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Performance Review Sub-Committee Report

Performance Report
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Introduction

The Planning Performance Review Sub-Committee is appointed by the Planning Committee each year to consider and report back on an annual basis a random sample of delegated planning decisions. A number of these cases are then selected for examination/evaluation to assess whether relevant planning policies and criteria were applied in each case. In addition to this, the Planning Performance Review Sub-Committee will review planning appeal performance and have scrutiny of overturned decisions.

As part of the review process the Chair of Planning Committee has randomly selected 10 planning applications determined and 10 appeals decided between 1 April 2023 and 31st March 2024. To add context to this sample, an overview of all decisions taken within the period 1 April 2022 and 31st March 2024 is provided below.

This report has been prepared ahead of the publication of the DHLUC performance data for the 24-month period ending December 2022. For the purposes of this report, any comparison against the DHLUC performance data has been based on internally compiled data but will be confirmed at the sub-committee on 28/03/2023 and in the report presented to members at April's planning committee. March's application figures will also be added to the report presented to committee in April.

PART 1: DLUHC PERFORMANCE DATA

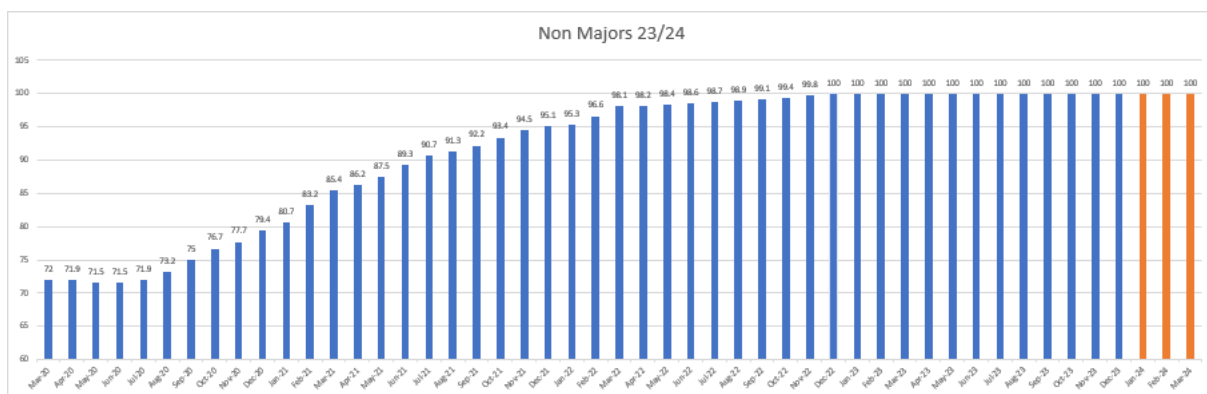
Major Development Performance (24 months to March 2024): Benchmarked against DLUHC Table 151

100% (51 out of 51) of all 'major' applications were determined within time April 2022 – March 2024. This performance places LB Barking & Dagenham **joint 1st nationally** when compared against all 330 Local Planning Authorities and **joint 1st in London** when compared against all 32 London Planning Authorities. *It is important to note that 38x authorities nationally and 7 other London authorities all share 1st place achieving 100% of all major applications determined within time.*

Our performance for the timely determination of Major developments over the past 24 months could not have been improved against the parameters of DLUHC performance data but the team are continuing to work to bring through efficiencies and improvements to accelerate growth within the Borough.

Non-Major Development Performance (24 months to March 2024): Benchmarked against DLUHC Table 153

The graph below represents the Development Management's service performance for the determination of 'Non-Major' applications in accordance with DLUHC reporting criteria. Each bar below represents the cumulative average performance of the previous 24 months. (e.g. 'Oct 21' below returns data for Nov 2019 - Oct 2021)



- The bars in blue represent the performance of the team as published quarterly by DLUHC.
- The bars in orange represent performance based on monthly performance data.

100% (1,754 out of 1,754) of all 'non-major' applications were determined 'within time' April 2022 – March 2024. This performance has placed LB Barking & Dagenham **1st nationally** (up 337 places from June 2020) when compared against all 330 Local Planning Authorities and **1st in London** (up 29 places from June 2020) when compared against all 32 London Planning Authorities. **LB Barking has now maintained this first-placed ranking for 15 consecutive months.**

In addition to the above, it is also important to report on the timeliness of determinations 'within 8 weeks' as this links to Be First's aspirations to accelerate development aligning more widely to the government's aspiration to 'speed up' the planning process. The table below shows the top ranked local authorities for non-major decisions made within 8 weeks as a percentage of total decisions made. It is important to note that the below table illustrates planning performance where no extension of time has been necessary.

