

Appendix 6 – 2023/24 Q2

PLANNING, COASTAL PROTECTION AND FLOODING

Cabinet Member: Councillor Paul Fuller

Portfolio Responsibilities:

- Island Planning Strategy
- Local Development Framework
- Planning Applications
- Planning Appeals
- Planning Enforcement
- Trees and Landscape Protection
- Building Control and Inspection
- Coastal Management
- Flood Policy and LLFA
- Town, Parish & Community Council Liaison

Performance Measures

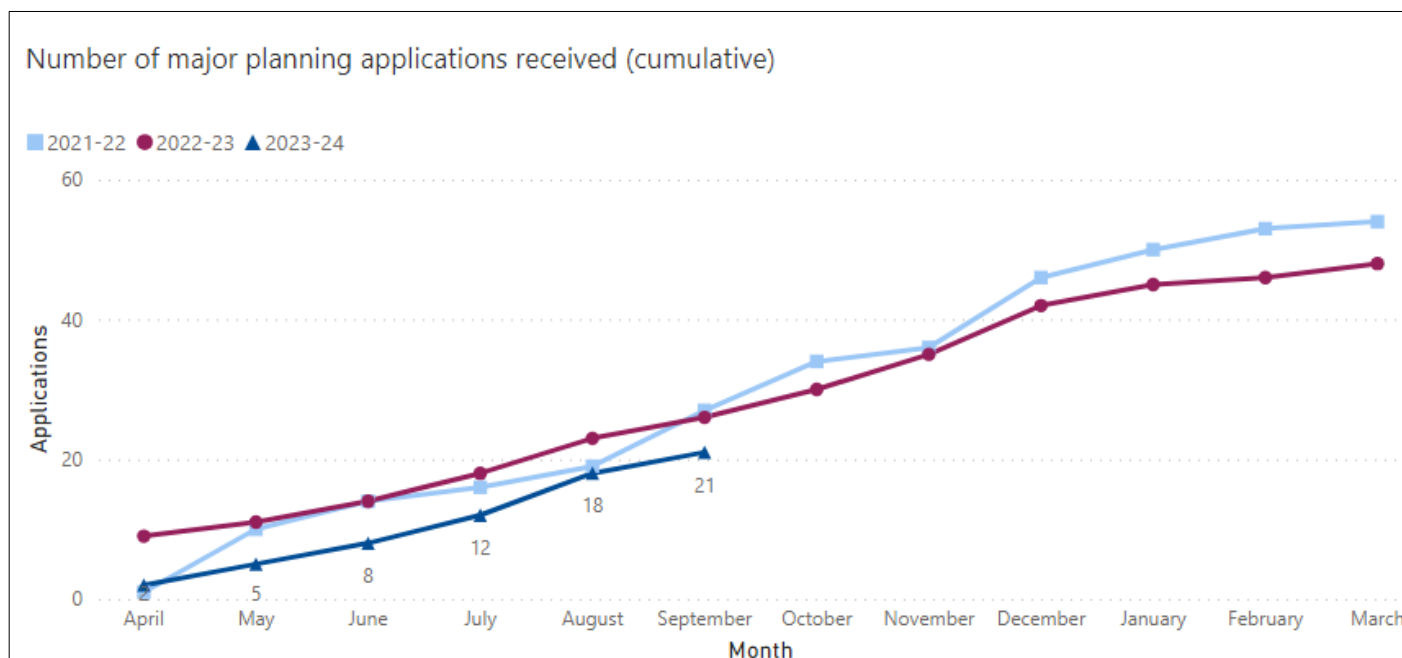
Number of major planning applications received

Aim: Not applicable

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 12

Most Recent Status: September 2023 **Monitoring Measure**

Previous Status: June 2023 **Monitoring Measure**



- We continue to see fewer major applications being submitted, but some are larger in scale.

Planning applications dealt with in timescales, including those that do not have a mutually agreed timescale

- The percentage of planning application decisions issued in time, remained consistent over quarter 2 with an average 98 percent.
- Of the 293 decisions issued over the quarter, only 6 were out of time (2.04 percent)

| | Percentage of decisions issued in time | Total number of decisions issued | Total number of decisions issued in time | Total number of decisions issued within | Decisions out of time |
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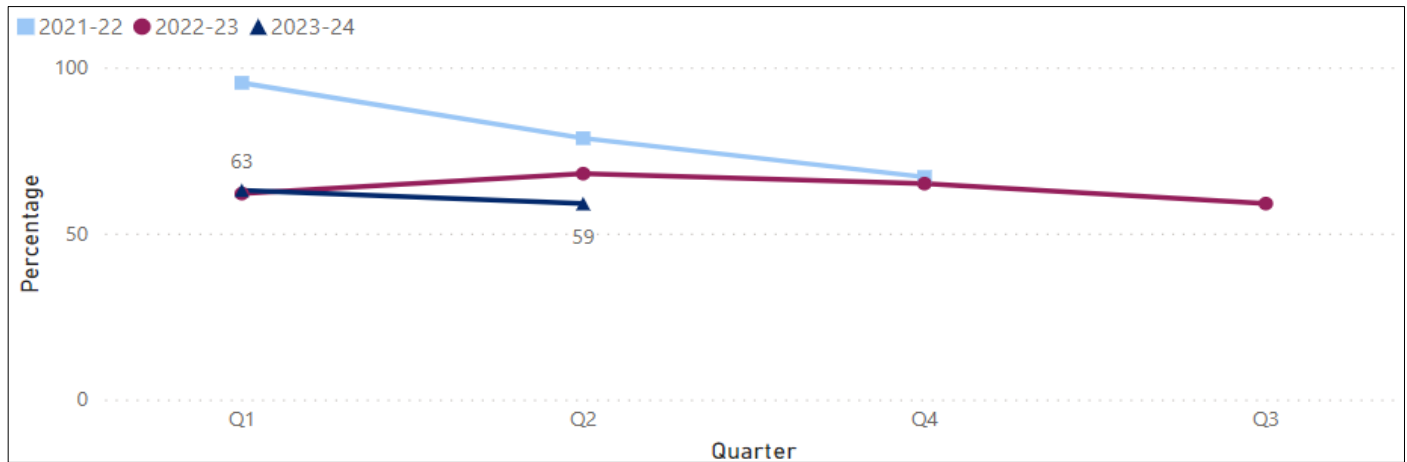
| | | | | agreed extension | |
|--------|----|-----|----|------------------|---|
| Jul-23 | 96 | 104 | 63 | 37 | 4 |
| Aug-23 | 99 | 92 | 55 | 36 | 1 |
| Sep-23 | 99 | 97 | 56 | 40 | 1 |

