

Statutory Targets

Local Planning Authorities are monitored by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) on their performance in terms of the speed and quality of decision-making.

Planning Authorities which under-perform against any of these criteria may be deemed as poorly performing and risk 'designation' by the Secretary of State which then allows applicants the option to directly apply to the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) rather than the Local Planning Authority.

The following targets apply and the County Council's performance during Quarter 1 – 1st April 2023 – 30th June 2023 – is reported below:

- For major developments (which includes all minerals and waste proposals) the speed threshold is to determine 60% of these applications within the statutory period of 13 or 16 weeks (or an extended period agreed with the applicant) measured over a rolling two-year period. During Q1 100% of applications were determined within the required period or within an agreed extension of time.
- For non-major developments the speed threshold is to determine 70% of these applications within the statutory period of 8 weeks (or an extended period agreed with the applicant) measured over a rolling two-year period. During Q1 100% of applications were determined within the required period or within an agreed extension of time.
- For major and non-major developments (measured separately) the 'quality' threshold is for fewer than 10% of these applications to be overturned at appeal measured over a rolling two-year period. No appeals have been received or determined during this period.