

Development Control

Development Control is the process which regulates the development and use of land. This involves the consideration of planning applications and appeals, enforcement action where breaches of control have occurred and also the provision of advice and information about the system generally and individual proposals specifically.

The aim of the City Council is to make the best decision about each planning application, which may not necessarily be the quickest. This requires taking into account the proposal's impact upon the environment and on the interests of the community and may also mean balancing the needs of the applicant against the effect the development may have on local residents.

Development Control is split into 3 geographical area teams and an enforcement team. The teams receive in excess of 3000 applications per year.