

Highways Agency Performance Specification 2013-14 – Technical Note

Field	Notes
Short Title	Housing and Job Benefits from Planning Applications.
Performance Specification Reference	Output 2 – PS 2.9e
Requirement / Output Details	<p>The network operator should report on the following measures to provide further transparency of performance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quantification of the expected housing and job benefits (as reported by developers) facilitated through final responses provided by the network operator on planning applications.
Technical Definition	Expected housing and job benefits as reported by developers, which are facilitated through final responses to planning application consultations.
Rationale	It is a key indicator of the economic benefits of the developments that have final responses from us in relation to their planning application consultations.
Formula	The number of houses and jobs expected, if the developments outlined in the planning application consultations with a final response are built as envisaged.
Start date	Annual figures are available from February 2011, with the first data appearing from Feb 2010.
Performance	Performance against this measure is not controlled by the Highways Agency as it plainly relates to what developers come forward with, which is impacted by what is outlined by Local Planning Authorities Local Plans. But it is an indicator of potential economic development and recovery. For applications with a final response in 2012/13, approaching 86,000 jobs and 78,000 houses were expected.
Behavioural Impact	Focuses on the potential positive impact on the economy of the developments being assessed, and raises staff awareness of the role they play in facilitating economic growth.
Comparability	N/A
Collection Frequency	Monthly.

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Clearance Process	Monthly through NDD Regional Director lead for Planning, and then through all NDD Directors and Board Director, before release outside Agency for monthly report. For Annual Report, similar, but also through NetServ planning policy team.
Time Lag	One month.
Data Source	Development Control Database (accessed via HAMIS general tab), and verified by separate manual process with spreadsheet population by Regions.
Type of Data	Management data, manually inputted by Regional staff.
Robustness and Data Limitations	Relies on correct data being manually entered, and realistic assertions being made by developers about their developments.
Collecting Organisation	Highways Agency (NDD).
Return Format	Numbers of houses and jobs.
Geographical Coverage	England.
How Indicator Can be Broken Down	Monthly breakdown via NDD Regional boundaries is also done, along with a 12 month cumulative figure for estimated jobs and houses.