
**Planning Performance Information
Quarter Four (1 January 2026 – 31 March 2026)**

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.

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 = **92.9%**
- Speed of decision-making for non-major applications over the rolling one-year period = **88.6%**

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 (April 2023 – March 2025) = **6.7%**
- Quality of decision-making for non-major applications for the most recent period available (April 2023 – March 2025) = **2.3%**

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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- 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 4 and dismissed in Quarter 4:
Allowed = 0
Dismissed = 0

- Number of non-major appeals allowed in Quarter 4 and dismissed in Quarter 4:
Allowed = 1
Dismissed = 5
Part Allowed/Part Dismissed = 1

10.1 A list of appeal decisions received in Quarter 4 are provided in Appendix One attached to this report.

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

- 14.1 22 April 2026
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15.0 Appendices

- 15.1 Appendix One
Appeal Decisions: Quarter Four
- 15.2 Appendix Two

Recent Cost Award Outcomes

Appendix One
Appeal Decisions: Quarter Four

Major Appeal Decisions Quarter Four (0)

Non-Major Appeal Decisions Quarter Four (7)

Application Reference	25/00029/FUL
Decision Status	Delegated
Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/W/25/3371628
Site	Hillview Farm House, Wapping Lane, Beoley
Proposal	Retention of attached garage including change of use of land to extend residential curtilage
Inspectorate Decision	Allowed
Date of Decision	8 January 2026

Application Reference	25/00595/PIP
Decision Status	Delegated
Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/W/25/3374801
Site	Primrose Nurseries, Fairfield Road, Bournheath
Proposal	Permission in Principle for the erection of up to four dwellings
Inspectorate Decision	Dismissed
Date of Decision	27 January 2026

Application Reference	24/00585/ENFGA
Decision Status	Delegated
Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/C/24/3341175
Site	24 Fiery Hill Road, Barnt Green
Proposal	Retention of an additional storey over the existing single storey section of an annexe
Inspectorate Decision	Dismissed and Enforcement Notice upheld
Date of Decision	13 February 2026

Application Reference	25/01069/PIP
Decision Status	Delegated
Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/W/25/3376479
Site	Giles House Farm, Bromsgrove Road, Belbroughton
Proposal	Permission in Principle for the erection of Up to four dwellings
Inspectorate Decision	Dismissed
Date of Decision	10 March 2026

Application Reference	25/00873/FUL
Decision Status	Delegated
Appeal Reference	6002879
Site	28 Fenton Road, Hollywood
Proposal	Rear single storey extension and proposed garage conversion with front extension
Inspectorate Decision	Part-Allowed/Part-Dismissed (appeal allowed in respect of the single storey rear extension and dismissed in respect of the garage conversion with front extension)
Date of Decision	13 March 2026

Application Reference	25/00731/CUPRIO
Decision Status	Delegated
Appeal Reference	6002881
Site	Giles House Farm, Bromsgrove Road, Belbroughton
Proposal	Conversion of agricultural barn into four residential dwellings
Inspectorate Decision	Dismissed
Date of Decision	16 March 2026

Application Reference	25/00698/FUL
Decision Status	Delegated
Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/D/25/3376519
Site	Gorse Grove Lodge, Bromsgrove Road, Belbroughton
Proposal	Demolition of garage to be replaced with car port. Construction of new garage at the rear. Remedial earthworks to reduce the levels of the land to facilitate access to rear and construction of the garage
Inspectorate Decision	Dismissed
Date of Decision	30 March 2026

Appendix Two
Recent Cost Award Outcomes

Application Reference	22/01419/FUL
Decision Status	Committee
Appeal Reference	APP/P1805/W/24/3339483
Site	Land to rear 1-6 Smedley Crooke Place, Hopwood
Proposal	34 affordable houses
Inspectorate Decision	Allowed
Date of Appeal Decision	16 July 2024
Date of Cost Decision	16 July 2024
Cost Decision Type	Full
Date Cost Award Lodged	19 September 2024
Date Cost Award Agreed	30 March 2026
Cost Award Settlement	£28,000.00