Pos	Local Authority	% within 8 weeks no EOT
1	Barking and Dagenham	92.97%
2	Watford	86.17%
3	Arun	81.59%
4	North Tyneside	81.43%
5	Tunbridge Wells	79.98%
6	Chelmsford	78.96%
7	Coventry	78.78%
8	Medway	78.44%
9	Three Rivers	78.29%
10	Redbridge	77.58%

As per DLUHC data published December 2023 (based on the 24-month average prior to Sept 2023), **93%** of all 'non-major' applications were determined 'within 8 Weeks'. This performance places LB Barking & Dagenham **1st nationally** when compared against all 330 Local Planning Authorities and **1st in London** when compared against all 32 London Planning Authorities.

PART 2: FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-2024 PERFORMANCE DATA

Applications determined:

	Q1 <i>Apr 23 – Jun 23</i>	Q2 <i>Jul 23 – Sep 23</i>	Q3 <i>Oct 23 – Dec 23</i>	Q4* <i>Jan 24 – Feb 24</i>	12 Month Total <i>Apr 23 – Feb 24*</i>
Majors (Determined in time)	100% (5 out of 5)	100% (2 out of 2)	100% (7 out of 7)	100% (3 out of 3)	100% (17 out of 17)
Minors (Determined in time)	100% (57 out of 57)	100% (52 out of 52)	100% (46 out of 46)	100% (18 out of 18)	100% (173 out of 173)
Others (Determined in time)	100% (127 out of 127)	100% (160 out of 160)	100% (133 out of 133)	100% (54 out of 54)	100% (474 out of 474)
CLE's & CLP's (Determined in time)	100% (91 out of 91)	100% (99 out of 99)	100% (87 out of 87)	100% (46 out of 46)	100% (323 out of 323)

The above table confirms that 100% of all decisions taken on the above applications within the previous financial year were taken within time.

Appeals:

	Q1 <i>Apr 23 – Jun 23</i>	Q2 <i>Jul 23 – Sep 23</i>	Q3 <i>Oct 23 – Dec 23</i>	Q4 <i>Jan 24 – Feb 24</i>	12 Month Total <i>Apr 23 – Feb 24</i>
Planning Appeals (Dismissed)	56% (9 out of 16)	77% (10 out of 13)	64% (9 out of 14)	73% (16 out of 22)	68% (44 out of 65)

The most recent national average published by the Planning Inspectorate is at 68% dismissed. This places the quality of decision taking by LB Barking and Dagenham equal to the national average. This is an excellent result given the speed of determination and the ageing local policy context (2010/2011) against which decisions are determined.

Householder

The Development Management Team have set an aspirational target to approve 67% of all 'Householder' applications. This is an extremely ambitious challenge given the quality of submissions at receipt is generally very poor and propose extremely unneighbourly development. Officers work hard to engage with applicants and seek meaningful improvements and amendments to proposals (where possible) and through the period April 2023- March 2024 achieved a **65% (246 out of 377)** approval of all Householder applications, a slight (1%) decrease on last year's performance.

Whilst this is marginally below the team's aspirational target, the quality of decision making (*as reflected above in the appeals data*) remains high and the timely determinations (*as demonstrated in the applications determined data*) represents a nationally best position.

PART 3: APPLICATIONS SAMPLE FOR DETAILED REVIEW

The following table provides a key summary of the sample of randomly selected applications determined within the period of 1 April 2022 and 13th March 2023 out of a total of 987 decisions issued. The applications are listed in date order of the date of the decision being issued. The Sub-Committee will select 3-4 of the reports below for a further detailed review and the outcome of this will be reported back to the Full Planning Committee following this review.

