advertisements	27	
Listed Building Consent	7	
Conservation Area Consent	2	
Cert. of Lawful development	2	
Notifications	0	
Total	230	

- 2.3 Of all the decisions made, 90% were made under delegated powers in this period.
- 2.4 Members should note that in this period the Development Control Section remained understaffed due to the absence of a Principal Planning Officer on long term sickness, and two Planning Officers posts being vacant. As a result, the workload for each officer is above the 150 applications recommended per year and this is despite the number of applications received being lower than in the previous year. I am actively monitoring the income, workload and performance to seek to achieve an acceptable balance.
- 2.5 Nevertheless the team have managed to meet the government performance targets for another quarter which reflects well on customer delivery and the Council as a whole.

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None.

Legal

2. None.

Personnel

3. None.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

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