

Amendment to Motion A (15 July 2013)

Delete “This council is concerned that” and all that follows and insert below –

Council notes:

- That the Government sets local authorities a target of determining 60% of major planning applications within 13 weeks
- That in 2010/11 and 2011/12 this target was not met by Haringey Council.
- Following the recognition of poor performance against this target, the Planning Service commissioned an external review in Summer 2012, which made a number of recommendations for improvement.
- That a number of clear steps have been taken to improve performance, including the development of an improvement plan, the establishment of an Improvement Board chaired by the director and a new dedicated major application team.

Council further notes:

- Following the implementation of a range of measures, the Council has succeeded in significantly improving performance, determining 63% of major applications in 2012/13 and thereby exceeding the national target.
- That the Council’s ambition must be excellence in planning, and as part of the improvement process, an engagement exercise will be held in the Autumn to hear views from the public, councillors, businesses and stakeholders on how the quality of the Council’s approach to planning can be further improved
- That improvements are being made despite the Governments reforms of the planning system placing an additional burden on Haringey’s planning service, while reducing its income

Council resolves:

- That regular updates on performance should continue to be provided to the Regulatory Committee and the cabinet member responsible for planning.
- To welcome the engagement exercise being held in the Autumn and encourage all councillors to contribute their views and ideas
- To thank staff for the significant amount of work that has been undertaken to successfully improve performance on major applications.

- To continue to oppose unnecessary and ill-advised attempts by the Department for Communities and Local Government to reform the national planning system

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