

Monthly Planning Appeals Performance Update – April 2012

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1. The purpose of this report is two-fold: a) to provide an update on the Council's planning appeal performance; and b) to list those appeal cases that were decided and also those received during the specified month.
2. The Government's Best Value Performance Indicator BV204 relates to appeals arising from the Council's refusal of planning permission and telecommunications prior approval refusals. It measures the Council's appeals performance in the form of the percentage of appeals allowed. It has come to be seen as an indication of the quality of the Council's planning decision making. BV204 does not include appeals against non-determination, enforcement action, advertisement consent refusals and some other types. Table A sets out BV204 rolling annual performance for the year ending 30 April 2012, while Table B does the same for the current business plan year, ie. 1 April 2011 to 30 April 2012.

Table A. BV204 Rolling annual performance (to 30 April 2012)

A.	Council performance		Appeals arising from Committee refusal	Appeals arising from delegated refusal
	No.	%	No.	No.
Allowed	12	(35%)	4 (57%)	8 (30%)
Dismissed	22	65%	3 (43%)	19 (70%)
<i>Total BV204 appeals</i>	34		7	27

Table B. BV204: Current Business plan year performance (1 April to 30 April 2012)

B.	Council performance		Appeals arising from Committee refusal	Appeals arising from delegated refusal
	No.	%	No.	No.
Allowed	1	(100%)	0	1 (100%)
Dismissed	0	0%	0	0 (0%)
<i>Total BV204 appeals</i>	1			

3. A fuller picture of the Council's appeal performance is given by considering the outcome of all types of planning appeals, i.e. including non-determination, enforcement, advertisement appeals etc. Performance on all appeals is shown in Table C.

Table C. All planning appeals (not just BV204 appeals): Rolling year to 30 April 2012

	Appeals	Percentage performance
Allowed	13	(33%)
Dismissed	27	67.5%
All appeals decided	40	
Withdrawn	4	

4. When an appeal decision is received, the Inspector's decision letter is circulated (normally by email) to all the members of the relevant committee. The case officer also subsequently circulates members with a commentary on the decision if the case is significant. Table D, appended below, shows a breakdown of appeal decisions received during April 2012.
5. When an appeal is received notification letters are sent to interested parties to inform them of the appeal. If the appeal is against a delegated decision the relevant ward members receive a copy of this notification letter. If the appeal is against a committee decision then all members of the committee receive the notification letter. Table E, appended below, is a breakdown of all appeals started during April 2012. Any questions at the Committee meeting on these appeals will be passed back to the case officer for a reply.

Table D

Appeals Decided Between 1/4/12 And 30/4/12

DECTYPE KEY: COMM - Area Committee Decision, DEL - Delegated Decision, DELCOM - Called in by Area Committee, STRACM - Strategic Committee;
RECM KEY: PER - Approve, REF - Refuse, SPL - Split Decision; NDA - Not Determined; APP DEC KEY: ALC - Allowed with conditions, ALW - Allowed
without conditions, ALWCST - Allowed with costs, AWD - Appeal withdrawn, DIS - Dismissed

DC CASE NO.	AP CASE NO.	DECTYPE:	RECM:	APP DEC	DECIDED	WARD:	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
11/02648/FUL	12/00007/REFUSE	DEL	REF	ALW	27/04/2012	NORTH	19 Merrivale Square Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 6QX	Loft conversion with rear dormer and rooflights to front and rear.

Total Decided: 1

TABLE E**Appeals Received Between 1/4/12 And 30/4/12**

DECTYPE KEY: COMM - Area Committee Decision, DEL - Delegated Decision, DELCOM - Called in by Area Committee, STRACM - Strategic Committee;
 RECMND KEY: PER - Approve, REF - Refuse, SPL - Split Decision, NDA - Not Determined; TYPE KEY: W - Written representation, I - Informal hearing, P -
 Public Inquiry, H - Householder

DC CASE NO.	AP CASE NO.	DEC TYPE	RECM	TYPE	ADDRESS	WARD:	DESCRIPTION
11/01040/FUL	12/00014/REFUSE	COMM	PER	P	St Clements Car Park And Public Convenience St Clement's Street Oxford Oxfordshire	STCLEM	Demolition of public toilets. Redevelopment of St Clements car park to provide student accommodation (140 bedrooms) and ancillary facilities over 3 blocks. Replacement car park (74 spaces), public toilets and landscaping and ancillary works. (Amended Plans, Additional Information)
11/01044/CAC	12/00015/REFUSE	COMM	PER	P	St Clements Car Park And Public Convenience St Clement's Street Oxford Oxfordshire	STCLEM	Demolition of public toilets.
11/02278/FUL	12/00013/REFUSE	DEL	REF	W	29 Balfour Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX4 6AE	BBLEYS	Erection of 3 bedroom end of terrace house. Provision of 2 car parking spaces to frontage
11/02973/FUL		DEL	REF	W	101 London Road	HEAD	Change of use of first floor from residential flat (use class C3) to office (use class B1).

Total Received: 4