

# Planning Committee

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| <b>Title</b> | Development Management Performance |
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- 1.1 Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) are measured on their performance based on the % of planning applications they determine within 8 or 13 weeks (or within an extension of time agreed with the applicant). For several years the targets have been as follows:

Majors – 60% within 13 weeks

Minors – 65% within 8 weeks

Others – 80% within 8 weeks

Major development is defined as:

More than 10 residential units, dwellings on a site with an area of 0.5 hectares or more, 1,000 sq. m or more of new commercial floorspace or sites with an area of more than 1 hectare.

Minor development is defined as:

Up to 9 residential units, up to 999 sq. m of new floorspace, changes of use

Others – mainly householder schemes

- 1.2 In the year ending December 2017, Spelthorne met all three performance measures as follows:

Table 1

| <u>Majors</u> |           |                        | <u>Minors</u> |           |                        | <u>Others</u> |           |                        |
|---------------|-----------|------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Total         | On Target | % on Target (i.e. 60%) | Total         | On Target | % on Target (i.e. 65%) | Total         | On Target | % on Target (i.e. 80%) |
| 23            | 19        | 83%                    | 202           | 155       | 77%                    | 627           | 550       | 88%                    |

- 1.3 The assessment period for the last quarter, October to December 2017 is set out in the following table.

Table 2

| <u>Majors</u> |           |                        | <u>Minors</u> |           |                        | <u>Others</u> |           |                        |
|---------------|-----------|------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Total         | On Target | % on Target (i.e. 60%) | Total         | On Target | % on Target (i.e. 65%) | Total         | On Target | % on Target (i.e. 80%) |
| 4             | 3         | 75%                    | 63            | 48        | 76%                    | 137           | 123       | 90%                    |

1.4 In November 2016, the Government announced changes to the way LPAs are assessed in terms of planning performance and are now being measured on:

- The **speed** of determining applications for **major** development
- The **quality** of decisions made by the authority on applications for **major** development;
- The **speed** of determining applications for **non-major** development;
- The **quality** of decisions made by the authority on applications for **non-major** development.

1.5 With just a few minor exceptions, non-major equates to a combination of the “minor” and “other” categories referred to above.

1.6 The following table provides an overview of the thresholds and assessment period for 2017 and 2018 and Spelthorne’s performance.

Table 3

| Measure and type of Application | 2017 Threshold and assessment period             | Spelthorne’s Performance | 2018 Threshold and assessment period        | Spelthorne’s Performance |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Speed of major Development      | <b>50%</b> (October 2014 to September 2016)      | <b>94%</b>               | <b>60%</b> (October 2015 to September 2017) | <b>85%</b>               |
| Quality of major Development    | <b>N/A</b> quality is not being assessed in this | <b>N/A</b>               | <b>10%</b> (April 2015 to March 2017)       | <b>4.2%</b>              |

|                                  |  |            |  |             |
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|                                  | designation round  |            |  |             |
| Speed of non-major Development   | <b>65%</b><br>(October 2014 to September 2016)                     | <b>74%</b> | <b>70%</b><br>(October 2015 to September 2017) | <b>82%</b>  |
| Quality of non-major Development | <b>N/A</b> quality is not being assessed in this designation round | <b>N/A</b> | <b>10%</b> (April 2015 to March 2017)          | <b>1.7%</b> |

1.7 It can be seen that Spelthorne has met and exceeded all four targets for the two threshold periods.