

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Quarterly Statistics

In the first quarter of 2005, the number of applications received by South Cambridgeshire decreased by 12% over the corresponding period in 2004. In England there was a 5% decrease.

The percentage of all decisions taken within the eight week period in the District was 76% compared with 78% in England. The equivalent figure for householder development was 94% compared with the national figure of 88%.

The percentage of decisions delegated to officers in this quarter was 90%. On average authorities in England delegated 88% of decisions to officers. 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 88% whilst on the "minor" category where we are urged to decide 65% in eight weeks the Council achieved 54%. 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 25%. Preliminary Council's figures for the second quarter of 2005 are 48% (major), 67% (minor) and 82% (other)

The graphs, which accompany this report, illustrate the picture in Cambridgeshire for each of these development types during the year ending 31st March 2005 and the quarter January to March 2005.

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 first quarter of 2005, the number of retrospective applications submitted was 19. This represented 3.3% of all applications submitted during that quarter. Of the 12 retrospective applications which have been determined, (five are still in progress and two are county matters) 75% have been approved and 17% refused (one application was withdrawn). During the quarter 78% of all applications were approved.

Enforcement Statistics (Quarter ending March 2005).

Statistics for the previous quarter are in brackets.

Enforcement Notices	3	(7)
Stop Notices	1	(1)
Planning Contravention Notices	8	(11)
Breach of Condition Notices	0	(2)
Amenity Notices	0	(1)
Number of Complaints	102	(69)
Prosecutions	1	(0)
Injunctions	0	(0)

Trees and Landscaping Statistics (Quarter ending March 2005)

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	112	(149)
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Landscaping

Number of landscaping conditions received from DC	76	(86)
Number of weekly actions	519	(423)
Number of schemes submitted	131	(91)
Number of schemes finalised and approved	32	(22)
Number of landscaping conditions currently active (excluding Cambourne work)	918	(784)
Number of breach of condition notices requested	1	(2)

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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