

## **18. DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE (JEN)**

1. Planning statistics are reported quarterly to the Department for Communities Housing and Local Government (DHCLG), and the performance of planning authorities is judged against criteria related to:
  - The speed of determining applications for major development;
  - The quality of decisions made by the authority on applications for major development;
  - The speed of determining applications for non-major development;
  - The quality of decisions made by the authority on applications for non-major development.
2. The speed of determination thresholds below which a local planning authority is eligible for designation are:
  - a) **For applications for major development: less than 60 per cent** of an authority's decisions made within the statutory determination period (13 weeks) or such extended period as has been agreed in writing with the applicant;
  - b) **For applications for non-major development: less than 70 per cent** of an authority's decisions made within the statutory determination period (8 weeks) or such extended period as has been agreed in writing with the applicant.
3. This report relates to 2019/2020 Q1 April – June and Q2 July- September.
4. In Q1 and Q2 we reported to DHCLG that we determined 100% of major applications in within the statutory determination period (13 weeks) or such extended period as has been agreed in writing with the applicant.
5. In the Q1 we reported that we determined 93% and in Q2 we reported that we determined 94% of non-major applications within the statutory determination period (8 weeks) or such extended period as has been agreed in writing with the applicant.
6. For the quarter we are well within the required thresholds.
7. The quality of decisions is assessed on the basis of the number of appeals lost expressed as a percent of the overall number of applications determined. The thresholds below which a local planning authority is eligible for designation are:
  - a) Quality of major development no more than **10% of appeals allowed, expressed as a percent of total number of major applications** dealt with.
  - b) Quality of minor and other development no more than **10% of appeals allowed, expressed as a percent of total number of major applications** dealt with.
8. Our appeal performance in Q1 and Q2 has been reported to you in the Head of Law reports which appear on planning committee agendas.
9. In Q1 and Q2 there have been no major appeals and therefore we are meeting the measure.
10. As reported verbally at October planning committee, we were at risk of designation as a poorly performing planning authority, for the last period assessed. We made representations to MHCLG regarding the very small number of major applications determined overall which meant that we were at risk of designation on the basis that we

lost only one major appeal. MHCLG have agreed not to designate the Peak District National Park Authority on this basis.

11. Over the period we have had 22 minor and other appeals determined. Of these 12 were dismissed and 10 were allowed.

12. As a percentage of the 353 total number of minor and other applications dealt with over Q1 and Q2, (which is the method of assessment DHCLG use), this equates to 3%. For the periods we are below the 10% threshold for 'minor and other' applications.

**RECOMENDATION:**

**That the report be noted.**