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Dear Mike

Plan Processing/Approval Delays

I am writing to record our concerns over the recent escalation in times for plan processing and approval - and thought that I should write sooner rather than later.

I understand from several surveyors that current processing times are again starting to exceed the 8-12 days shown on the Landonline website. In recent years, it appears that plan processing times often are slower around this time of the year.

Approval delays (especially when unplanned) can put surveyors at odds with their clients and jeopardise transactions.

However, slightly longer approval times are not usually a problem if they are sufficiently forecast, and if urgency can be given readily.

Can you please advise if you expect approval times to continue to lengthen, so that we can inform our membership? Updating the website with current times may also help.

Can you also please advise when you expect that approval times will be back to "normal"?

Yours faithfully

Pat Sole
President ICS