

# Largest increases in London and the SE

In the period January to March 2011 local authorities undertaking district level planning:

- received 119,400 applications, an increase of around 1 per cent when compared with the March 2010 quarter
- decided (granted or refused) 96,800 applications, an increase of 1 per cent when compared with the March 2010 quarter
- granted 78,500 applications, an increase of 2 per cent when compared with the March 2010 quarter
- decided 12,000 residential applications,

unchanged from the March 2010 quarter.

In the 12 months to March 2011, district level local authorities:

- received 483,500 applications, an increase of 4 per cent on the 12 months to March 2010
- decided 439,900 applications, 5 per cent up on the 12 months to March 2010
- granted 355,800 permissions, 6 per cent up on the 12 months to March 2010
- decided 51,800 residential applications, up 5 per cent on the 12 months to March 2010.

## Planning applications

In the March quarter 2011, authorities undertaking district level planning in England received 119,400 applications for planning permission. This represents an increase of 1 per cent compared with the corresponding quarter in 2010. In the year ending March 2011, authorities received 483,500 applications, an increase of 4 per cent on the year ending March 2010 figure.

## Planning decisions

District level planning authorities decided 96,800 planning applications in the March quarter 2011, 1 per cent higher than in the same quarter last year. In the year ending March 2011 authorities decided 439,900 applications, an increase of 5 per cent on the year ending March 2010.

In the year ending March 2011, all regions apart from the North East saw an increase in the number of decisions. The largest increases were in London (10 per cent) and the South East (8 per cent).

## Applications granted

In the March quarter 2011, 78,500 permissions were granted, up 2 per cent on the same quarter in 2010. 86 per cent of all decisions were granted between January and March 2011, an increase of 1 percentage point when compared with the March quarter 2010.

Over the 12 months to March 2011, 355,800 applications were granted, 6 per cent up on the year to March 2010. 86 per cent of all decisions were granted in the year to March 2011 compared with 85 per cent in the year to March 2010.

In the year ending March 2011, approval rates across the regions ranged from 80 per cent in London to 93 per cent in the North East. These percentages represent a 2 percentage point increase for authorities in London and a 1 percentage point increase for authorities in the North East compared to the year ending March 2010. See Fig 1. The effect of the market slowdown from the end of 2007 onwards can be clearly seen.

## Speed of applications

In the March quarter 2011, 62 per cent of major applications were processed within 13 weeks compared with 70 per cent in the March 2010 quarter. Also, 72 per cent of minor applications and 83 per cent of other applications were processed within 8 weeks.

In the quarter ending March 2011, district level planning authorities decided 57 per cent of large-

## Planning Decisions on Major and Minor residential developments P136 Year ending 31 MARCH 2011

London Boroughs	Total residential Major decisions	Number granted	% granted	% within 13 weeks	Total Minor residential decisions	Number granted	% granted	% within 8 weeks	% over 8 weeks
<b>London</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>8314</b>	<b>5404</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>29</b>
Barking and Dagenham	2	1	50	50	66	26	39	55	45
Barnet	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bexley	10	5	50	60	90	37	41	72	28
Brent	31	25	81	66	154	75	49	73	27
Bromley	15	10	67	73	249	130	52	63	37
Camden	17	12	71	82	857	739	86	78	22
City of London	-	-	-	-	5	5	100	80	20
Croydon	51	28	55	47	383	206	54	71	29
Ealing	34	26	76	56	206	116	56	69	31
Enfield	8	4	50	25	241	91	38	79	21
Greenwich	10	7	70	60	80	44	55	68	33
Hackney	9	6	67	33	281	186	66	84	16
Hammersmith and F	10	9	90	30	148	123	83	74	26
Haringey	5	5	100	20	213	137	64	74	26
Harrow	18	13	72	44	217	100	46	82	18
Havering	9	7	78	44	190	104	55	73	27
Hillingdon	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hounslow	7	5	71	29	135	50	37	67	33
Islington	16	14	88	36	241	173	72	72	28
Kensington and Chelsea	5	4	80	-	717	589	82	55	45
Kingston upon Thames	8	6	75	38	130	70	54	55	45
Lambeth	38	25	66	84	335	160	48	85	15
Lewisham	24	18	75	38	235	167	71	64	36
London Thames G UDC	10	10	100	33	-	-	-	-	-
Merton	8	7	88	50	167	82	49	60	40
Newham	4	2	50	75	89	39	44	99	1
Redbridge	8	5	63	63	149	45	30	63	37
Richmond upon Thames	9	7	78	33	169	97	57	43	57
Southwark	47	38	81	70	375	274	73	75	25
Sutton	8	5	63	38	125	73	58	70	30
Tower Hamlets	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waltham Forest	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wandsworth	31	26	84	45	711	607	85	77	23
Westminster	17	17	100	47	270	215	80	55	45

Source: Source: DCLG ([www.communities.gov.uk](http://www.communities.gov.uk))

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## Planning Decisions, by development type and speed of decision P131

