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**Planning Performance Information**  
**Quarter 4 (1 January 2024 – 31 March 2024)**

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<b>Responsible Head of Service</b>	Ruth Bamford

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**1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To receive an item of information in relation to planning performance and the outcomes of recent planning appeal decisions. Officers will answer any related questions at the meeting as necessary.

**2.0 Recommendation**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to **RESOLVE** that this item of information is noted.

**3.0 Report**

- 3.1 This report provides details on the determination timescales for planning applications and planning appeals at Bromsgrove District Council when tested against the Government set timescales. This paper seeks to provide Members with a quarterly breakdown where applicable. Appendix One to this report contains a list of planning appeals determined in the relevant quarter.

**3.2 Background**

- 3.3 In September 2022, the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) undertook a review of the practices, procedures and performance of Bromsgrove District Council's Planning Committee. The reviewer observed Planning Committee meetings and reviewed relevant information, as well as interviewing key officers, Councillors and regular contributors to the Planning Committee process.

- 3.4 The review was published in March 2023. The review recommended that planning application performance and appeal decisions should be reported to and discussed by the Planning Committee to help further improve performance. The review can be viewed on the District Council website here: [Bromsgrove Planning Committee Review](#).

**3.5 Planning Statistics**

- 3.6 On a quarterly basis, Local Planning Authorities supply information to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) on planning application type, volume, the speed of determination and other matters such as the number of planning Enforcement Notices, Breach of Condition Notices, Certificates of Lawfulness and Notification applications. The Government then use this information to publish planning performance data for each Local

Authority that assesses the speed of decision making and the quality of decision making for major and non-major applications.

#### **4.0 Definitions**

4.1 The definition for major applications is set out in [The Town and Country Planning \(Development Management Procedure\) \(England\) Order 2015 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk) (DMPO). Generally, all other applications fall under the non-major application definition.

4.2 As defined in the DMPO, a major development is any application that involves:

- Mineral extraction
- Waste development
- Residential development of between 10 or more dwellings
- Residential development on a site area of 0.5 hectares or more and the number of dwellings is unknown
- Development of floorspace of 1,000 square metres or more
- Development on sites over 1 hectares or more

4.3 In general terms, a non-major development is any application that involves:

- Residential development of between one and nine dwellings
- Development where the floorspace is less than 1,000 square metres
- Development on sites less than 1 hectare
- Gypsy and traveller sites – up to nine pitches

#### **5.0 Speed of Decision-Making**

5.1 Planning performance is based on a two-year rolling assessment period and measures the speed of decision-making.

5.2 Speed of decision-making is measured by the proportion of applications that are decided within the statutory determination period (8 weeks for non-major applications and 13 weeks for major applications), or an agreed extended period of time.

5.3 The Government requires a minimum of **60%** of major and **70%** of non-major applications to be determined in time, or within an agreed extension of time.

5.4 Underperformance for speed of decision-making is when a Local Planning Authority determines a lesser proportion of applications in time compared to the required threshold.

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#### **5.5 Bromsgrove District Council Speed of Decision-Making Figures**

- Speed of decision-making for major applications over the rolling two-year period = **89.5%**

- Speed of decision-making for non-major applications over the rolling two-year period = **85.5%**

**NB:** The Government requires a minimum of **60%** of major applications and **70%** of non-major applications to be determined in time, or within an agreed extension of time.

**Source:** These are internal Officer level calculations.

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## **6.0 Quality of Decision-Making**

- 6.1 The information on the quality of decision making is published on an annual basis in the first quarter of the year and looks at the Local Planning Authority's performance over a two-year period. The performance data looks at the number of major and non-major applications determined by the District Council, how many have been refused, how many decisions have been appealed and how many appeals have been allowed. It then expresses the result of a percentage of the total applications in those categories.
- 6.2 Quality of decision-making is measured by the proportion of total decisions, or non-determinations, that are allowed at appeal. Fundamentally the performance measure is assessing how many applications the Authority has refused that have gone to appeal and the decision has been overturned by the Planning Inspectorate. The Government have set the maximum threshold that no Authority should exceed **10%** of decisions overturned at appeal.
- 6.3 The current published data runs for the period April 2021 to March 2023 and the next set of published data will run from April 2022 up to March 2024 and is expected to be published in the first quarter of 2025. The data is intentionally nine months behind the date of publication to allow a time lag for appeals in the pipeline to be determined.
- 6.4 Underperformance for quality of decision-making (represented by the proportion of applications that are subsequently overturned at appeal) is when an Authority achieves a higher proportion of applications overturned at appeal compared to the required threshold.
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## **6.5 Bromsgrove District Council Quality of Decision-Making Figures**

