
Planning Performance Information
Quarter Three (1 October 2025 – 31 December 2025)

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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.

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.

6.0 Bromsgrove District Council Speed of Decision-Making Figures

- Speed of decision-making for major applications over the rolling one-year period = **93.8%**
- Speed of decision-making for non-major applications over the rolling one-year period = **89%**

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.

8.0 Bromsgrove District Council Quality of Decision-Making Figures

- Quality of decision-making for major applications for the most recent period available (January 2023 – December 2024) = **6.2%**
- Quality of decision-making for non-major applications for the most recent period available (January 2023 – December 2024) = **2.4%**

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

Source: Table 152a and 154

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).
- 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 \(www.gov.uk\)](http://Statistics at The Planning Inspectorate - Planning Inspectorate - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk))
- 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.

10.0 Bromsgrove District Council Appeal Decisions

- Number of major appeals allowed in Quarter 3 and dismissed in Quarter 3:
Allowed = 0
Dismissed = 0

- Number of non-major appeals allowed in Quarter 3 and dismissed in Quarter 3:
Allowed = 1
Dismissed = 3

10.1 A list of appeal decisions received in Quarter 3 are provided in Appendix One attached to this report.

11.0 Planning Appeal Cost Awards

11.1 There are no cost award outcomes relating to recent planning appeals to report.

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.

13.0 Consultation

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

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

3 February 2026

15.0 Appendices

15.1 Appendix One
Appeal Decisions: Quarter Three

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Major Appeal Decisions Quarter Three (0)

Non-Major Appeal Decisions Quarter Three (4)

Application Reference	24/00342/FUL
Decision Status	Committee
Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/W/25/3360244
Site	Land junction of Blackwell Road/Alcester Road, Burcot
Proposal	Part-retrospective change of use of land for the creation of 2no. Gypsy/Traveller pitches, comprising the siting of 1 mobile home, 1 touring caravan and 1 dayroom per pitch, alongside the formation of an access road and associated landscaping
Inspectorate Decision	Allowed insofar as it relates to change of use of land creation of 2no. Gypsy/Traveller pitches, comprising the siting of 1 mobile home and 1 touring caravan per pitch, alongside the formation of an access road and associated landscaping
Date of Decision	24 October 2025

Application Reference	25/00364/FUL
Decision Status	Delegated
Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/D/25/3372022
Site	124 Bromsgrove Road, Romsley
Proposal	First floor extension over the existing single storey side extension
Inspectorate Decision	Dismissed
Date of Decision	5 November 2025

Application Reference	21/01749/FUL
Decision Status	Delegated
Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/W/25/3372794
Site	7 Rock Hill, Bromsgrove
Proposal	Two-storey rear and side extension and internal changes to existing first-floor layout to create 4 additional flats and separate ground floor shop (Use Class E(a)).
Inspectorate Decision	Dismissed
Date of Decision	20 November 2025

Application Reference 25/00599/FUL

Decision Status	APP/P1805/D/25/3371694
Appeal Reference	Delegated
Site	179 Worcester Road, Hagley
Proposal	Two storey side extension over existing garage
Inspectorate Decision	Dismissed
Date of Decision	25 November 2025
