

**Decision Maker:** RENEWAL AND RECREATION POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**Date:** Wednesday 5 July 2017

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

**Title:** PLANNING APPEALS MONITORING REPORT APRIL 2016 TO MARCH 2017

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**Chief Officer:** Chief Planner

**Ward:** (All Wards);

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1. Reason for report

The report provides an update on planning appeals received and decided for the year 2016/17.

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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Members note the report

### Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: None directly from this report
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### Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
  2. BBB Priority: Quality Environment :
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable:
  2. Ongoing costs: N/A :
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Planning – Appeals and Enforcement Section
  4. Total current budget for this head: £359.8k
  5. Source of funding: Existing revenue budgets 2016/17
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### Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 7.98 FTE
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement Town and Country Planning Act :
  2. Call-in: Not Applicable:
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### Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: None directly from this report
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### Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected):
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### Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

### 3. COMMENTARY

3.1 The table (1) below provides a summary of appeals activity in the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017. During that time 292 appeals were lodged during the same period 317 appeal decisions were received of which 188 were dismissed and 129 were allowed.

3.2 The breakdown by appeal procedure for 2016/2017 compared with 2015/2016 is summarised below:

**Table (1)**

<b>Appeals Lodged Procedure</b>	<b>Bromley 2015-2016</b>		<b>Bromley 2016-2017</b>	
Fast track	121	(46%)	144	(41%)
Written Representations	116	(44%)	193	(55%)
Informal Hearing	12	(5%)	9	(3%)
Local Inquiry	12	(5%)	3	(1%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>261</b>		<b>351</b>	

This represents a 10% increase for Bromley in the proportion of written representation cases.

3.3 The number of appeal cases that Bromley are dealing with has increased significantly and our success rate has improved when compared to last year.

**Table (2)**

<b>Appeal decisions in Bromley Borough 2016/2017*</b>					
	<b>Fasttrack</b>	<b>Written</b>	<b>Hearing</b>	<b>Inquiry</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. of appeals allowed	65	69	4	1	139
No. of appeals dismissed	103	94	4	2	203
No. of appeals Part allowed/dismissed	7	1	0	1	9
<b>Total appeals decided</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>351</b>
<b>% appeals allowed</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>National comparison<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>33%</b>

\*Figures do not include Enforcement appeals

In 2016/17, overall 40% of Planning Appeals were allowed, this is where planning permission is granted, a slight increase when compared with 2015/16 in which 36% were allowed.

3.4 Tables are attached at Appendix One showing on appeals lodged for the last 2016/2017 year including: Planning applications that have gone to appeal, whether a delegated or committee decision and the outcome of the appeal. These tables were originally related to a Council Question.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Impact On Vulnerable Adults and Children ,Policy Implications, Financial Implications, Procurement Implications, Legal and Personnel Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	N/A

<sup>1</sup> Source: Planning Inspectorate Statistical Report (figures provisional)