
Planning Performance Information Quarter One (1 April 2025 – 30 June 2025)

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Councillor Kit Taylor
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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 and planning appeal cost awards. 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. Appendix Two to this report contains a list of recent cost award outcomes relating to planning appeals.

4.0 Planning Statistics

- 4.1 On a quarterly basis, Local Planning Authorities supply information to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) 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.
- 4.2 The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government publishes the document 'Improving Planning Performance'. This sets out that a local planning authorities' performance is based on two measures, that of the speed and the quality of their decisions on planning applications for major and non-major development. The document sets out the relevant performance targets and the concept of being designated if targets are not met.

5.0 Speed of Decision-Making

- 5.1 Planning performance is based on a one-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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6.0 Bromsgrove District Council Speed of Decision-Making Figures

- Speed of decision-making for major applications over the rolling one-year period = **92.8%**
- Speed of decision-making for non-major applications over the rolling one-year period = **87.7%**

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.

7.0 Quality of Decision-Making

- 7.1 The information on the quality of decision making 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.
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 The data is intentionally nine months behind the date of publication to allow a time lag for appeals in the pipeline to be determined.

- 7.4 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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8.0 Bromsgrove District Council Quality of Decision-Making Figures

- Quality of decision-making for major applications for the most recent period available (October 2022 – September 2024) = **5.7%**
- Quality of decision-making for non-major applications for the most recent period available (October 2022 – September 2024) = **2.5%**

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 \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/live-tables-on-planning-application-statistics)

9.0 Further Statistical Information

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 Planning Application statistics for all Local Planning Authorities across England are also published on a quarterly basis by MHCLG. 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 \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/live-tables-on-planning-application-statistics).
- 9.3 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 \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/statistics-at-the-planning-inspectorate)
- 9.4 The Government is also promoting the 'Planning Performance Dashboard' [Planning Performance Dashboard Table Final.xlsx](#) which shows the proportion of decisions made by a local planning authority with, and without, the use of Extension of Time agreements. The Government considers providing this level of information enhances the transparency of planning performance data.
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10.0 Bromsgrove District Council Appeal Decisions

- Number of major appeals allowed in Quarter 1 and dismissed in Quarter 1:

Allowed = 0
Dismissed = 0

- Number of non-major appeals allowed in Quarter 1 and dismissed in Quarter 1:

Allowed = 6
Dismissed = 8

- 10.1 A list of appeal decisions received in Quarter 1 are provided in Appendix One attached to this report.
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11.0 Planning Appeal Cost Awards

- 11.1 A list of cost award outcomes relating to recent planning appeals is provided in Appendix Two attached to this report.
- 11.2 For the reference of Members, a cost award is akin to a civil debt, for which the limitation period to claim is six years from the date of the cost award decision.
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12.0 Financial, Legal, Policy and Risk Implications

- 12.1 It is important to manage and monitor the speed of decision-making, the quality of decision-making and cost awards.
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13.0 Consultation

- 13.1 There has been no consultation other than with relevant District Council Officers.
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14.0 Author of Report

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

14.2 Date of Report

30 September 2025

15.0 Appendices

- 15.1 Appendix One
Appeal Decisions: Quarter One

15.2 Appendix Two Recent Cost Award Outcomes

Appendix One

Appeal Decisions: Quarter One

Non-Major Appeal Decisions Quarter 1 (14)

Application Reference	24/00399/CPE
Decision Status	Delegated
Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/X/24/3348680
Site	Sugarbrook Nurseries, Sugarbrook Lane, Stoke Pound
Proposal	Certificate of lawfulness for business storage, equestrian, residential amenity and agricultural land
Inspectorate Decision	Dismissed
Date of Decision	7 April 2025

Application Reference	24/00605/HHPRIO
Decision Status	Delegated
Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/D/24/3352930
Site	Sandhills Farm, Sandhills Green, Barnt Green
Proposal	Side/rear single storey extension
Inspectorate Decision	Allowed
Date of Decision	8 April 2025

Application Reference	24/00097/FUL
Decision Status	Delegated
Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/W/24/3352451
Site	Berries View, Banks Green, Upper Bentley
Proposal	convert a brick-built garage/workshop into a 2-bedroom dwelling. Change of use from outbuilding to residential unit
Inspectorate Decision	Dismissed
Date of Decision	11 April 2025

Application Reference	23/00898/FUL
Decision Status	Delegated
Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/W/24/3350913
Site	Land to the east of Appletrees, Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove
Proposal	2 No. detached dwellings
Inspectorate Decision	Dismissed
Date of Decision	25 April 2025

