

Development Control Chairs report to Council December 21

The Council's planning department continues to be busy and the increase in the number of applications received this year has continued and remains consistent. From January through to the end of September we have received the same level of application we would normally expect to see in a 12 month period with approximately 200 additional applications. We have recruited a new permanent planning officer and brought in some temporary staff to manage the increase in workload and officers are keeping the situation under close review.

The increase in applications for planning permission is very positive news for the Town and demonstrates a confidence in Burnley as a place to invest. The planning committees work is central to this process and we have recently dealt with a varied ranging of applications from commercial and residential developments, small householder and business improvements and change of use applications that seek new uses for our existing buildings.