

Agenda Item 8
Report PC23/24-7

Report to	Planning Committee
Date	14 September 2023
By	Director of Planning
Title to Report	Summary of appeal decisions received from 23 February 2023 – 28 August 2023
Purpose of Report	To update SDNPA Members on appeal decisions received

Recommendation: To note the outcome of appeal decisions

I. Overview

- I.1 The attached table (**Appendix I**), ordered by date of decision, provides Members with a summary and brief commentary on the appeal decisions received in the period. This covers both those appeals dealt with by the host authorities and directly by the South Downs National Park Authority.
- I.2 From 23 February 2023 to 28 August 2023:
 - 37 appeal decisions were received, of which 19 were dismissed and 18 were allowed.
 - 5 applications for an award of costs were made against the Authority and 1 application for costs was made by the Authority against an appellant. All were refused.
 - There were no judicial review applications in the period.
- I.3 The Authority's appeal performance in the financial year 2022/23 was very good with 78% of appeals being dismissed (the highest the Authority has achieved). However in the 2023/24 financial year to date 24 appeals have been determined of which 50% were dismissed. The number of appeals received to date is arguably too low to determine a trend but officers are keeping appeal performance under review and taking action internally to address this emerging issue.
- I.4 Officers would note that since late March the Authority has lost 3 'major' appeals (defined as either more than 1,000 sq m of floorspace or more than 10 dwellings) at Buriton Interchange, Liss Forest Nursery and Bulmer House, Petersfield. At Liss Forest Nursery the Authority was able to achieve additional monies for affordable housing through the appeal process over and above that proposed to Planning Committee however this is still recorded in our statistics as a 'loss'

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