- Quality of decision-making for major applications for the most recent period available (April 2021 – March 2023) = **5.7%**
- Quality of decision-making for non-major applications for the most recent period available (April 2021 – March 2023) = **1.8%**

**NB:** The Government requires that no Local Planning Authority should exceed 10% of decisions overturned at appeal.

**Source:** Table 152a and 154 [Live tables on planning application statistics - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

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## **7.0 Further Statistical Information**

- 7.1 Members can access further information relating specifically to applications received and determined, application types, outcomes and those relating to a particular geographical area of the District, by using the Public Access advanced search and completing the relevant drop-down options. Guidance on how to use the advanced search function of Public Access can be found in the Public Access User Guide.
- 7.2 Planning Application statistics for all Local Planning Authorities across England are also published on a quarterly basis by DLUHC. Information on planning application statistical performance is available on the GOV.UK live tables. The tables can be accessed here: [Live tables on planning application statistics - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk).
- 7.3 The Planning Inspectorate also publishes statistics in relation to their timeliness with planning appeals, which can be accessed here: [Statistics at The Planning Inspectorate - Planning Inspectorate - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)
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## **8.0 Bromsgrove District Council Appeal Decisions**

- Number of major appeals allowed in Quarter 4 and dismissed in Quarter 4:  
**Allowed = 0**  
**Dismissed = 1**
  - Number of non-major appeals allowed in Quarter 4 and dismissed in Quarter 4:  
**Allowed = 3**  
**Dismissed = 8**
- 8.1 A list of appeal decisions received in Quarter 4 are provided in Appendix One attached to this report.
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## **9.0 Financial, Legal, Policy and Risk Implications**

- 9.1 It is important to manage and monitor the speed of decision-making and the quality of decision-making.

## **10.0 Consultation**

- 10.1 There has been no consultation other than with relevant District Council Officers.

## **11.0 Author of Report**

11.1 The author of this report is Dale Birch (Development Management Manager) who can be contacted on 01527 881341 or [d.birch@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk](mailto:d.birch@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk) for more information.

## **12.0 Appendices**

12.1 Appendix One  
Appeal Decisions: Quarter Four

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**Appeal Decisions: Quarter Four**

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**Major Appeal Decisions Quarter 4 (1)**

<b>Application Reference</b>	22/01066/OUT
<b>Appeal Reference</b>	APP/P1805/W/23/3325834
<b>Site</b>	Land at Intall Fields Farm, South of Stoke Pound Lane, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove
<b>Proposal</b>	78 new dwellings and a flexible commercial/community use building with associated access, infrastructure, landscaping, and open space provision; considering access into the site only and with all other matters reserved
<b>Inspectorate Decision</b>	Dismissed
<b>Date of Decision</b>	6 February 2024

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**Non-Major Appeal Decisions Quarter 4 (11)**

<b>Application Reference</b>	22/00106/FUL
<b>Appeal Reference</b>	APP/P1805/W/23/3324083
<b>Site</b>	1 Clewshaw Cottage, Clewshaw Lane, Wythall, B38 0EE
<b>Proposal</b>	Construction of a four-bedroom dwelling below ground level on residential land east of 1 Clewshaw Cottage
<b>Inspectorate Decision</b>	Dismissed
<b>Date of Decision</b>	26 January 2024

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<b>Application Reference</b>	21/00298/INV
<b>Appeal Reference</b>	APP/P1805/C/23/3326094
<b>Site</b>	Land junction of Sugarbrook Lane and Stoke Pound Lane, Stoke Pound, Bromsgrove, B60 4LH
<b>Proposal</b>	Material change of use of the Land from use for agriculture to a mixed use comprising agriculture and the storage of a metal shipping container and horse box
<b>Inspectorate Decision</b>	Dismissed and Enforcement Notice upheld
<b>Date of Decision</b>	30 January 2024

