

## **PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

### **QUARTERLY STATISTICS**

In the first quarter of 2004 the number of applications received by South Cambridgeshire decreased by 1.5% over the corresponding period in 2003. In England there was a 6% increase.

The percentage of all decisions taken within the eight week period in the District was 67% compared with 73% in England. The equivalent figure for householder development was 83% compared with the national figure of 84%.

The percentage of decisions delegated to officers in this quarter was 87%. There is no equivalent national figure but in Cambridgeshire the average figure was 88%. 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 79% whilst on the “minor” category where we are urged to decide 65% in eight weeks the Council achieved 61%. The more difficult target is the Government’s 60% in thirteen weeks for major applications i.e. things like the Wellcome Trust or the Northern Fringe! Here the Council achieved 25%.

The graphs, which accompany this report, illustrate the picture in Cambridgeshire for each of these development types during the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004 and the quarter January to March 2004.

### **RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATIONS**

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

Thus in the first quarter of 2004, the number of retrospective applications submitted was 17, including one County Matters application. This represented 2.5% of all applications submitted during that quarter, a small reduction on the number submitted during the last quarter of 2003. Of the 15 retrospective applications which have been determined, 87% have been approved and 13% refused. During the quarter 83% of all applications were approved.

### **ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS (Quarter ending March 2004)**

Statistics for the previous quarter are in brackets.

Enforcement Notices	7	(5)
Stop Notices	0	(2)
Planning Contravention Notices	4	(6)
Breach of Condition Notices	0	(0)
Amenity Notices	0	(0)
Number of Complaints	84	(75)
Prosecutions	1	(3)
Injunctions	0	(1)

## TREES AND LANDSCAPING STATISTICS (Quarter ending March 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	136	(137)
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### Landscaping

Number of landscaping conditions received from D.C.	80	(66)
Number of weekly actions	471	(333)
Number of schemes submitted	79	(64)
Number of schemes finalised and approved	36	(21)
Number of landscaping conditions currently active (excluding Cambourne work)	962	(872)
Number of breach of condition notices served	0	(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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