

Annex 4 – Planning and Permitting Service 2026/27 Quarter 1

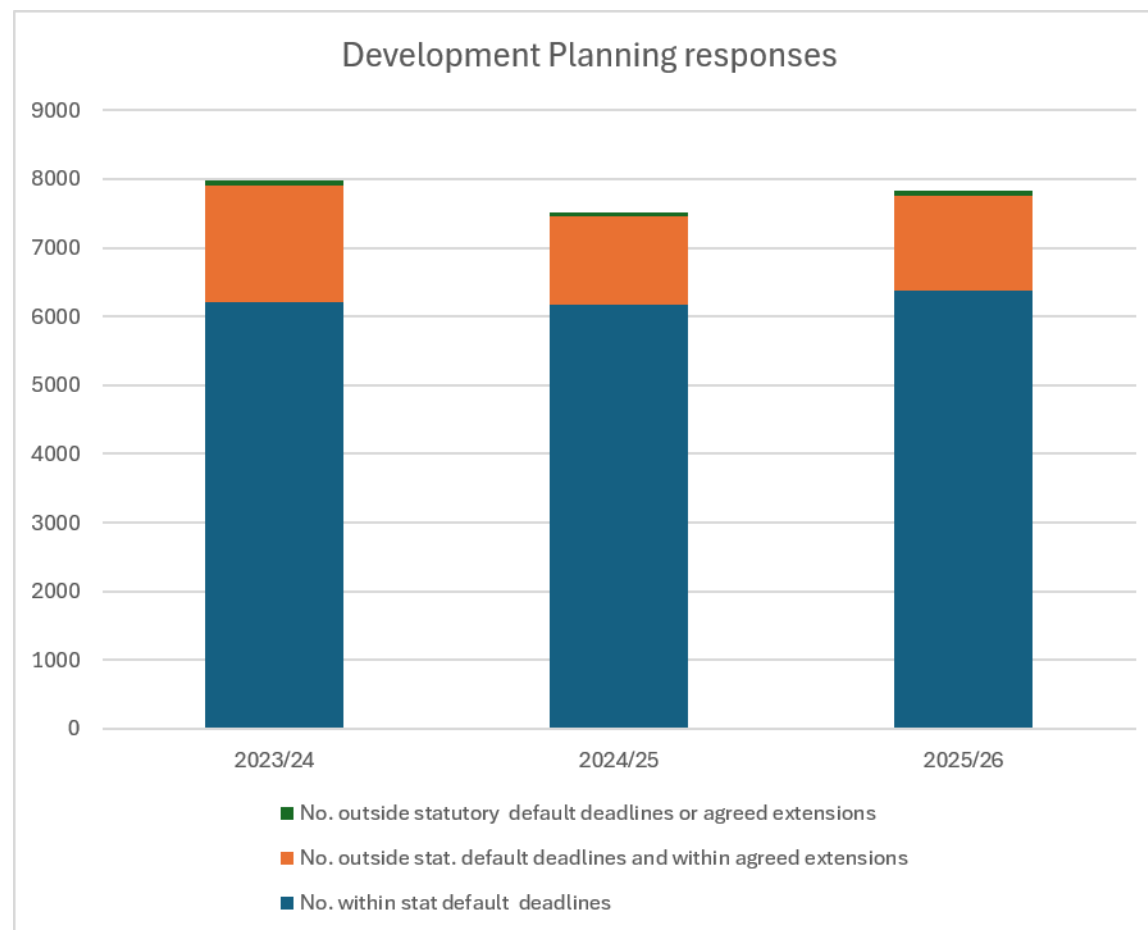
Development Planning Advice Service

Key messages

The land use planning system is a key strategic delivery mechanism for managing the environment and natural resources sustainably.

We are a specialist or statutory consultee in the development management process. This means that applicants, and authorities determining planning applications, should consult us on proposed schemes, which meet one or more of the criteria for where we are identified as a specialist or statutory consultee.

When consulted we are required to provide a substantive response within prescribed statutory timescales.



Permitting Service

We have statutory timescales for many of the permit types, where these don't exist we have agreed service levels. This information is in the public domain. "95% of applications are determined within statutory timescales or agreed service levels"

	Permit Determination	
Regime	2025/26 – (number of decisions made in brackets)	Quarter 1 2025/26
Waste	76% (134)	35%
Installations/RSR	67% (71)	81%
Water Quality	72% (407)	91%
Water Resources	50% (162)	55%
Marine	99% (146)	88%
Species	92% (1598)	90%
Forestry	95% (448)	92%
Overall (numerical mean)	87% (2966)	86%

Red = 0-60%; Amber = 61-94% ; Green = 95-100%

