



**Councillor Richard Musgrave, Deputy Leader of the Council**  
**Report to Council on 19 April 2022**

**Development Management**

In the period between 1 February 2022 and 28 February 2022 no major applications were determined.

In the period between, 1 February 2022 to 28 February 2022, 79% of minor applications were determined within the statutory period or agreed extension of time. This equates to 19 determined, 1 within the statutory 8 weeks and 14 within the extension of time period agreed and 4 out of time. These figures are higher than the national designation targets set by the Government for minor applications which is 70%.

In the period between, 1 February 2022 to 28 February 2022, 82% of minor other applications were determined within the statutory period or agreed extension of time. This equates to 33 determined, 5 within the statutory 8 weeks and 22 within the extension of time period agreed and 6 out of time. These figures are higher than the national designation targets set by the Government for minor applications which is 70%.

In addition to the above during the same period we also dealt with 35 other applications which are not reported to CLG which include the following types:

HENS (Larger household extensions), Agricultural Prior approvals, Prior Notifications, Telecommunications, Discharge of Conditions, Minor Amendments, Works to Trees, County and other Consultations, Scoping reports and Screening opinions for EIA applications.

We also assessed 14 Permitted Development Enquiries (PD's) and determined 7 Certificates of Lawfulness.

With regard to performance at appeal for Development Management, in the period between 1 February 2022 to 28 February 2022, 1 was determined and dismissed. During the same period 3 Enforcement appeals were determined of which 2 were dismissed and 1 was allowed.

We also received 3 new appeals for Development Management and 2 new Enforcement appeals

The Planning Enforcement Team served 2 Enforcement notices and closed 34 cases during February 2022.

The Public Inquiry for the Hilliam Gypsy and Traveller site was held from 22 March 2022 for four sitting days, and we anticipate that the Inspector will be issuing his decision by the end of May.

## **Planning Policy and Strategy**

We continue to make progress on the Publication version of the Local Plan. We are continuing to undertake work with site promoters to resolve matters relating to the deliverability of sites in order to finalise the allocations which will be included in the Publication Local Plan.

We are also continuing to have dialogue with infrastructure providers such as highways and health providers on requirements to support the new plan. Additional technical work is also being undertaken on flood risk, viability and highways modelling. Work also continues on updating policies in response to comments raised at the Preferred Options stage and to reflect changes to National Guidance. We anticipate a report to Members on the Publication version of the Local Plan in early Summer.

Consultation on the Escrick Neighbourhood Development Plan ended on 4 April. The responses to the consultation are being collated and will be submitted for independent examination in due course.

## **Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP)**

A report on the Yorkshire Green Energy Enablement Project will be presented to Executive on the 7 April 2022.

The Project is being brought forward by National Grid Electricity Transmission who are proposing to upgrade and reinforce the electricity transmission system in Yorkshire, spanning five local authority areas including Selby District. This reinforcement is needed to improve the transfer of clean energy across the country. The Project is currently at the pre-application stage with the Planning Inspectorate. National Grid Electricity Transmission are expected to submit their application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Planning Inspectorate during Q4 2022/Q1 2023. The final decision is made by the Secretary of State on the recommendation of the Planning Inspectorate, with Local Planning Authorities being statutory consultees in the process.

The Executive will be asked to note the contents of the report and to authorise the Director of Economic Regeneration and Place in consultation with the Executive Member for Place Shaping, having considered the Ward Councillors representations, to agree the Local Impact Report, Statement of Common Ground, the content of the draft DCO, and all further necessary representations by the District Council, together with post decision monitoring of planning conditions and enforcement of the DCO. The reason for this is that timescales for commenting on the DCO application once it is submitted are embedded in statute and it is important that appropriate delegation arrangements are in place so that the Council is able to meet the deadlines which are set by the Planning Inspectorate. This approach is the same as we've used to deal with other NSIP's (e.g., Eggborough and Drax).

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