

PROCEDURE FOR PRIORITISING CASEWORK

Subject to the effective and efficient use of Commissioner resources, to ensure fairness to all participants, the Commission generally deals with cases in the chronological order in which they are submitted. Given the suspensive effect of most notices alleging breaches of control, the Commission gives priority to appeals against such notices. The Commission also gives priority to Article 31 (Planning Order) case work referred to it by Planning Service.

In considering applications to prioritise casework, the Commission will take account of the following:

1. The public significance of the development, including
 - economic implications;
 - social implications;
 - employment generation; and
 - the justification for the development, including dependence upon grant aid.
2. The scale of the development.
3. The environmental consequences of delaying the development, including environmental pollution, the likelihood of infraction proceedings and the importance of the site in environmental terms.
4. Delays in the determination of the planning application including the appellants use of Article 33 rights of appeal.

The extent to which a case may be prioritised will depend on the availability of Commissioner resources.

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