

# INFORMATION ITEM



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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	18 NOVEMBER 2015	7

## PLANNING APPEALS

### PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

#### SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

An examination of appeal decisions has been carried out for the period from 1 August 2014 to 30 September 2015. During this 14 month period, 18 appeals were determined which was lower than the previous 14 month period during which 25 appeals were determined. Of those appeals that progressed to a decision, 82% were dismissed which compares favourably with the England average of 65%<sup>1</sup>. It should be noted that 2 appeals against the refusal of planning permission for major housing developments (more than 10 dwellings) were allowed, one for up to 30 dwellings at Kings Close, Staining and one for up to 360 dwellings at Blackfield End Farm, Warton. Both of these appeals were allowed despite being located within areas designated as open countryside in the Fylde Borough Local Plan. The reduction in the overall number of appeals and the limited number of public inquiries held during the period will have reduced the demand on Council resources over previous years.

#### SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Head of Planning & Regeneration from information held on Acolaid, the Service's computerised records system.

#### LINK TO INFORMATION

[Breakdown of planning appeal decisions received between 1 Aug 2014 & 30 Sept 2015.](#)

#### WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

The Policy Development Scrutiny Committee considered a report on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014 outlining the background to planning appeals, an assessment of the appeal decisions over the previous 2 year period and the policy on reducing the number and cost of those appeals. The committee resolution included that the success rate in defending planning appeals continued to be monitored, with a similar monitoring report to be brought to the appropriate committee in 12 months.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION

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<sup>1</sup> 2013/14 most up to date national figure available