

# Applications fall along with performance

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## Speed of decisions

In January to March 2012, 53 per cent of major applications were processed within 13 weeks compared with 62 per cent in the March 2011 quarter. Also, 68 per cent of minor applications and 81 per cent of other applications were processed within 8 weeks compared with 72 per cent and 83 per cent respectively for the quarter ending March 2011.

District level planning authorities decided 46 per cent of large-scale major applications, and 55 per cent of small-scale major applications within 13 weeks compared with 57 per cent and 63 per cent respectively for the quarter ending March 2011. Also, 89 per cent of all major decisions were within 52 weeks compared to the figure of 92 per cent in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

In the year ending March 2012, 57 per cent of major applications were processed within 13 weeks, compared with 66 per cent in the year ending March 2011. Also, 71 per cent of minor applications and 82 per cent of other applications were processed within 8 weeks compared with 75 per cent and 86 per cent respectively in the year ending March 2011.

District level planning authorities decided 49 per cent of large-scale major applications, and 60 per cent of small-scale major applications within 13 weeks compared with 59 per cent and 68 per cent respectively in the year ending March 2011. Also 91 per cent of all major decisions were within 52 weeks, compared to the figure of 92 per cent in the previous year.

## Residential Decisions

In January to March 2012, there were 12,600 decisions on applications for residential developments, compared with around 12,000 decisions in the March quarter 2011, an increase of 4 per cent. The number of major residential decisions increased by 8 per cent compared to the March quarter 2011, while minor residential decisions increased by 4 per cent.

Authorities granted 84 per cent of major residential applications, a 3 percentage point increase from the March quarter 2011, and determined 44 per cent of them within 13 weeks, down from 53 per cent in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. Authorities granted 73 per cent of decisions on minor residential applications and determined 60 per cent

Planning decisions by development type, speed of decision and local

Planning Authority	Major Developments						Minor Developments					Other Developments						
	Total Major Decisions	Number granted	Percentage granted	Performance Agreements		Total Minor Decisions	Number granted	Percentage granted	Percentage within 8 weeks	Percentage over 8 weeks	Percentage of major and minor decisions resolved	Total Other Decisions	Number granted	Percentage granted	Percentage within 8 weeks	Percentage over 8 weeks		
				Percentage within 13 weeks	Percentage over 13 weeks												Decisions made within agreed time limit	
<b>London</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>5,482</b>	<b>4,363</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>12,575</b>	<b>8,019</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>26</b>
Barking and Dagenham	10	10	100	-	100	-	-	46	36	78	48	52	82	70	58	84	63	37
Barnet	24	24	100	4	96	-	-	184	157	85	30	70	87	602	424	91	46	54
Bexley	12	12	100	58	42	-	-	81	64	79	70	30	82	257	197	88	90	10
Brent	22	21	95	41	59	1	-	166	119	72	67	33	74	439	256	84	81	19
Bromley	24	19	79	38	63	-	-	193	144	75	53	47	75	587	371	77	75	25
Camden	13	10	77	73	27	2	2	349	298	85	76	24	85	445	262	86	80	20
City of London	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Croydon	17	14	82	41	59	-	-	228	183	80	72	28	80	321	193	78	86	14
Ealing	15	15	100	47	53	-	-	177	143	81	79	21	82	510	259	72	91	9
Enfield	11	10	91	18	82	-	-	78	59	76	45	55	78	348	196	77	76	24
Greenwich	28	26	100	15	85	-	-	126	103	82	84	16	85	242	159	79	90	10
Hackney	35	28	80	29	71	-	-	151	110	73	69	31	74	292	138	72	81	19
Hammermith and Fulham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haringey	8	8	100	-	100	-	-	84	51	80	44	56	82	336	226	85	64	36
Harrow	15	13	87	40	60	-	-	87	39	45	77	23	51	426	204	64	87	13
Havering	19	18	95	28	72	1	1	108	83	77	61	39	80	335	243	86	83	17
Hillingdon	25	23	92	12	88	1	-	111	71	64	60	40	69	450	241	68	91	9
Hounslow	37	32	86	16	84	-	-	115	87	76	37	63	78	499	305	78	61	39
Islington	20	20	100	26	74	1	1	184	138	75	43	57	77	277	190	79	67	33
Kensington and Chelsea	15	15	100	-	100	-	-	285	230	81	54	46	82	608	428	80	53	47
Kingston upon Thames	7	5	71	29	71	-	-	90	66	73	53	47	73	318	193	84	78	22
Lambeth	19	18	95	-	100	-	-	262	200	76	27	73	78	318	191	85	45	55
Lewisham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
London Thames Gateway UDC	9	9	100	50	50	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-
Merton	18	16	89	33	67	-	-	85	64	75	59	41	78	368	224	82	82	18
Newham	11	11	100	45	55	-	-	96	82	65	91	9	68	178	81	64	91	9
Redbridge	7	7	100	29	71	-	-	95	80	84	21	79	85	493	294	87	58	42
Richmond upon Thames	6	3	50	33	67	-	-	270	225	83	66	34	83	633	348	77	82	18
Southwark	40	37	93	58	43	2	-	238	195	82	63	37	83	285	185	87	76	24
Sutton	11	11	100	36	64	-	-	74	55	74	45	55	78	233	150	82	78	22
Tower Hamlets	41	39	95	24	76	-	-	142	118	83	49	51	86	203	150	79	51	49
Waltham Forest	9	8	89	50	50	3	3	109	72	66	72	28	68	207	85	63	90	10
Wandsworth	25	24	96	48	52	-	-	301	258	86	72	28	87	527	403	91	85	15
Westminster	33	33	100	40	60	13	13	664	586	88	63	37	89	1,093	897	85	68	32

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within 8 weeks, compared with 73 per cent and 65 per cent respectively in the March quarter 2011. In the year to March 2012, residential decisions decreased by 3 per cent from 51,800 to 50,400 in the 12 months to March 2011. The number of major and minor residential decisions decreased by 4 per cent and 3 per cent respectively. Authorities granted 82 per cent of major residential applications, compared with 80 per cent in the year ending March 2011, and determined 48 per cent of them within 13 weeks,

down from 59 per cent in the previous year. Authorities granted 73 per cent of decisions on minor residential applications and determined 63 per cent within 8 weeks, compared with 72 per cent and 68 per cent respectively in the previous year.

## Historical context

The number of applications received and decided are still relatively low, falling back after the slight increases from 2009-10 to 2010-11 although not

to the historically low levels recorded in 2009-10. However, the percentage of applications granted is at its highest for more than 10 years. At the same time, the speed at which major applications are decided has declined markedly since 2009-10, when it stood at 71 per cent of majors decided in 13 weeks.

The fall has been particularly steep in the past 12 months, declining from 66 per cent of majors decided in 13 weeks in 2010-11 to 57 per cent in 2011-12.

RIGHT: Number of planning applications received, decided and granted by district level planning authorities

