

Data dictionary for Planning Application Statistics

District Matters

Data sources (statistical returns)	Description
PS1	The PS1 form collects summary information about the number of planning and related applications on hand at the beginning of the quarter, received, withdrawn, called in or turned away during the quarter; the number of decisions and delegated decisions; and information on specific types of applications such as applications accompanied by Environmental Statements, Regulation 3 and 4 consents, decisions on applications for prior approval and enforcement action.
PS2	The PS2 form collects more details about the decisions made during the quarter, broken down by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development type, • Whether permission/consent was granted or refused, and • The time taken from application to decision
The latest blank forms and detailed guidance notes are available at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/district-planning-matters-return-ps1-and-ps2	

PS1	
PS1 variables	Description
Local planning authority	Local planning authority name at the time of the reporting period
ONS code	Local planning authority code at the time of the reporting period
Quarter ending	The reporting period; the quarter ended MMM YYYY
Applications at beginning of the quarter	Number of applications on hand at the beginning of the reporting period
Applications received	Number of applications received during the reporting period
Applications decided	Number of applications decided during the reporting period
Applications withdrawn	Number of applications withdrawn, called in or turned away during the reporting period
Applications at end of the quarter	Number of applications on hand at the end of the reporting period. Not collected after 1 April 2014.
Application decisions delegated	Number of application decisions delegated during the reporting period
Decisions with an Environmental Statement	Number of decisions involving a statutory Environmental Statement during the reporting period
Applications accompanied by a Planning Performance Agreement (PPA)	Number of applications accompanied by a Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) during the reporting period

Applications given an Extension of Time (EoT)	Number of applications where an Extension of Time was made during the reporting period
Regulation 3	Number of decisions made under regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992
PS1 variables	Description
Regulation 4	Number of decisions made under regulation 4 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992
Permitted development rights (PDR)	Planning permission for some types of development has been granted nationally through the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015.
Prior approvals for permitted developments	Prior approval means that a developer must seek approval from the local planning authority that specified elements of the development are acceptable before work can proceed.
<i>Sui generis</i> uses	This is the term used for uses that do not fall into any planning use class.
Determination applications received	The number of determination applications received, as collected before detailed figures for permitted development rights were collected from 1 April 2014
Decisions to intervene	The number of decisions made to intervene, as collected before detailed figures for permitted development rights were collected from 1 April 2014
PDR; [Development type] prior approval not required	[Development type] PDR applications where prior approval was not required
PDR; [Development type] granted	[Development type] PDR applications granted
PDR; [Development type] refused	[Development type] PDR applications refused
Decisions on notifications	Number of decisions on notifications
Certificates of lawful development	Number of certificates of lawful development
Certificates of appropriate alternative development	Number of certificates of appropriate alternative development
Certificates of lawfulness of proposed works to listed buildings	Number of certificates of lawfulness of proposed works to listed buildings
Enforcement activity	Local planning authorities have discretionary powers to take formal enforcement action if, in their view, an unacceptable breach of planning control has occurred.
Enforcement notices issued	Number of enforcement notices issued
Stop notices served	Number of stop notices served (excluding temporary stop notices)
Temporary stop notices served	Number of temporary stop notices served Figures collected from 1 July 2005
Planning contravention notices served	Number of planning contravention notices served
Breach of condition notices served	Number of breach of condition notices served
Enforcement injunctions granted	Number of injunctive applications granted by High Court or County Court
Enforcement injunctions rejected	Number of injunctive applications refused by High Court or County Court
Enforcement warning notices issued	Number of enforcement warning notices issued

