Development Management Committee 13th February 2019

Directorate of Community and Environment Planning Report No. PLN1912

Planning (Development Management) summary report for the quarter Oct-Dec 2018

1. Introduction

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 October-31st December 2018.

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 79 cases in the quarter 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	Oct-Dec 2018	Government	2017/2018
quarter		Target	Total
5	80%	60%	95.2%

Minor (Non householder) Applications determined within 8 weeks

	Decisions in	Oct-Dec 2018	Government	2017/2018
	quarter		Target	Total
	16	93.7%	65%	71%

*Decisions on four 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' (Including Householder) Applications determined within 8 w	veeks
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Decisions in quarter	Oct-Dec 2018	Government Target	2017/2018 Total
78	94.8%	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	Oct-Dec	Appeal
Total	Target	2018	Decisions
11%	40% max	0%	0

3. Workload

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

Departmental Work Demand Oct-Dec 2018				
Applications Submitted (All types)	Pre-Application Cases	Incoming Telephone Calls	Applications Determined (All types)	Appeals Submitted
214	80	1867	178	2

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

Major and small-scale majors Total 5



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



3.4 This second graph illustrates the determination times for minor applications, 93.7% of which were determined within the statutory period or in accordance with agreed extensions of time.



'Other' (Including Householder) applications Total 78

3.5 This third graph shows that in the third 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 £60,550 against a budget estimate of £100,000.
- 4.2 The total amount of pre-application fee income received for the quarter was £7,539 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	Oct-Dec 2018
Contributions received (Rushmoor and Hampshire) apportioned as set out below~	£581,705.43
Open Space (specific projects set out in agreements)	£103,075.20
SANGS a) Hawley Meadows * b) Southwood II c) Rowhill	a) £0 b) £293,410.00 c) £0
SAMM* a) Hawley Meadows b) Southwood II c) Rowhill d) Wellesley Woodland e) Bramshot Farm (Hart)	a) £0 b) £32,105.00 c) £0 d) £65,454.43 e) £0
Transport (specific projects set out in agreements)*	£87,661.00

~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.

Two new undertakings/legal agreements were signed in the period Oct-Dec 2018.

6. Comment on workload for this quarter and year

- 6.1 This third quarter saw sustained numbers of application submissions and resurgence in pre-application submissions to 80 compared to 50 in the previous quarter. Pre-application fee receipts were however below the budget for the quarter and now stand currently at £23,108 for the first nine months of the financial year against an estimate of £27,000. Planning application fee income fell below the budget projection by £39,500 where the previous quarter had exceeded the estimate. The aggregate position leaves the application fee income total for the first nine months of the financial year at £309,900 against a budget estimate of £360,000.
- 6.2 Whilst the numbers of applications and pre-application submissions have remained steady or have increased, the reduction in fee receipts is principally attributable to fewer enquiries and applications in respect of large-scale or major schemes, which can command large individual fees with the consequent effect on receipts.

7. Wellesley

- 7.1 Progress on the residential phases of Wellesley continues with Maida now substantially complete and occupied. In the Corunna Development Zone, opposite Maida on the west side of Queen's Avenue, works are at an advanced stage on Phases B1 & B2 (227 residential units) and to date 81 units are occupied, including some affordable housing.. Works have commenced on Corunna Phases B3 & B4 to provide a further 454 residential dwellings.
- 7.2 A planning application for a proposed new junction and pedestrian crossing at the north-eastern end of Pennefather's Road (secured by the Wellesley s106 legal agreement) has been submitted and is under consideration. The crossing will provide Wellesley residents with access to sports pitches, public open space and SANG, located on the northwest side of the A325 Farnborough Road.
- 7.3 Construction is nearing completion at 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 Works have commenced at McGrigor Zone D. This zone is north of the Cambridge Military Hospital and east of Maida Zone. This phase will provide a total of 116 residential units.

8. Recommendation

8.1 That the report be NOTED

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: None.