
REPORT TO:	DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE	AGENDA	6
DATE OF MEETING:	25th SEPTEMBER 2001	ITEM:	
REPORT FROM:	DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE	CATEGORY:	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	DEVELOPMENT CONTROL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2001 AND THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2001 (JANUARY TO MARCH)	REF:	AK

1.0 Recommendation

1.1 That the report be noted.

2.0 Purpose of the Report.

2.1 To advise members of the receipt of statistics regarding the speed of decision making on planning applications made to the Council and to illustrate these against those of other authorities in Derbyshire, neighbouring authorities and authorities in this Council's nearest neighbour comparative group of authorities.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Statistics have recently been released by government setting out the speed of decision making of Local Planning Authorities in England for both the year ending 31st March 2001 and the quarter ending 31st March 2001.

3.2 In the quarter to 31st March 2001 the figures show that nationally 62% of all planning applications were determined within eight weeks in the quarter. This shows no change on the corresponding quarter in 2000. However, only 24 authorities surpassed the target set by the government of deciding 80% of planning applications in 8 weeks.

3.3 South Derbyshire determined 75 % of applications in eight weeks in that period. This was the second highest in Derbyshire for the quarter (equal with Derbyshire Dales) and third in the C.I.P.F.A group.

3.4 In the year to 31st March 2001 the figures show that nationally 63% of all planning applications were determined within eight weeks. South Derbyshire determined 75% of its applications in eight weeks that period. This was the highest in Derbyshire and third in the C.I.P.F.A. group behind Melton and Forest of Dean.

3.5 The results for South Derbyshire, other neighbouring authorities and the council's nearest neighbours are shown in the table attached at Table A.

4.0 Background Papers

5.1 DETR Information Bulletin PA-Q1 and No.302 both dated 29TH June 2001.

TABLE A

	YEAR ENDING 31.03.01			January to March 2001		
Authority	Total Decisions	% Granted	% In Eight Weeks	Total Decisions	% Granted	% In Eight weeks
Derbyshire:						
Amber Valley	1298	94	63	262	94	72
Bolsover	431	89	62	91	88	53
Chesterfield	627	94	73	134	96	76
Derbys. Dales	749	88	72	158	88	75
Erewash	765	90	59	178	93	63
High Peak	701	90	70	155	86	71
N.E. Derbys.	975	90	68	225	89	70
S. Derbys.	1079	90	75	270	88	75
Derby City	1517	91	61	470	91	52
Adjoining Authorities:						
N.W. Leics.	1031	85	60	205	85	55
E. Staffs.	1165	90	60	275	86	53
C.I.P.F.A. Nearest Neighbour Group:						
Babergh	1490	94	65	378	93	67
Daventry	1175	88	65	267	88	64
E. Northants	940	94	47	218	92	58
Forest of Dean	1350	87	81	347	86	78
Hinckley & Bosworth	1101	91	61	273	89	66
Lichfield	1073	86	43	234	84	59
Melton	674	84	76	141	87	77
Mid. Beds, North	1714	91	58	392	86	57
Kesteven North	1007	93	65	238	92	57
Warwicks.	713	87	55	190	81	48
Rochford	773	83	71	142	84	74
S. Northhants	1157	88	47	275	88	55
Staffs.						
Moorlands	935	87	70	210	85	65