

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

QUARTERLY STATISTICS

In the third quarter of 2003 the number of applications received by South Cambridgeshire increased by 6% over the corresponding period in 2002. In England there was a 5% increase.

The percentage of all decisions taken within the eight week period in the District was 69% compared with 73% in England. The equivalent figure for householder development was 84% compared with the national figure of 82%.

The percentage of decisions delegated to officers in this quarter was 90%. 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 77% whilst on the “minor” category where we are urged to decide 65% in eight weeks the Council achieved 48%. 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 21%.

The graphs, which accompany this report, illustrate the picture in Cambridgeshire for each of these development types during the year ending 30th September 2003 and the quarter July to September 2003.

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 third quarter of 2003, the number of retrospective applications submitted was 21. This represented 3.3% of all applications submitted during that quarter, a very similar proportion to the number submitted during the period 2000-2002 inclusive (3%). Of the 20 retrospective applications which have been determined, 80% have been approved and 20% refused. During the quarter 85% of all applications were approved.

ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS (Quarter ending September 2003)

Statistics for the previous quarter are in brackets.

Enforcement Notices	1	(2)
Stop Notices	1	(0)
Planning Contravention Notices	0	(2)
Breach of Condition Notices	0	(0)
Amenity Notices	0	(1)
Number of Complaints	111	(108)
Prosecutions	2	(1)

LANDSCAPING STATISTICS (Quarter ending September 2003)

Statistics for the previous quarter are in brackets.

Applications for work on Statutorily protected trees

(Tree Preservation Orders and Conservation Areas)

Number of applications	170	(103)
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Landscaping

Number of landscaping conditions received from D.C.	81	(64)
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Number of weekly actions	669	(867)
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Number of schemes submitted	68	(93)
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Number of schemes finalised and approved	28	(31)
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Number of landscaping conditions currently active (excluding Cambourne work)	958	(996)
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Number of breach of condition notices served	0	(0)
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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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