

**August/September report to Parish Council – Borough Issues 2019**  
**Councillor Bill Crooks**

Apart from the Planning Committee (which continues to meet every month due to the 6 week determination rule), there have not been many other meetings because of the holiday period.

**5 Year Land Supply**

There has been an increase in appeals since the change in policy by the Government in July 2018. The Council has had 45 appeals in 2018/19 of which 71% were dismissed. Now up to July this year of the 34 appeals so far 10 have been allowed and 24 dismissed which continues the 71% success rate.

The Council is required to be above 60%. Three recent appeal results showed that the change in the 5 year land supply was making a difference, they are:-

1. The Big Pit (back of ASDA) for 80 properties the appeal was allowed and partial cost awarded against the Council. (Yet to be advised)
2. Crabtree Farm Barwell, 25 houses including a cemetery site in the Green Wedge (this area was refused at appeal 6 months previously for 176 houses because of the effect on the Green Wedge. The new application was subsequently allowed mainly on the failure to demonstrate a 5 year land supply. The appeal cost was £24k.
3. Cadeby Hall Appeal against enforcement notice served when two houses were built against planning permission for only one. The Inspector upheld the appeal which means the appellant has 6 months to demolish one property and re-seed the site. – Cost of appeal £21k

The appeals budget stands at £43k and most of this will be used to defend the 80 houses at Desford situated on Peckleton Lane. Future costs other than this will have to be taken out of reserves.

**Affordable Housing**

For the urban areas any development above 15 properties must contain 20% affordable houses. In the rural areas any development of 4 or above must contain 40% affordable houses.

Total Build - 99 properties = 17.55%. Open Market Properties = 465 which gives an overall total of 564. The Council is still on track to deliver the required number by 2026 (for the plan period 2006 to 2026),  
Total affordable built so far in this period = 1170 and open market = 4792.  
Total built since 2006 = 5962.