### Quarter ending 31 MARCH 2011

London Boroughs	Total major decisions	Number granted	Percentage granted	% within 13 weeks	Total Minor decisions	Number granted	Percentage granted	% within 8 weeks	% over 8 weeks	Total other decisions	Number granted	Percentage granted	% within 8 weeks
<b>London</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>4,869</b>	<b>3,779</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>11,764</b>	<b>7,535</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>83</b>
Barking and Dagenham	5	4	80	40	37	24	65	59	41	112	73	78	79
Barnet	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bexley	5	5	100	60	76	54	71	79	21	267	206	86	91
Brent	16	14	88	56	103	77	75	76	24	464	231	69	80
Bromley	17	14	82	41	143	109	76	63	37	464	304	81	77
Camden	13	9	69	55	326	288	88	75	25	436	262	87	83
City of London	2	2	100	-	44	44	100	73	27	66	65	98	77
Croydon	24	17	71	46	228	190	83	70	30	338	210	80	87
Ealing	27	16	59	78	181	148	82	86	14	515	258	75	95
Enfield	9	7	78	33	106	69	65	79	21	332	211	78	92
Greenwich	13	11	85	69	91	74	81	80	20	243	164	82	93
Hackney	11	9	82	18	117	99	85	89	11	215	117	72	91
Hammersmith and Fulham	6	6	100	33	87	76	87	69	31	381	324	94	86
Haringey	1	1	100	-	84	58	69	75	25	282	188	84	80
Harrow	18	17	94	67	105	58	55	79	21	387	195	69	92
Havering	4	4	100	50	113	87	77	74	26	286	184	73	90
Hillingdon	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hounslow	9	7	78	67	68	55	81	71	29	390	224	74	85
Islington	11	9	82	45	185	143	77	83	17	267	181	77	88
Kensington and Chelsea	5	4	80	40	313	244	78	58	42	567	421	84	53
Kingston upon Thames	4	3	75	50	83	59	71	66	34	327	183	77	86
Lambeth	16	13	81	63	168	98	58	81	19	328	194	79	88
Lewisham	10	9	90	20	137	106	77	61	39	190	116	85	77
London Thames G UDC	16	15	94	44	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	100	100
Merton	10	10	100	80	88	52	59	65	35	371	220	77	85
Newham	4	3	75	75	117	83	71	97	3	159	91	78	97
Redbridge	6	4	67	33	77	45	58	61	39	414	225	73	84
Richmond upon Thames	7	5	71	29	211	179	85	57	43	655	384	82	76
Southwark	31	28	90	71	185	139	75	74	26	232	140	76	82
Sutton	5	5	100	60	62	52	84	66	34	198	146	87	83
Tower Hamlets	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waltham Forest	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wandsworth	16	15	94	56	263	229	87	78	22	443	337	94	87
Westminster	21	21	100	58	502	423	84	67	33	1,052	859	86	79

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scale major applications, and 63 per cent of small-scale major applications within 13 weeks. Also, 92 per cent of all major decisions were within 52 weeks.

#### Residential Decisions

The number of decisions on all applications for residential developments remained unchanged from the March quarter 2010 to the March quarter 2011 at 12,000 decisions. The number of major residential decisions decreased by around 7 per cent compared to the March quarter 2010.

In the March quarter 2011, authorities granted 81 per cent of major residential applications, compared with 79 per cent in the March quarter 2010, and determined 53 per cent of them within 13 weeks. 73 per cent of decisions on minor residential applications were granted and 65 per cent determined within 8 weeks. ■

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/corporate/statistics/planningapplicationsq12011>

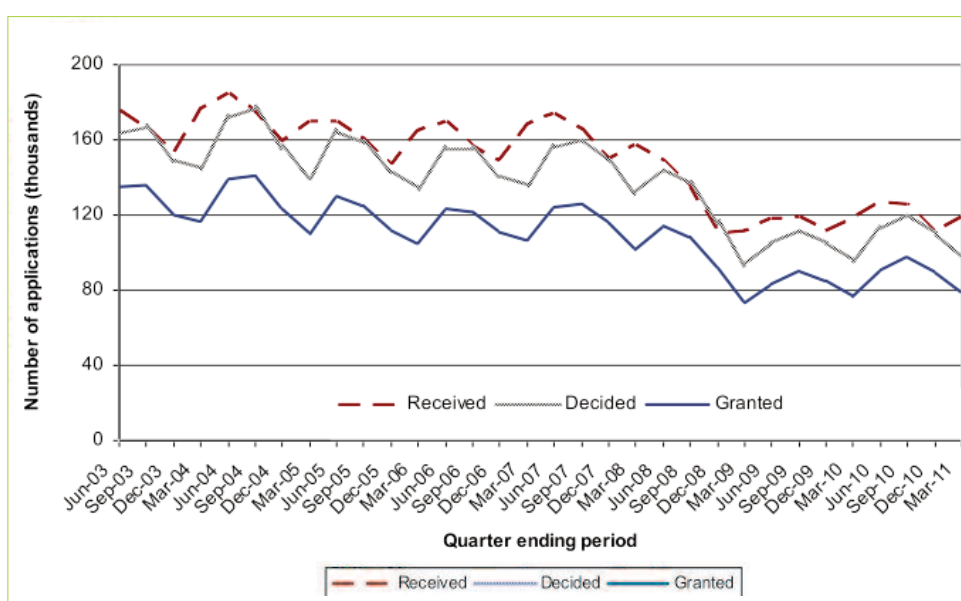


FIGURE 1  
Number of planning applications received, decided and granted by district authorities.