

## The Householder Appeal Service

The Planning Inspectorate is launching a Householder Appeal Service (HAS) on 6th April 2009. This expediated process will bring a quicker, more proportionate appeals service to householders. The Government and ourselves are committed to making the appeals process as quick and efficient as possible. The aim of this new service is to dramatically shorten the length of time it will take you to receive a decision on any Householder appeal you may submit to us.

This procedure applies to all householder planning applications, including refusals against conditions on **householder applications** (not appeals) **submitted on or after 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009**.

The critical changes are:

- The time limit for making a Householder Appeals will be reduced to 12 weeks from the decision date.
- Third parties will not be given another opportunity to comment although they will be notified of the appeal.
- The report (delegated or committee) and decision notice will form the basis of the Councils appeal case. No further written statements will be able to be submitted.
- The Council will provide the Planning Inspectorate with an electronic case file. This will include the appeal questionnaire and all the documents referred to, including third party letters of representations.

### How can I find out more information about the Householder Appeals Service?

More details and information can be found by visiting the Planning Inspectorate website at [http://www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk/pins/21st\\_century/index.html](http://www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk/pins/21st_century/index.html)) by contacting the Planning Inspectorate on 0117 372 6372 or by contacting East Hampshire District Council at [planning.appeals@easthants.gov.uk](mailto:planning.appeals@easthants.gov.uk).

### Please remember!

An appeal should only be a last resort. With only 36% of appeals being allowed, you should look carefully at the reasons for refusal before you submit an appeal to us. In some instances you may be able to negotiate a revised scheme with your local planning authority.

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