

Report to	<b>Planning Committee</b>
Date	<b>15 February 2024</b>
By	<b>Director of Planning</b>
Title of Report	<b>Summary of appeal decisions from 30 August 2023 – 26 January 2024</b>
Purpose of Report	<b>To update SDNPA Members on appeal decisions received</b>

**Note**

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**Recommendation:**

**The Committee is recommended to note the outcome of appeal decisions**

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**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 the 30 August 2023 to 26 January 2024:
- 18 appeal decisions were received, of which 14 were dismissed and 4 were allowed.
  - 2 applications for an award of costs were made against the Authority, both were refused.
  - There were no judicial review applications in the period.
- I.3 The Authority's appeal performance in the 2023 / 24 financial year to date is of the 41 appeals determined, 61% were dismissed (compared to current national average of 68%). As set out in the 14 September 2023 appeals summary report, the number of appeals received is arguably too low to determine any trends. Officers continue to keep appeal performance under review and are taking action internally to address this issue.

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