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Development Management
Committee agenda

Dear Councillor,

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 5 APRIL 2017

Please find attached the following reports which were marked “to follow” on the agenda for the above meeting:

6. Items for Reporting and Noting (Pages 3 – 4)

(D) Planning Statistics

7. Esbies Enforcement Update, Sawbridgeworth (Pages 5 – 8)

Please bring these papers with you to the meeting tomorrow evening.

Yours faithfully,

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MEETING : DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
VENUE : COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD
DATE : WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL 2017
TIME : 7.00 PM

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DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

Major, Minor and Other Planning Applications

**Cumulative Performance for
March 2017** (calculated
from April 2016)

	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17
<i>Total Applications Received</i>	214	456	692	917	1148	1377	1565	1788	1955	2180	2439	2720

<i>Percentage achieved against Local and National Targets</i>	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Targets for Local Performance (set by East Herts)	National Targets (set by Government)	
Major %	100%	100%	100%	92%	94%	88%	89%	89%	88%	84%	85%	87%	Major %	60%	60%
Minor %	95%	94%	92%	93%	93%	93%	94%	94%	94%	94%	93%	93%	Minor %	80%	65%
Other %	96%	96%	96%	97%	95%	95%	94%	94%	94%	94%	93%	93%	Other %	90%	80%

Appeals	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17
Total number of appeal decisions (Monthly)	8	14	9	13	10	14	7	10	11	11	10	13
Number Allowed against our refusal (Monthly)	3	4	2	4	5	4	3	4	2	2	5	1

Total number of appeal decisions (Cumulative)	8	22	31	44	54	68	73	80	91	102	112	127
Number Allowed against our refusal (Cumulative)	3	7	9	13	18	22	20	27	29	31	36	38

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6D

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EAST HERTS COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 5 APRIL 2017

REPORT BY LEGAL SERVICES MANAGER

ESBIES ENFORCEMENT UPDATE, SAWBRIDGEWORTH

WARD(S) AFFECTED: SAWBRIDGEWORTH

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To update Members on the current situation regarding enforcement matters at the Esbies Site and to seek authorisation that the Head of Planning and Building Control can consider the additional matters which counsel has raised following this committee's resolution to seek an injunction in December 2016.

<u>RECOMMENDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE : That:</u>

(A)	The Head of Planning and Building Control be authorised to determine whether to proceed with seeking an injunction in relation to the Esbies Estate after having regard to the circumstances of any occupants, any material changes in circumstances, human rights issues, issues relating to the best interests of children and matters under the Equality Act.
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1.0 Background

1.1 On 7 December 2016 members authorised Officers to seek an injunction under section n187B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Members were advised that further advice would be obtained should they approve the recommendation.

2.0 Report

2.1 Further advice has been received and this points out that it is appropriate when deciding to pursue an injunction to have regard to the circumstances of any occupants, any material change in circumstances and human rights issues. It is also correct to consider issues relating to the best interests of any children and any issues under the Equality Act. In the circumstances it is

recommended that Members resolve that these matters are considered by the Head of Planning and Building Control who should then be authorised to determine whether to seek an injunction in relation to the Esbies Estate. In ordinary circumstances the Head of Planning and Building Control has authorisation in any event pursuant to the Constitution but as the matter was considered previously by Members it is considered appropriate to seek this authorisation.

3.0 Implications/Consultations

3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

None.

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ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives	Priority 1 – Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities Priority 2 – Enhance the quality of people's lives Priority 3 – Enable a flourishing local economy
Consultation:	<i>None.</i>
Legal:	Consultation has taken place.
Financial:	<i>None.</i>
Human Resource:	<i>None.</i>
Risk Management:	<i>None.</i>
Health and wellbeing – issues and impacts:	To be considered by the Head of Planning and Building Control subject to approval of the recommendation.

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