

Planning Committee B

17 October 2024

Planning Appeal Performance and Decisions

- This report informs Members of planning appeal decisions determined by the Planning Inspectorate between 1 April and 30 June 2024. Appendix A is a list of the appeals decided, a summary of each decision is provided in appendix B and a list of outstanding planning appeals in appendix C.
- Appeal statistics are collated by the Planning Inspectorate (PINs) on a quarterly and annual basis. The Government use the statistical returns as one of a number of measures to assess the performance of local planning authorities. To assess the quality of decisions, this is based on the total number of decisions made by the Local Planning Authorities that are subsequently overturned at appeal. The threshold whereby a Local Planning Authority is eligible for designation as under-performing is 10% of the Authority's total number of decisions on major, non-major and "county-matter" (generally minerals and waste proposals) applications made during the assessment period being overturned at appeal.
- Table 1 shows results of planning appeals decided by the Planning Inspectorate for the quarter for all types of planning appeals such as those against the refusal of planning permission, listed building applications and lawful development certificates. In the corresponding quarter the Planning Inspectorate allowed 28% of appeals determined in England. Appeals against conditions of approval do not form part of the PINs statistics but when received are used in tables 1 and 2 for information.

Table 1: CYC Planning Appeals Last Quarter Performance

	01/04/24 to 30/06/24
Allowed	2
Split decision	1
Dismissed	7
Total Decided	10
% Allowed	20%

- 4 There were no appeal decisions received during the quarter relating to applications for "major" development.
- For the 12 months period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, 28% of CYC appeals decided were allowed. In England, for the most recent return, 28% of appeals were allowed.

Table 2: CYC Planning Appeals 12-month Performance

	01/07/23 to 30/06/24	01/07/22 to 30/06/23
Allowed	15	21
Dismissed	36	37
Split decision	2	0
Total Decided	53	58
% Allowed	28%	36%

- The latest available figures from the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities (the assessment criteria set out in paragraph 2 above) show that, over the 2-year rolling assessment period, 0.7% of the total CYC decisions made in respect of non-major applications and 0% of total decisions made in respect of major applications were overturned at appeal. The comparison figures for England are 0.9% and 2.2% respectively. There were no appeals in respect of "county-matter" applications during the period.
- 7 None of the appeals determined followed a decision to refuse permission made by the Planning Committees.
- The list of outstanding appeals is attached at Appendix C. There are 9 appeals of all types awaiting determination. None of the appeal decisions pending relate to a Major development or a committee decision.

Consultation

9 This is an information report for Members and therefore no consultation has taken place regarding its content.

Council Plan

The report is relevant to the "A health generating city, for children and adults," "A fair, thriving, green economy for all," Sustainable accessible transport for all," "Increasing the supply of affordable good quality housing" and "Cutting carbon, enhancing the environment" city priorities of the Council Plan 2023-2027.

Implications

- 11 Financial There are no financial implications directly arising from the report.
- Human Resources There are no Human Resources implications directly involved within this report and the recommendations within it other than the need to allocate officer time towards the provision of the information.
- 13 Legal There are no known legal implications associated with this report or the recommendations within it.
- 14 There are no known Equalities, Property, Crime & Disorder or other implications associated with the recommendations within this report.

Risk Management

In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no known risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

Recommendation

16 That Members note the content of this report.

Specialist Implications Officer(s) None.

Reason

17 To inform Members of the current position in relation to planning appeals against the Council's decisions as determined by the Planning Inspectorate.

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Appendices

Appendix A Planning Appeals decided between 1 April and 30 June

2024

Appendix B Summaries of Planning Appeals decided between 1

April and 30 June 2024

Appendix C Planning Appeals Outstanding at 9 October 2024