Application Reference	24/00451/PIP
Decision Status	Delegated

Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/W/24/3354450
Site	Land at 17 Alexander Close, Catshill
Proposal	Permission in Principle for the erection of one bungalow
Inspectorate Decision	Dismissed
Date of Decision	30 April 2025

Application Reference	24/00474/PIP
Decision Status	Delegated
Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/W/24/3354657
Site	2 Kenyon Close, Bromsgrove
Proposal	Permission in Principle for the erection of a single dwelling
Inspectorate Decision	Dismissed
Date of Decision	30 April 2025

Application Reference	24/01165/S73
Decision Status	Delegated
Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/W/25/3359681
Site	Farley Farm, Farley Lane, Romsley
Proposal	Application for the removal of conditions 3 and 4 attached to Planning Application ref B/2004/0605 which currently restrict permitted development rights
Inspectorate Decision	Dismissed
Date of Decision	8 May 2025

Application Reference	23/01245/OUT
Decision Status	Delegated
Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/W/24/3356588
Site	Land adjacent 54 Rock Hill, Bromsgrove
Proposal	Outline application for the development of 8 x 1 bedroom flats, cycle and bin stores and other associated works. All matters to be determined with the exception of landscaping.
Inspectorate Decision	Dismissed
Date of Decision	8 May 2025

Application Reference	24/01023/FUL
Decision Status	Delegated
Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/D/25/3359551
Site	63 Summervale Road, Hagley
Proposal	Single storey extension to rear, with double storey above existing garage and loft conversion with rear dormer, including raised patio to rear (retrospective)
Inspectorate Decision	Allowed
Date of Decision	27 May 2025

Application Reference	24/00630/S73
Decision Status	Delegated
Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/W/25/3359974
Site	Grey Cottage, Redditch Road, Alvechurch
Proposal	Removal of Condition 3 attached to planning permission reference B/2002/1294 to re-instate permitted development rights under Schedule 2, Part 1, Classes A to E and Schedule 2, Part 2, Class A of the GPDO
Inspectorate Decision	Allowed
Date of Decision	30 May 2025

Application Reference	23/01375/FUL
Decision Status	Delegated
Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/W/24/3355790
Site	Land at Backlane Farm, St Kenelm's Road, Romsley
Proposal	Retention of boundary fence.
Inspectorate Decision	Allowed
Date of Decision	29 May 2025

Application Reference	23/01347/FUL
Decision Status	Delegated
Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/W/24/3355806
Site	The Firs Farm, Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior
Proposal	Building operations comprising external alterations of a building necessary to facilitate the change of use under Class R (Prior Approval Reference 23/00580/NOT)
Inspectorate Decision	Allowed with costs
Date of Decision	10 June 2025

Application Reference	23/00324/FUL
Decision Status	Committee
Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/W/24/3354949
Site	Alvechurch Sports and Social Club, Radford Road, Alvechurch
Proposal	Refurbishment of the existing building and extension to accommodate new bed and breakfast accommodation (Use Class <i>Sui Generis</i>)
Inspectorate Decision	Allowed
Date of Decision	19 June 2025

Application Reference	24/00855/AGR
Decision Status	Delegated
Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/W/24/3354513
Site	Flourishing Fields Farm, Stonehouse Lane, Hopwood
Proposal	General purpose agricultural storage building
Inspectorate Decision	Dismissed
Date of Decision	26 June 2025

Appendix Two

Recent Cost Award Outcomes

Application Reference	23/01245/OUT
Decision Status	Delegated
Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/W/24/3356588
Site	54 Rock Hill, Bromsgrove
Proposal	Outline application for the development of 8 x 1bedroom flats, cycle and bin stores and other associated works. All matters to be determined with the exception of landscaping.
Inspectorate Decision	Dismissed
Date of Appeal Decision	8 May 2025
Date of Cost Decision	8 May 2025
Cost Decision Type	Refused

Application Reference	23/01347/FUL
Decision Status	Delegated
Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/W/24/3355806
Site	The Firs Farm, Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior
Proposal	Building operations comprising external alterations of a building necessary to facilitate the change of use under Class R (Prior Approval Reference 23/00580/NOT)
Inspectorate Decision	Allowed
Date of Appeal Decision	10 June 2025
Date of Cost Decision	10 June 2025
Cost Decision Type	Full
Date Cost Award Lodged	18 September 2025
Date Cost Award Agreed	22 September 2025
Cost Award Settlement	£3000:00

Application Reference	24/00855/AGR
Decision Status	Delegated
Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/W/24/3354513
Site	Flourishing Fields Farm, Stonehouse Lane, Hopwood
Proposal	General purpose agricultural storage building
Inspectorate Decision	Dismissed
Date of Appeal Decision	26 June 2025
Date of Cost Decision	26 June 2025
Cost Decision Type	Refused
