

Planning Services Newsletter helping to keep our customers informed of any news, our performance and changes that we have implemented, based on feedback from our customers. **Following the success of our Planning Newsletter our [Building Control Service](#) are to produce a newsletter which you will be receiving shortly.**

FEEDBACK WITH OUR RESPONSES

Can you make it clearer on you website that you only require one copy of information to be submitted with an application? We have added the following note at the top of our downloadable forms page.

*Unlike most other authorities if you submit your application electronically we do not usually require any paper copies and we only usually require **1 copy** if sent by post. Please ignore the requirement of 3 copies on the national forms and checklist.*



We are unable to amend the national forms and guidance. Please can you provide some information on your website about advertisements?

We have added some information and links regarding [Advertisement Consent](#).

FEED BACK FROM OUR SELF ASSESSMENT FORMS

Can you make more room to write on the forms?

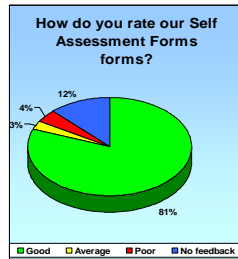
The forms are designed be to double sided A4 to reduce paper if printed, however if completed electronically the fields are free text.

Can you make it easier for a layman to understand?

We have added additional information, sketches and links to the Planning Portal Interactive Guides.

Can you make it clearer what to do if my proposal is a replacement building/ extension?

We have added a note to clarify that if you are replacing an extension or outbuilding then answers are based on the proposed works regardless of the extent of the building being removed.



We have received positive feedback from our set of [Self Assessment Forms](#) which we developed for customers to assess whether they require planning permission for domestic development. Of the 73 forms completed 59 rated our service as "Good".

PERFORMANCE

January and February 2010

Planning Applications Received = 199

Planning Applications Decided = 158

% of Major Applications decided in 13 weeks = 73

% of Minor Applications decided in 8 weeks = 94

% of Other Applications decided in 8 weeks = 99

% of applications decided under delegated powers 85

50% of planning applications submitted were received electronically.

We are now registering **92%** of valid applications within 3 working days of receipt.



NEWS

In January it was confirmed that changes to the planning rules on [Houses in Multiple Occupation](#) were to come into effect on the 6th April 2010.

We only have the information on the [CLG website](#) therefore are unable to give advice until further information is available.

[CLG](#) announced [Planning Fees](#) are to be frozen this year.

[New fee levels](#) now apply for applications to:-

- extend the time limits for implementing planning permissions
- non material amendments
- the reduction in the maximum fee for other applications submitted under Schedule 1, Part 2 category 9 (b), of the fee regulations.

Visit our [News Page](#) to keep informed of Planning News.

NEW



Following a number of enquiries we have produced a "[Planning Guide to Horses and Stables](#)".

This guidance is intended to clarify the legal position and provide initial advice for anyone intending to use land or buildings for a horse related use. We have also added an example of plan requirements to our website.

New on the Portal

Planning Portal new [Mini Guides](#) to **Extensions, Loft Conversions, Outbuildings and Porches**.



We hope that you found this newsletter useful, we welcome any feedback to help us improve our service. Please advise us if you wish us to send our newsletters to another address or be removed from our mailing list.

Is there anything you would like us to include in a newsletter or put on our [website](#)?

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