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Council urges residents to plan ahead

With Dalby's property boom showing no signs of slowing down, Dalby Town Council is urging resident's planning development projects to wait for Council approval before commencing work.

"While it's great to see a lot of new developments in town, Council is concerned that many projects have started without proper town planning approval," said planning and liveability spokesperson Cr Ross Thornton.

Council's town planning procedure is to lodge a development application, wait to receive notification of Council's decision and then commence work on the project in accordance with the approval.

"Council assesses each application on its merits and often conditions are applied to modify the development so that approval can be granted.

"In many cases the decision to commence work prior to receiving planning approval has been a costly one for the developer," said Cr Thornton.

Residents should allow a minimum one-month approval period for code assessable projects such as a standard subdivision and a minimum three-month approval period for impact assessable projects such as a major development.

"The best advice for residents is to start planning early and lodge the development application well in advance of the project start date," said Council's planning and environment manager Todd Summerville.

Dalby Town Council offers pre-lodgement meetings, a free service designed to assist residents complete development applications and gain general advice early in the planning process.

"We're here to help. Contacting Council for advice in the initial stages of planning a development can more often than not expedite the process."

For advice on your development project contact Council's planning and environment manager Todd Summerville on 4672 1151.

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