

Decision Maker: DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday 25th March 2021

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

Title: COUNCILLOR PLANNING APPLICATION 'CALL INS'

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Ward: (All Wards)

1. Reason for report

Following Planning Service Improvements, Councillor 'call-ins' for planning applications are regularly reported to Development Control Committee for information.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

Members note the report.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: N/A
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Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Applications considered at committee cost more than those determined under delegated authority
 2. Ongoing costs: Recurring Cost:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Planning / Development Management
 4. Total current budget for this head: £1.7m
 5. Source of funding: Existing budget
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): N/A
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Non-Statutory - Government Guidance:
 2. Call-in: N/A
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: N/A
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Customer Impact

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

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 A report is regularly brought to DCC summarising the number of Councillor planning application 'call ins' and this figure broken down by Ward.
- 3.2 Officers have delegated authority to determine applications in a range of circumstances except where a Councillor makes a written request to 'call in' a specific application to committee.
- 3.3 The data provided below is for 'call ins' relating to applications determined by the Council since the start of 2019 in six month batches. The data is presented in two tables: Figure 1 provides the most recent data and compares it with previous data and provides a total for 2020, and Figure 2 shows the 2019 data in more detail including appeal outcomes where available.
- 3.4 The data includes all cases which were subject to a 'call in' request (including 'conditional' call ins) and thus includes cases which may not ultimately have been determined at committee.

Figure 1 - Number of planning application 'call ins' for applications determined within specified period

Ward	Total 2019	Number of call ins Jan - Jun 2020	Number of call ins Jan - Jun 2020	Total 2020
Bickley	11	5	9	14
Biggin Hill	9	2	5	7
Bromley Common and Keston	8	8	3	11
Bromley Town	10	1	2	3
Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom	10	4	3	7
Chislehurst	28	16	13	29
Clock House	1	1	1	2
Copers Cope	3	4	4	8
Cray Valley East	4	3	1	4
Cray Valley West	0	1	1	2
Crystal Palace	7	1	3	4
Darwin	12	5	7	12
Farnborough and Crofton	5	2	4	6
Hayes and Coney Hall	3	1	1	2
Kelsey and Eden Park	2	8	8	16
Mottingham and Chislehurst North	2	0	1	1
Orpington	3	3	0	3
Penge and Cator	2	3	2	5
Petts Wood and Knoll	30	8	10	18
Plaistow and Sundridge	3	4	3	7
Shortlands	8	6	3	9
West Wickham	2	1	4	5
Total	163	87	88	175

Figure 2 - Call ins for applications determined in 2019 with additional detail

Ward	Number of 'call ins' for 2019	Appeal in Progress	Appeal Allowed	Appeal Dismissed	Recmdtn overturned at committee	Recmdtn Overturned and Appeal Allowed
Bickley	11	0	4	1	4	3
Biggin Hill	9	0	1	1	1	1
Bromley Common and Keston	8	0	1	0	2	1
Bromley Town	10	0	2	1	0	0
Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom	10	0	0	2	0	0
Chislehurst	28	0	2	3	4	2
Clock House	1	0	0	0	0	0
Copers Cope	3	0	1	1	0	0
Cray Valley East	4	1	1	0	1	0
Cray Valley West	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crystal Palace	7	0	0	3	2	0
Darwin	12	0	1	3	1	0
Farnborough and Crofton	5	0	0	2	0	0
Hayes and Coney Hall	3	0	0	0	0	0
Kelsey and Eden Park	2	0	0	0	0	0
Mottingham and Chislehurst Nth	2	0	0	0	0	0
Orpington	3	0	0	2	0	0
Penge and Cator	2	0	0	0	0	0
Petts Wood and Knoll	30	0	5	8	6	3
Plaistow and Sundridge	3	0	0	2	1	0
Shortlands	8	0	0	2	0	0
West Wickham	2	0	1	1	0	0
Total	163	1	19	32	22	10

With regard to the data in Figure 2, this has been updated since the last report as a number of the appeals against these decisions which were in progress have now been determined. Due to the pandemic, there remains 1 appeal from decisions made by the Council in 2019 on called in applications outstanding with the appeal still in progress. Figures for 2020 will be presented with the next report to allow time for appeals to be determined.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Applications determined at committee result in a higher cost per application than those determined under delegated powers.

5. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

Applications determined at committee result in more staff time and in particular a greater requirement for staff working outside of normal hours.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Impact On Vulnerable Adults and Children; Policy Implications; Legal Implications; Procurement Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	N/A