

Planning Performance Reporting

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Dear Parish Clerk,

I am sending this again as I had some bounce backs so wanted to resend to ensure all parish and town councils had received the information.

As you may have noted from recent social media posts, the Shared Planning Service has been challenged about the validity of its reports to government on the service's performance. The associated suggestion is that the service might be at risk of "designation" leading to a situation where applicants can apply directly to the government for planning permission.

Following the discussion of this matter at a Scrutiny and Overview Committee on 19 April 2021, the Council wrote to The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to do additional checks that the processes we have been following are correct. The Council received a response from MHCLG last week which confirms that the Council's approach to performance reporting is, and has always been, correct.

As this is such an important matter, I wanted to write to reassure you and your Councillors about the standing of the service and the planning permission process at South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Although we were very clear our processes were robust, I hope this give you the necessary assurances. If you or your Council would like any further clarification on this matter, please get in touch. I would be grateful if you can also share this with your councillors.

Best wishes
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