

Development Services/ Planning Policy – Service Area Risk Register – February 2006

(Note: **Bold** text indicates that the risk has been assessed as being above the Council's tolerance line on the prioritisation matrix and therefore needing further attention to manage the risk. Service managers need to prepare management action plans for these risks.)

No	Rating	Vulnerability	Trigger	Consequence
1	B2	Need for travellers' sites to accommodate their needs	Council fails to identify sufficient sites/appropriate sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued breaches of control and expensive direct action
2	B3	Council has standards status for major applications	Loss of experienced staff/failure to replace could result in failure to meet required standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government would take over planning process without local political accountability
3	B3	Not doing what's required under the race relations act	Race equality investigate Council re "unfair" treatment of Irish/English travellers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public criticism and erosion of Council's ability to enforce
4	B4	Posts are reliant on PDG monies	Staffing shortages resulting in a slow down in the determination of applications, plan-making and monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in PDG monies, and hence a loss of staff and a further slowing down of applications, plan-making and monitoring leading to future reductions in income and loss of potential PDG.
5	B4	LDF being prepared in accordance with a tight timetable	Slippage as a result of a lack of resources/ bad advice from Go-East/legal challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of PDG monies, and vulnerability to pressure to develop unwanted sites due to lack of up-to-date plan
6	C3	Major development team being resourced to meet challenge of growth agenda	Lack of resources to recruit/failure to retain attract qualified staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slowing down of development process, and potential loss of control of the planning of these developments to a non-representative body
7	NR (not rated)	Unfilled 'temporary' vacancies	Cannot achieve targets for planning application processing, plan-making timetable and monitoring.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPA criticism, loss of PDG, the Council lets down its sub-regional partners who cannot plan their own service & infrastructure provision

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