Development Management Committee 7th November 2018

Directorate of Community and Environment Planning Report No. PLN1830

Planning (Development Management) summary report for the guarter Jul-Sept 2018

1. Introduction

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1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on the position with respect to Performance Indicators for the Development Management Section of Planning, and the overall workload of the Section. This report covers the quarter from 1st July to 30th September.

2. **Planning Applications**

2.1 The three tables below set out figures relating to Major, Minor and 'Other' planning applications for the first quarter. We are required to provide the government with statistical returns in relation to decision times. It should be noted that the returns required by government do not include some application types including applications for the approval of details pursuant to conditions, applications to fell or carry out works to TPO trees and trees in Conservation Areas, Non-Material Amendments, Screening Opinions, Adjacent Authority Consultations and applications for approval in relation to conditions. These however constitute a significant source of demand on our service numbering 81 cases in the guarter and are included in the total figures reflecting workload set out at 3.1 below.

Major and small scale major Applications determined within 13 weeks/PPA target					
Decisions in	Jul-Sept 2018	Government	2017/2018		
quarter		Target	Total		
7	86%	60%	95.2%		

Minor (Non householder) Applications determined within 8 weeks

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	Decisions in	Jul-Sept 2018	Government	2017/2018
	quarter		Target	Total
	22	77%	65%	71%

*Decisions on eight applications determined in the quarter were outside the statutory period, three were the subject of agreed extensions of time and therefore recorded as 'in time'.

'Other' (Inclu	ding Householder)	Applications	determined	within 8 weeks
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Decisions in	Jul-Sept 2018	Government	2017/2018	
quarter		Target	Total	
69	91%	80%	94.9%	

2.2 The following table sets out figures relating to appeals allowed against the authority's decision to refuse permission.

% of appeals allowed against the authority's decision to refuse

2017/18	Government	Jul-Sept	Appeal
Total	Target	2018	Decisions
11%	40% max	33%	

3. Workload

3.1 This section deals with workload demand on the Development Management Section in the past three months.

Departmental Work Demand Jul-Sept 2018

	plications bmitted (All es)	Pre-Application Cases	Incoming Telephone Calls	Applications Determined (All types)	Appeals Submitted
22	5	50	2014	188	1

3.2 The following graphs present the time period being taken to determine different types of application.

Major and small-scale majors Total 7



3.3 Performance with regard to Major applications remains well above the Government target with six of seven cases determined within the statutory 13 week period.

Minor (Non householder) applications Total 22



3.4 This second graph illustrates the determination times for minor applications, 77% of which were determined within the statutory period or in accordance with agreed extensions of time.



'Other' (Including Householder) applications Total 69

3.5 This third graph shows that in the first quarter of this financial year the majority of householder applicants received decisions in the fourth and fifth weeks after their validation date.

4. Fee Income

- 4.1 The total amount of planning fee income received for the quarter was £112,149 against a budget estimate of £100,000.
- 4.2 The total amount of pre-application fee income received for the quarter was £6,747 against a budget estimate of £9,000.

5. Section 106 contributions

5.1 Information in this section relates to financial contributions secured by way of section 106 planning obligations. It should be noted that the allocation of capacity in the Hawley Meadows, Southwood II and Rowhill Copse SANGs is now almost complete. Collection of contributions in respect of these projects will therefore soon cease and will no longer form part of these reports..

Section 106 contributions received	Jul-Sept 2018
Contributions received (Rushmoor and Hampshire) apportioned as set out below~	£289,939.20
Open Space (specific projects set out in agreements)	£68,795.20
SANGS a) Hawley Meadows * b) Southwood II c) Rowhill	a) £42,380.00 b) £20,540.00 c) £13,260.00
SAMM* a) Hawley Meadows b) Southwood II c) Rowhill d) Wellesley Woodland e) Bramshot Farm (Hart)	a) £4,636.00 b) £2,249.00 c) £1,451.00 d) £135.028.00 e) £0
Transport (specific projects set out in agreements)*	£0

~This figure also includes monitoring charges, interest and receipts for the Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund.

*Contributions relating to the Hawley Meadows SANG. SAMM contributions and Transport are paid to Hampshire County Council.

Eight new undertakings/legal agreements were signed in the period Jul-Sept 2018.

6. Comment on workload for this quarter and year

- 6.1 This second quarter saw sustained numbers of application submissions and a fall in pre-application submissions to 50 in the quarter. Pre-application fee receipts were below the budget for the quarter and now stand currently at £15,568 for the first six months of the financial year against an estimate of £18,000. Planning application fee income exceeded the budget projection by just over £12,000. This has overcome the shortfall in the first quarter and leaves the application fee income total for the first six months of the financial year in the black by approximately £7,800.00.
- 6.2 The Development Management Team is, as of the beginning of October, now at full strength with Katie Ingram and Louise Davies joining as Planning Officers to fill the existing vacancy in the team and the additional post created and funded by the recent increase in planning fees.

7. Wellesley

7.1 Progress on the residential phases of Wellesley continues. Maida Development Zone A is substantially complete. This zone contains 228 units and to date 226 are occupied. The remaining two units will be constructed/occupied once the Bellway Homes' sales suite is no longer required in connection with the Corunna Development Zones B1 & B2.

- 7.2 The Corunna Development Zone lies opposite Maida on the west side of Queen's Avenue. Works are at an advanced stage on site for Phase B1 & B2 (227 residential units) and to date 40 units are occupied, including some affordable housing. Works will shortly commence on Corunna Phase B3 & B4 to provide a further 454 residential dwellings.
- 7.3 Construction is now at an advanced stage on Gunhill (Development Zone E) consisting of 107 residential units. This is located west of the Cambridge Military Hospital and north of Hospital Road.
- 7.4 The first phase of construction will shortly commence at McGrigor Zone D. This is located north of the Cambridge Military Hospital and east of Maida Zone. It will provide a total of 116 residential units.
- 7.5 The Western Primary School, located on the corner site of Queen's Avenue and Alison's Road, is now complete. The school opened in September 2018 with one reception class.

8. Recommendation

8.1 That the report be NOTED

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: None.