Appeal to the Secretary of State

If by [8, 13 or 16 weeks, depending on the application {the target date}] you have not been given a decision in writing and you have not agreed an extension of time, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State (SoS) under various sections of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 although this does not apply if the application has already been referred to the SoS. The form you must use can be found online at www.gov.uk/government/organisations/planning-inspectorate

or from the Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN. If you appeal you must do so within 12 weeks for a Householder or Minor Commercial development application, or 6 months for other types of application, from [the target date],

or

if an enforcement notice relating to substantially the same land and development as in the application has been served before (but no earlier than two years before the application) and has not been withdrawn, you must appeal within 28 days from [the target date],

or

if an enforcement notice relating to substantially the same land and development as in the application is served on or after but no later than 28 days before the expiry of 6 months from [the target date] and has not been withdrawn, you must appeal within 28 days from the date on which the enforcement notice is served.