



Councillor Mark Crane - Leader of the Council
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This report covers the period from 19 July 2022. During this period, and in most recent weeks there has been significant national and worldwide change. It has been a period in our history we will remember.

I would like to record my sympathy to His Royal Highness King Charles III on the death of his mother Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II. Her Majesty will be greatly missed by people across the Selby district, throughout the country and around the world. She has been, for many, the only monarch known and has been a constant and reassuring presence in an ever-changing world. With her death another Elizabethan era fades. We join people around the world in our grief, but also in giving thanks for her contribution to our nation.

I would also like to congratulate King Charles III on his accession to the throne and on behalf of Selby District Council wish his Majesty a successful reign.

I would also like to congratulate our new Prime minister Liz Truss and look forward to working with her government. The country faces many challenges not least the cost-of-living crisis and we continue to be ready to help and support residents and businesses.

Local Plan

Consultation on the Publication Local Plan is now underway. The consultation is a significant milestone in progressing a new Local Plan for Selby District and we encourage local residents and businesses to submit their comments. The consultation was due to finish on 7 October, however following the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II we postponed the consultation events which were scheduled to take place during the period of national mourning. In order to give people sufficient time to respond we have extended the Publication Local Plan consultation period until 5pm on 28 October 2022.

The Pre-submission Publication Local Plan is the version of the Local Plan that the Council proposes to submit to the Secretary of State for Examination. We will consider the responses received at this stage in detail before determining whether the plan should be recommended for Submission to the Secretary of State for formal examination.

A referendum on the Escrick Neighbourhood Plan is due to take place on Thursday 6th October, if there is a positive outcome the plan will be recommended for formal adoption and will become part of the statutory Development Plan for Escrick.

Development Management

In the period between 1st June 2022 and 31 August 2022, 90% of major applications were determined within the statutory period or agreed extension of time period. This equates to

10 applications determined, 2 within the statutory 13 weeks, 7 within the extension of time period agreed and 1 out of time.

The figure exceeds the national designation target set by the Government for majors which is 60%.

In the same period, 75% of minor applications were determined within the statutory period or agreed extension of time period. This equates to 73 applications determined, of which 18 were within the statutory 8 weeks and 37 within the extension of time period agreed.

The figure exceeds the national designation target set by the Government for minor applications which is 70%.

83% of minor other applications were determined between 1st June 2022 and 31 August 2022 within the statutory period or agreed extension of time period. This equates to 131 applications determined of which 47 were within the statutory 8 weeks and 62 within the extension of time period agreed. The figure significantly exceeds the national designation target set by the Government for minor other applications which is 70%.

In addition to the above, during this time period, 131 applications were dealt with that are not reported to DLUHC which include the following types of application:

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.

There were also 38 Permitted Development Enquiries were dealt with and 12 Certificates of Lawfulness determined.

With regards to performance at appeal, in the period 1 June 2022 to 31 August 2022, a total of 14 appeal decisions were received of which 9 were dismissed and 5 were allowed.

The Planning Enforcement Team received 105 new cases and closed 112 cases during the same time period.

Leisure

Members will be aware that we agreed a licence extension for the use of the Summit building as a vaccination centre until December 2022. We have also agreed that the blood transfusion service can utilise the facility for three blood donor sessions, the first was held on 16th August with two further sessions on 3rd November and 6th December 2022.

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