

'For some months now the majority of Planning applications have been taking multiples of the time set out in our own SLA for determination. This committee calls for an immediate review of the systems currently in use for determination of Planning applications by this Council.

For example, can a triage system be introduced to fast track simple applications via one route whilst the more complex ones are dealt with as quickly as possible by other more experienced officers? The key is to review our systems as quickly as possible and introduce agreed changes to speed up the process using our existing and future resources as efficiently as possible. COVID is no longer a valid excuse for continued failure in this activity.'

Councillor Tony Dean