Percentage of all planning applications processed within agreed timescales

Aim: The percentage of planning applications processed within agreed timescales is at/above 95 percent.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 12

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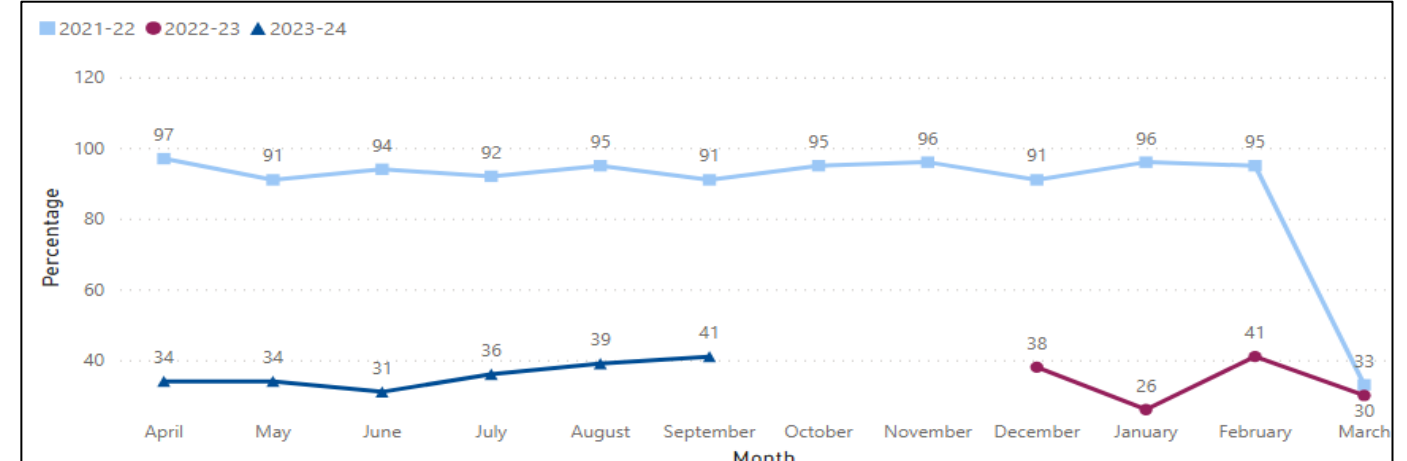
- Please note, this graph does not include agreed upon extensions of time, which affects the percentage considered as 'on-time'.
- The IWC target of applications is 95 percent, however we are within minimum government thresholds before intervention (60 percent for major and 70 percent for non-major over a two-year rolling period).

Percentage of planning applications determined within agreed extension of time

Aim: Not applicable

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 12

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- The percentage of applications determined within the agreed extension of time has remained steady over quarter 2 but remains lower than 2021-22 figures.
- Data for April to November 2022 was not recorded.

Service Updates - Key Aspirations and Ongoing Business

The following activity supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 8:

There is an ongoing and successful pilot with Newport and Carisbrooke Community Council funding some Planning Enforcement capacity. 67 percent of breaches were dealt with in Newport, all of which related to the untidy state of buildings.

The following activity supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 9:

Work is being undertaken to bring the draft Island Planning Strategy (IPS) back to Cabinet and Full Council to establish a way forward in the continued absence of Government changes to legislation, national planning policy and guidance.

A Housing Affordability supplementary planning document was agreed by Cabinet (following public consultation) which will act as guidance and a stepping stone between the affordable housing policies of the 2012 Core Strategy and the emerging policies of the Island Planning Strategy.

Non-return valves were installed on drainage pipes flowing out of East Cowes sea-wall structures. This will reduce flood risk from sea egress at high tides and during storm swell.

Strategic Risks

Failure of coastal defences (where the policy is to “hold the line”) resulting in high risk to people, property, infrastructure and land, significant impact on communities and the council finances. The Isle of Wight Council has a vested responsibility for controlling coastal erosion under the Coast Protection Act 1949.

Assigned to: Director of Neighbourhoods

| Inherent score | Target score | Current score (October 23) |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| 16 VERY HIGH | 13 HIGH | 12 HIGH |
| Previous scores | | |
| August 23 | March 23 | December 22 |
| 12 HIGH | 15 VERY HIGH | N/A |
| No change in risk score | | |