PS2	
PS2 variables	Description
Major developments	<p>For district matter applications, 'major development' means development involving any one or more of the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provision of dwelling/houses where – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The number of dwelling/houses to be provided is 10 or more; or ○ The development is to be carried out on a site having an area of 0.5 hectares or more and it is not known whether the number of dwelling/houses to be provided is 10 or more. • The provision of a building or buildings where the floor space to be created by the development is 1,000 square metres or more, or • Development carried out on a site having an area of one hectare or more; <p>Where a site above one hectare is subject to a change of use application, it should be coded under major development and not as a change of use (Question 20). Any other applications for change of use should be captured under Question 20 and not under the relevant major/minor development category.</p>
Minor developments	<p>For dwelling/houses, minor development is one where the number of dwelling/houses to be provided is between one and nine inclusive on a site having an area of less than one hectare. Where the number of dwelling/houses to be provided is not known, a site area of less than 0.5 hectares should be used as the definition of a minor development. For all other uses, a minor development is one where the floor space to be created is less than 1,000 square metres or where the site area is less than one hectare.</p>
Permission in Principle and Technical Details Consent decisions	<p>These are reported on the PS2 form with effect from January to March 2020. The decisions are also reported on the PS2 form under the appropriate development type (e.g. 'minor dwellings') but are now separately quantified too, as 'Permission in Principle (minor housing-led development)'; 'Technical Details Consent (minor housing-led development)'; or 'Technical Details Consent (major development)'</p>
Excluding PAs, EoTs and EIAs	<p>All applications, excluding applications involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Agreements (PAs), • Extensions of Time (EoTs), and • Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs)
PAs, EoTs and EIAs only	<p>Applications only involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Agreements (PAs), • Extensions of Time (EoTs), and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs)
All decisions	<p>All applications, including applications involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance Agreements (PAs), Extensions of Time (EoTs), and Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs)
Total decisions major [development type] (all)	Number of major application decisions made for that specific use during the reporting period for each development type
Total granted major [development type] (all)	Number of major applications granted during the reporting period for each development type
Total refused major [development] (all)	Number of major applications refused for that specific use during the reporting period for each development type

PS2 variables	Description
Total within 8 weeks	Time taken from application to decision for applications not subject to planning performance agreements, extensions to time or environmental impact assessments; number of decisions in no more than 8 weeks. This variable was previously labelled 'within minimum time'.
Total within 8-13 weeks	Time taken from application to decision for applications not subject to planning performance agreements, extensions to time or environmental impact assessments; number of decisions in more than 8 weeks and up 13 weeks This variable was previously labelled 'within medium time'
Total within 13-16 weeks	Time taken from application to decision for applications not subject to planning performance agreements, extensions to time or environmental impact assessments; number of decisions in more than 13 weeks and up 16 weeks
Total within 16-26 weeks	Time taken from application to decision for applications not subject to planning performance agreements, extensions to time or environmental impact assessments; number of decisions in more than 16 weeks and up 26 weeks
Total within 26-52 weeks	Time taken from application to decision for applications not subject to planning performance agreements, extensions to time or environmental impact assessments; number of decisions in more than 26 weeks and up 52 weeks
Total over 52 weeks	Time taken from application to decision for applications not subject to planning performance agreements, extensions to time or environmental impact assessments; number of decisions in more than 52 weeks
Total within maximum time major dwellings	Time taken from application to decision for applications not subject to planning performance agreements, extensions to time or environmental impact assessments; number of decisions in more than 13 weeks. This term is no longer used.
Total within 8-10 weeks	Time taken from application to decision for applications not subject to planning performance agreements, extensions to time or environmental impact assessments; number of decisions in more than 8 weeks and up 10 weeks This variable is only applicable to Technical Details Consent (TDC) applications.
Total within 10-13 weeks	Time taken from application to decision for applications not subject to planning performance agreements, extensions to time or environmental impact assessments; number of decisions in more than 10 weeks and up 13 weeks This variable is only applicable for Technical Detail Consent (TDC) applications.

Total within 5 weeks	Time taken from application to decision for applications not subject to planning performance agreements, extensions to time or environmental impact assessments; number of decisions in no more than 5 weeks This variable is only applicable for Permission in Principle (PiP) or Technical Detail Consent (TDC) applications.
Total within 5-8 weeks	Time taken from application to decision for applications not subject to planning performance agreements, extensions to time or environmental impact assessments; number of decisions in more than 5 weeks and up 8 weeks This variable is only applicable for Permission in Principle (PiP) or Permission in Principle (PiP) applications.
Total decisions major dwellings	Performance agreements, extensions to time or environmental impact assessments; number of decisions
Total decisions in time major dwellings	Performance agreements, extensions to time or environmental impact assessments; number of decisions made within 16 weeks (EIA) or the agreed time limit
Total decisions total (excluding PAs)	Number of applications decisions involving an application not subject to planning performance agreements, extensions to time or environmental impact assessments.
Total decisions in time total (excluding PAs)	Time taken from application to decision for applications not subject to planning performance agreements, extensions to time or environmental impact assessments; number of decisions in no more than 13 weeks for majors and no more than 8 weeks for minors and others. Technical Details Consent (TDC) applications have a 10-week determination period for major developments and a 5-week determination period for minor developments; Permission in Principle (PiP) also have a 5-week determination period.