

## Monthly Decisions on Town Planning Application Appeals

- 1.1 Between the 31 July and the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2012, 9 appeals decisions had been received from the Planning Inspectorate. Two were withdrawn and another was invalid. The table below confirms how many appeals were upheld and how many were dismissed. Details of each appeal can be viewed on the departmental website.

### OVERALL PERFORMANCE

APPEALS RECEIVED	DISMISSED	ALLOWED	WITHDRAWN/ INVALID	PERCENTAGE DISMISSED (Not including Withdrawn)
9	2	4	3	33%

- 1.2 Of the overall number of appeals these have been divided between delegated decisions, i.e those made by officers under the scheme of delegation and committee decisions.

### DELEGATED DECISIONS

No. of APPEALS	DISMISSED	ALLOWED	WITHDRAWN/ INVALID	PERCENTAGE DISMISSED (Not including Withdrawn)
9	2	4	3	33 %

### COMMITTEE DECISIONS

	No. of APPEALS	DISMISSED	ALLOWED	WITHDRAWN	PERCENTAGE DISMISSED
Refusal as per officer recommendation	0	0	0	0	N/A
Refusal against officer recommendation	0	0	0	0	N/A

## **KEY ISSUES**

The figures above are disappointing and are unique over the last two years where appeals dismissed have been consistently over 80%. One appeal allowed was at 2 Standard Road, Enfield, EN3 6DR for a first floor rear extension with pitched roof. The Council had argued that the proposal would be within a 30 degree angle of the first floor landing window of No 4. However the Planning Inspector taking account of the shallow pitch of the roof of the proposal and the distance from that window and the use of the area served by it the proposal argued that in his opinion it would not. Another two appeals were allowed as the inspector disagreed with the department that the design of the developments were unacceptable within the street scene. Clearly this is a subjective judgement and is difficult to counter act. However a thorough assessment of last month's figures will be undertaken to ascertain whether there are issues which could be addressed to ensure the high percentage of dismissed appeal the department has attained will continue.