

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Quarterly Statistics

In the fourth quarter of 2004, the number of applications received by South Cambridgeshire increased by 3.7% over the corresponding period in 2003. In England there was a 3% increase.

The percentage of all decisions taken within the eight week period in the District was 74% compared with 77% in England. The equivalent figure for householder development was 83.6% compared with the national figure of 86%.

The percentage of decisions delegated to officers in this quarter was 89%. There is no equivalent national figure, but in Cambridgeshire the average figure was 91%. The Government has set a target of 90%.

The new Government targets are included in the Statistical Release. On the "excluding major and minor applications" where the Government target is 80% in eight weeks, the Council achieved 81% whilst on the "minor" category where we are urged to decide 65% in eight weeks the Council achieved 63%. The more difficult target is the Government's 60% in thirteen weeks for major applications ie things like the Wellcome Trust or the Northern Fringe! Here the Council achieved 35%.

The graphs, which accompany this report, illustrate the picture in Cambridgeshire for each of these development types during the year ending 31st December 2004 and the quarter October to December 2004.

Retrospective Applications

In response to a recommendation from Scrutiny Committee (17th April 2003), the number of retrospective applications are to be recorded.

Thus in the fourth quarter of 2004, the number of retrospective applications submitted was 21. This represented 3.5% of all applications submitted during that quarter. Of the 16 retrospective applications which have been determined, (five are still in progress) 81% have been approved and 19% refused. During the quarter 84% of all applications were approved.

Enforcement Statistics (Quarter ending December 2004)

Statistics for the previous quarter are in brackets.

Enforcement Notices	7	(4)
Stop Notices	1	(1)
Planning Contravention Notices	11	(10)
Breach of Condition Notices	2	(0)
Amenity Notices	1	(0)
Number of Complaints	69	(78)
Prosecutions	0	(0)
Injunctions	0	(1)

Trees and Landscaping Statistics (Quarter ending December 2004)

Statistics for the previous quarter are in brackets.

Applications for work on Statutorily Protected Trees

(Tree Preservation Orders and Conservation Areas)
Number of applications – Received 149 (140)

Landscaping

Number of landscaping conditions received from DC 86 (96)
Number of weekly actions 423 (852)
Number of schemes submitted 91 (92)
Number of schemes finalised and approved 22 (36)
Number of landscaping conditions currently active
(excluding Cambourne work) 784 (832)
Number of breach of condition notices requested 2 (3)

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1986

Background papers in respect of this report for the purposes of the above Act are available for inspections in accordance with the provision of that Act:

- a) Any planning application, including plans and any accompanying letter or document from the applicant.
- b) Any letter or representation received in connection with a matter reported.
- c) Any Structure Plan, Local Plan or Policy Document referred to in a report.
- d) Any agenda, report or minutes of a meeting of the Council referred to in a report.
- e) Any other publication, document or report referred to in the report.

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