DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PROGRESS REPORT 1 OCTOBER 2008 – 31 DECEMBER 2008 (Report by Development Control Manager)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report covers the period 1 October 2008 to 31 December 2008 and compares the performance with the preceding quarter, together with the corresponding quarter of 2007.

2. DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

2.1 Table 1 indicates the statistics relating to this quarter (column (a)), the previous quarter (column (b)) and the corresponding quarter of 2007 (column (c)).

TABLE 1	(a) 01.10.08 to 31.12.08	(b) 01.07.08 to 30.09.08	(c) 01.10.07 to 31.12.07
No. of applications in hand at beginning of quarter.	341	356	420
No. of applications received.	366	401	428
No. of applications determined.	380	382	453
No. of Householder applications determined.	159	176	214
No. of applications withdrawn.	35	35	44
County Matters Received.	5	6	2
No. of applications in hand at end of quarter.	292	340	351
County Council Regulation 3 or 4 Received.	4	4	5

2.2 The applications referred to above were determined in the time period shown in Tables 2a and 2b. (**NB**. Table 2a is a new form of performance report based upon the revised/new national performance targets for the determination of planning applications).

TABLE 2a ALL APPLICATIONS	(a) 01.10.08 to 31.12.08	(b) 01.07.08 to 30.09.08
60% of MAJOR applications to be determined in 13 weeks	15 out of 18 = 83%	10 out of 16 = 63%
65% of MINOR applications to be determined in 8 weeks	99 out of 127 = 78%	78 out of 114 = 68%
80% of all OTHER applications to be determined in 8 weeks	200 out of 235 = 85%	207 out of 252 = 82%
TOTAL	314 out of 380 = 83%	295 out of 382 = 77%

(Note: The percentage figures are the % achieved within each target group)

TABLE 2b HOUSEHOLDER TYPE APPLICATIONS	(a) 01.10.08 to 31.12.08	(b) 01.07.08 to 30.09.08	(c) 01.10.07 to 31.12.07
0-8 weeks over 8 weeks	145 (91%) 14 (9%)	162 (92%) 14 (8%)	203 (95%) 11 (5%)
TOTAL	159 (100%)	176 (100%)	214 (100%)
HOUSEHOLDER DECISIONS AS % OF ALL DECISIONS			
Householder All decisions	159 380	176 382	214 453
%	42	46	47

2.3 Table 3 gives details of the reasons for delay when applications have taken more than eight weeks to determine.

TABLE 3	(a) 01.10.08 to 31.12.08	(b) 01.07.08 to 30.09.08	(c) 01.10.07 to 31.12.07
Reasons for Delay:			
Local Highway Authority		1(1%)	
Anglian Water Authority			
Environment Agency			
Government Office			
Parish Council			1 (1%)
Other Statutory Consultations		3 (4%)	2 (3%)
Applicant	20 (30%)	21 (24%)	17 (21%)
Referred to DC Panel	31 (47%)	32 (37%)	30 (37%)
Processing Delays	14 (21%)	29 (34%)	30 (37%)
S106	1 (2%)		1 (1%)
TOTAL	66 (100%)	86 (100%)	81 (100%)

3. CHARGES FOR APPLICATIONS

TABLE 4	(a) 01.10.08 to 31.12.08	(b) 01.07.08 to 30.09.08	(c) 01.10.07 to 31.12.07
Fee Applications	273	329	356
Fees	£161,068.30	£326,139.00	£214,775.00

4. COMPARISON WITH BUDGET

4.1 The fee income figures for this Quarter compare with the budget as follows:

TABLE 6	QUARTERLY INCOME (a)	BUDGET (Revised) (a)
Planning Fees	£155,420	£212,000

5. RECOMMENDATION

5.1 That the contents of this report be noted.

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