App. Ref:	Address:	Decision:	Within Statutory period?	Within time agreed?
24/00025/Full	476, Ripple Road, Barking	Refused	YES	n/a
23/01965/Hse	106, Manor Road, Dagenham, RM10	Approved	YES	n/a
23/01902/ Hse	11, Stratton Drive, Barking	Approved	YES	n/a
23/01447/Full	3, Seagull Close, Barking, IG11 OGX	Approved	YES	n/a
23/01197/ Hse	28, Western Avenue, Dagenham, RM10 8XH	Refused	NO	YES
22/00025/Full	108, Hatfield Road, Dagenham, RM9 6JS.	Refused	YES	n/a
22/02100/Full	97, Gay Gardens, Dagenham, RM10 7TH	Refused	YES	n/a
22/02117/Full	144, Marston Avenue, Dagenham, RM10 7LJ	Approved	YES	n/a
23/00248/Full	229, Westrow Drive, Barking, IG11 9BS	Refused	YES	n/a
23/00327/Full	733, Becontree Avenue, Dagenham, RM8 3HH	Refused	YES	n/a

Further Detailed Review

The sub-committee received a bundle at Appendix A providing further detail on each of the applications identified for review in the table above. The bundle contains the following information for each application:

- Overview title page
- Key Drawings(s)
- Key aerial imagery provided for wider site context
- Officer Delegated Report
- Decision Notice

The following tables record a summary of the performance and quality indicators for each application the Sub-Committee considered in further detail along with a summary of the matters reviewed on each application.

Please note these tables will be populated following the detailed review at the sub-committee and presented to the planning committee as an addendum to confirm an accurate reflection of members comments/considerations.

App. Ref:		Date Received:			
App. Address:		Date Determined:			
Proposal:					
Time Taken (weeks)	Within statutory period or agreed time?	Correct planning history noted?	Correct policies applied?	Officer report published to file?	Decision notice published to file?
Summary of Quality & Comments of the Sub-Committee:					
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Proposal:			
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Summary of Quality & Comments of the Sub-Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 			

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Proposal:			
Time Taken (weeks)	Within statutory period or agreed time?	Correct planning history noted?	Correct policies applied?
Summary of Quality & Comments of the Sub-Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 			

PART 4: APPEALS SAMPLE FOR DETAILED REVIEW

The following table provides a key summary of the sample of randomly selected appeals decisions received within the period of 1 April 2023 and 13th March 2024 out of a total of 65 appeals determined by the Planning Inspectorate. The appeals are listed in date order of the date of the decision being issued. The Sub-Committee will select 3-4 of the reports below for a further detailed review and the outcome of this will be reported back to the Full Planning Committee following this review.

Appeal. Ref:	Address:	Appeal Outcome
APP/Z5060/W/22/3304836	75 Longbridge Road, Barking, Barking And Dagenham, IG11 8TG	Appeal Dismissed
APP/Z5060/W/22/3311509	345 Hedgemans Road, Dagenham, Barking And Dagenham, RM9 6DR	Appeal Allowed
APP/Z5060/X/22/3294717	195 Morley Road, Barking, Barking And Dagenham	Appeal Allowed
APP/Z5060/D/22/3306726	14 Thornhill Gardens, Barking, Barking And Dagenham, IG11 9TX	Appeal Allowed
APP/Z5060/D/22/3313390	128 Western Avenue, Dagenham, Barking And Dagenham, RM10 8UH	Appeal Allowed
APP/Z5060/W/22/3313463	2 Dewey Road, Dagenham, Barking And Dagenham, RM10 8AR	Appeal Allowed
APP/Z5060/D/23/3321946	20 Oval Road North, Dagenham, Barking And Dagenham, RM10 9EL	Appeal Allowed
APP/Z5060/D/23/3329141	231 Westrow Drive, Barking, Barking And Dagenham, IG11 9BS	Appeal Allowed
APP/Z5060/W/23/3326911	135 Hatfield Road, Dagenham, Barking And Dagenham, RM9 6JT	Appeal Allowed
APP/Z5060/W/23/3328582	20 Tenby Road, Chadwell Heath, Romford, Barking And Dagenham, RM6 6NB	Appeal Allowed

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- Overview title page
- Key Drawings(s)
- Key aerial imagery provided for wider site context
- LBBDD Decision Notice
- Planning Inspectorate Appeal Decision (and any associated cost decision if relevant)

The following tables record a summary of the performance and quality indicators for each application the Sub-Committee considered in further detail along with a summary of the matters reviewed on each application.

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Appeal Ref:		Planning App Ref:	
Appeal Address:		Planning App (decision date)	
Proposal:			
Officer summary of the Appeal Outcome			
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Learning Outcomes			
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Summary of the comments of the Sub-Committee:			
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Appeal Address:		Planning App (decision date)	
Proposal:			
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Learning Outcomes			
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Summary of the comments of the Sub-Committee:			
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Appeal Address:		Planning App (decision date)	
Proposal:			
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<p>Summary of the comments of the Sub-Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 			

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