

Comparative Planning PIs – All Councils

Table 3.2 - Major Development¹ average processing times by Council

	Antrim & Newtownabbey	Ards & North Down	Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon	Belfast City	Causeway Coast & Glens	Derry City & Strabane	Fernagh & Omagh	Lisburn & Castlereagh	Mid & East Antrim	Mid Ulster	Newry, Mourne & Down	All Councils ⁶	
Processing Times	<u>Average processing time (wks)⁷</u>												
	Apr-Jun 2016	59.0	48.8	59.6	57.6	74.4	44.4	79.5	62.6	147.8	65.6	86.6	65.2
	Jul-Sep 2016	76.8	31.6	62.6	67.0	114.4	363.4	64.0	77.4	54.0	37.2	136.8	73.6
	Oct-Dec 2016	42.8	34.2	55.2	63.4	50.2	210.9	52.6	79.3	26.2	75.0	72.6	71.2
	Jan-Mar 2017	97.0	48.9	29.3	29.8	187.4	328.0	188.0	209.6	25.0	88.8	53.1	43.0
	2016/17	73.6	37.6	52.8	60.2	51.4	304.8	69.6	73.4	67.8	73.6	86.6	68.6
	2015/16	28.2	51.6	42.8	54.3	39.4	53.3	70.0	45.3	36.8	52.3	56.4	46.2
	Change over Year: 2015/16 - 2016/17	45.4	-14.0	10.0	5.9	12.0	251.5	-0.4	28.1	31.0	21.3	30.2	22.4

Source: NI Planning Portal

Notes:

- 1 Major Developments have important economic, social and environmental implications for a council area. The majority of major applications are multiple housing, commercial and gone through this minimum 12 week process and notice has been submitted to the council or Department.
- 3 All applications received may not have had a decision issued within the same time period and applications decided may not have been received in the same time period.
- 4 Applications decided do not include withdrawn applications.
- 5 The number and per cent of applications approved is based on the number of decisions issued in the same time period.
- 6 This table excludes departmental applications which are included in the NI totals in Table 3.1.
- 7 The time taken to process a decision/withdrawal is calculated from the date on which an application is deemed valid to the date on which the decision is issued or the application is

Table 4.2 - Local Development - average processing times by Council

	Artrim & Newtownabbey	Ards & North Down	Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon	Belfast City	Causeway Coast & Glens	Derry City & Strabane	Fermanagh & Omagh	Lisburn & Castlereagh	Mid & East Artrim	Mid Ulster	Newry, Mourne & Down	All Councils ⁵	
Processing Times	<u>Average processing time (wks)⁶</u>												
	Apr-Jun 2016	12.8	20.8	14.1	17.2	19.8	16.1	10.0	20.1	8.8	13.8	26.2	17.2
	Jul-Sep 2016	13.2	17.2	14.2	13.4	19.4	23.2	11.5	20.9	8.4	16.2	19.4	15.6
	Oct-Dec 2016	12.2	21.9	14.0	16.0	17.8	21.6	12.6	24.0	10.2	16.7	21.6	16.4
	Jan-Mar 2017	12.2	21.3	13.6	18.2	17.9	17.6	12.6	24.0	8.6	13.8	20.1	15.6
	2016/17	12.6	20.2	14.0	15.6	18.8	19.1	11.6	22.4	9.0	14.4	23.0	16.2
	2015/16	14.0	21.2	22.0	19.2	20.4	17.0	14.4	20.6	14.2	15.2	34.6	19.4
	Change over Year: 2015/16 - 2016/17	-1.4	-1.0	-8.0	-3.6	-1.6	2.1	-2.8	1.8	-5.2	-0.8	-11.6	-3.2

Notes:

- 1 Local Development planning applications are mostly residential and minor commercial applications received and determined by a council.
- 2 All applications received may not have had a decision issued within the same time period and applications decided may not have been received in the same time period. Applications received also include applications which may be subsequently withdrawn.
- 3 Applications decided do not include withdrawn applications.
- 4 The number and per cent of applications approved is based on the number of decisions issued in the same time period.
- 5 This table excludes departmental applications which are included in the NI totals in Table 4.1.
- 6 The time taken to process a decision/withdrawal is calculated from the date on which an application is deemed valid to the date on which the decision is issued or the application is withdrawn. The median is used for the average processing time as any extreme values have the potential to inflate the mean, leading to a result that may not be considered as "typical".

Table 6.2 - Enforcement cases within 39 weeks by Authority

	Antrim & Newtownabbey	Ards & North Down	Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon	Belfast City	Causeway Coast & Glens	Derry City & Strabane	Fermanagh & Omagh	Lisburn & Castlereagh	Mid & East Antrim	Mid Ulster	Newry, Mourne & Down	Strategic Planning Division	Northern Ireland
% of cases concluded within 39 wks													
Apr-Jun 2016	92.1%	87.3%	88.7%	72.3%	86.7%	75.0%	84.4%	80.7%	90.2%	79.2%	52.1%	n/a	81.1%
Jul-Sep 2016	95.3%	66.7%	83.3%	78.3%	87.2%	76.7%	91.7%	87.0%	84.2%	76.9%	51.4%	n/a	81.6%
Oct-Dec 2016	96.8%	83.5%	78.7%	80.7%	92.9%	77.9%	69.4%	76.0%	86.2%	75.4%	64.7%	n/a	81.7%
Jan-Mar 2017	93.6%	70.6%	78.9%	68.1%	91.7%	71.0%	80.0%	80.0%	89.8%	86.4%	55.2%	n/a	78.6%
2016/17	94.3%	77.7%	82.2%	74.8%	89.5%	75.9%	82.4%	80.8%	88.1%	79.1%	56.1%	n/a	80.7%
2015/16	84.5%	82.0%	79.5%	76.4%	80.7%	77.1%	63.8%	78.0%	85.9%	79.0%	54.1%	n/a	77.2%
Change over Year 2015/16 - 2016/17(pp)	9.8	-4.3	2.7	-1.6	8.8	-1.2	18.6	2.8	2.2	0.1	2.0	n/a	3.5

Source: NI Planning Portal

Notes:

- 1 An enforcement case is opened when there has been an alleged breach of planning control.
- 2 An enforcement case is concluded when one of the of the following occurs: a notice is issued; legal proceedings commence; a planning application is received; or the case is closed. Please note that the number of cases closed is not a sub-set of the number of cases concluded in that period - cases that are concluded in any given period may not be closed until subsequent periods, and cases that are closed in any given period may have been concluded in previous period.
- 3 The time taken to conclude an enforcement case is calculated from the date on which the complaint is received to the earliest date of the following: a notice is issued; legal proceedings commence; a planning application is received; or the case is closed.
- 4 The target conclusion time excludes departmental enforcement cases as these are not subject to the new statutory target.
- 5 Quarterly estimates for 2016/17 are provisional and will be subject to revision.