

**Committee:** Development Control  
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**Title:** Quarterly report on Development Control performance  
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### **Summary**

- 1 As part of the move towards better performance management Members agreed to receive quarterly reports on speed of decision in Development Control. The attached graphs show quarterly performance for each of the three Best Value targets for speed of decision over the last three years. In addition the charts show the trajectories for performance improvement that are necessary to meet the Best Value targets by 2006/7, and performance in relation to those trajectories. It will be noted that there has been an overall improvement in performance since the last quarter.
- 2 The trajectories start from the last quarter of the financial year 2003-4, and the start point represents the average of performance up to that point, rather than the actual performance in that quarter. Members will recall that the ODPM requires the Council to share these trajectories with GoEast. It will be noted that performance is above or on target in all three categories, and, in the case of major applications, exceeds the Best Value target. This follows the improvements in handling major applications by this Committee. The numbers of applications, and the percentage determined in accordance with the targets, are given on the attached table.
- 3 Members will be aware that the Audit Commission recently carried out a Best Value inspection of the Planning Service. This focused on all aspects of service delivery, not just speed of decision. The outcome is not yet finalised and a full report will be brought to this meeting when the final report is received from the Audit Commission

RECOMMENDATION That the report be noted

Background Papers: Reports to Environment Committee 8 June 2004, DC Committee 7 June 2004 and 20 September, Full Council 19 October 2004. Report to DC Committee 22 November 2004

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| APPEAL BY          | LOCATION                                                                                    | APPLICATION NO  | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                     | APPEAL DECISION & DATE                              | DATE OF ORIGINAL DECISION | SUMMARY OF DECISION                                                                                                |
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| NTL Group Ltd      | NTL Transmitting Station<br>Eastern Electricity sub-station<br>Station Road<br>Great Dunmow | UTT/1814/04/FUL | Appeal against refusal to grant planning permission for erection of 18m monopole and installation of 6 antennas and 2 dishes, equipment cabin, meter cabling and ancillary development within a fenced compound | 24 Jan 2005<br>ALLOWED                              | 26 Mar 2004               | The Inspector concluded that there would be no adverse effects on the character of the area                        |
| Mr W Lovering      | The Old Exchange<br>Dunmow Road<br>Hatfield Heath                                           | UTT/0001/04/FUL | Appeal against refusal to grant planning permission for side extension and new roof                                                                                                                             | 21 Jan 2005<br>DISMISSED                            | 4 May 2004                | The Inspector concluded that the design and the effect on amenity were unsatisfactory                              |
| Mr & Mrs I Roberts | Land off Howe Lane<br>Littlebury                                                            | UTT/2065/03/FUL | Appeal against refusal to grant planning permission for erection of                                                                                                                                             | 14 Jan 2005<br>ALLOWED<br>PART<br>DISMISSED<br>PART | 7 May 2004                | The only issue was that of rooflights, as planning permission for a revised scheme was being implemented. The harm |

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|                                                           |                                                        |                 | detached house and associated garages – insertion of rooflights                                                                      |                          |               | was judged, subject to their being fixed shut and obscure glazed                                                                                                               |
| Mr & Mrs P Morris<br>Mr & Mrs J Hylton<br>Mr & Mrs G Boyd | Rear of The Kings Head<br>North Street<br>Great Dunmow | UTT/0210/04/FUL | Appeal against refusal to grant planning permission for the erection of 2 three bed and 1 two bed cottages and cartshed style garage | 14 Jan 2005<br>DISMISSED | 6 April 2004  | The Inspector concluded that the development would fail to protect the conservation area and the setting of the listed building, but would not affect the viability of the pub |
| St Giles Development Ltd                                  | Land adj Tufnells Duck Street<br>Little Easton         | UTT/0079/04/DFO | Appeal against refusal to grant planning permission for the construction of a single dwellinghouse                                   | 20 Jan 2005<br>DISMISSED | 4 May 2004    | The Inspector concluded that the development would have an unsatisfactory appearance and effect on amenity                                                                     |
| <b>Appeal A</b><br>S Anglin                               | Barn at Friar Farm<br>Tinden End<br>Wimbish            | UTT/2171/03/LB  | Appeal against refusal to grant planning permission for renovation of the barn                                                       | 20 Jan 2005<br>ALLOWED   | 20 April 2004 | The Inspector concluded that the barn was suitable for conversion                                                                                                              |
| <b>Appeal B</b><br>S Anglin                               | Barn at Friars Farm<br>Tinden End<br>Wimbish           | UTT/2170/03/FUL | Appeal against refusal to grant planning permission for the conversion of the barn to a dwelling and new vehicle access              | 20 Jan 2005<br>ALLOWED   | 20 April 2004 | As above                                                                                                                                                                       |