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<b>Application Reference</b>	22/01324/FUL
<b>Appeal Reference</b>	APP/P1805/W/22/3313598
<b>Site</b>	Fields off Icknield Street, Beoley, B98 9AH
<b>Proposal</b>	Erection of a new agricultural building
<b>Inspectorate Decision</b>	Dismissed
<b>Date of Decision</b>	1 February 2024

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<b>Application Reference</b>	22/01460/FUL
<b>Appeal Reference</b>	APP/P1805/W/23/3325478
<b>Site</b>	12 Kings Meadow, Holy Cross, DY9 9QR
<b>Proposal</b>	Erection of a two-storey side extension to No 12 Kings Meadow and the erection of a new detached dwelling
<b>Inspectorate Decision</b>	Dismissed
<b>Date of Decision</b>	6 February 2024

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<b>Application Reference</b>	23/00224/FUL
<b>Appeal Reference</b>	APP/P1805/D/3330282
<b>Site</b>	1 Poplar Drive, Barnt Green, B45 8NQ.
<b>Proposal</b>	Ground floor front and rear extensions with first floor extension over existing garage
<b>Inspectorate Decision</b>	Allowed
<b>Date of Decision</b>	6 February 2024

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<b>Application Reference</b>	21/00136/INV
<b>Appeal Reference</b>	APP/P1805/C/22/3312327 (Appeal A)
<b>Site</b>	Parkland House, Brockhill Lane, Beoley, B98 9DA
<b>Proposal</b>	Erection of a two-storey extension, two-storey outbuilding, detached double garage/log store and gates and piers
<b>Inspectorate Decision</b>	Dismissed: Erection of a two-storey extension, two-storey outbuilding, detached double garage/log store Allowed: Gates and piers
<b>Date of Decision</b>	13 February 2024

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<b>Application Reference</b>	22/00671/FUL
<b>Appeal Reference</b>	APP/P1805/D/22/3306135 (Appeal B)
<b>Site</b>	Parkland House, Brockhill Lane, Beoley, B98 9DA
<b>Proposal</b>	Construction of gates and gate piers
<b>Inspectorate Decision</b>	Allowed
<b>Date of Decision</b>	13 February 2024

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<b>Application Reference</b>	22/00731/FUL
<b>Appeal Reference</b>	APP/P1805/D/22/3307152 (Appeal C)
<b>Site</b>	Parkland House, Brockhill Lane, Beoley, B98 9DA
<b>Proposal</b>	Construction of two storey front extension to dwelling
<b>Inspectorate Decision</b>	Dismissed
<b>Date of Decision</b>	13 February 2024

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<b>Application Reference</b>	22/00752/FUL
<b>Appeal Reference</b>	APP/P1805/D/22/3307171 (Appeal D)
<b>Site</b>	Parkland House, Brockhill Lane, Beoley, B98 9DA
<b>Proposal</b>	retention of detached garage outbuilding with amendments to reduce its height to single storey with pitched roof
<b>Inspectorate Decision</b>	Dismissed
<b>Date of Decision</b>	13 February 2024

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<b>Application Reference</b>	22/01154/S73
<b>Appeal Reference</b>	APP/P1805/W/22/3312334 (Appeal E)
<b>Site</b>	Parkland House, Brockhill Lane, Beoley, B98 9DA
<b>Proposal</b>	Development of land without complying with conditions subject to which a previous planning permission was granted
<b>Inspectorate Decision</b>	Dismissed
<b>Date of Decision</b>	13 February 2024

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<b>Application Reference</b>	23/00462/S73
<b>Appeal Reference</b>	APP/P1805/W/23/3331687
<b>Site</b>	The Spinney Lilley Green Road, Alvechurch
<b>Proposal</b>	Development of land without complying with conditions subject to which a previous planning permission was granted
<b>Inspectorate Decision</b>	Dismissed
<b>Date of Decision</b>	25 March 2024

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