Northern Ireland Planning Statistics
Q1 2019/20

Overall planning applications

Applications received/decided/approved

- Received: Q1 2018/19: 3,243, Q1 2019/20: 3,403
- Decided: Q1 2018/19: 3,007, Q1 2019/20: 3,009
- Approved: Q1 2018/19: 2,831, Q1 2019/20: 2,800

Comparing Q1 2019/20 with Q1 2018/19:

- Increase in the number of applications received by 5%
- The number of applications decided was similar
- Decrease in the number of applications approved by 1%

3 largest development types (received)

- Residential (63%)
- Other* (14%)
- Govt & Civic (7%)

*Other includes work to facilitate disabled persons, signs/advertisements and listed buildings

Local planning applications

Q1 2018/19: 3,206
Q1 2019/20: 3,370

99% of all received applications were local planning applications in Q1 2019/20

Planning statutory targets (Apr-Jun)

Major & local average processing times (weeks)

- Major target: 30 weeks
- Local target: 15 weeks

% of enforcement cases concluded within 39 weeks (target: 70%)

- Apr-Jun 18/19: 80%
- Apr-Jun 19/20: 81%

For further information please contact ASRB@nisra.gov.uk or view the full report at: https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/articles/planning-activity-statistics