

Planning Performance Statistics 2020/21

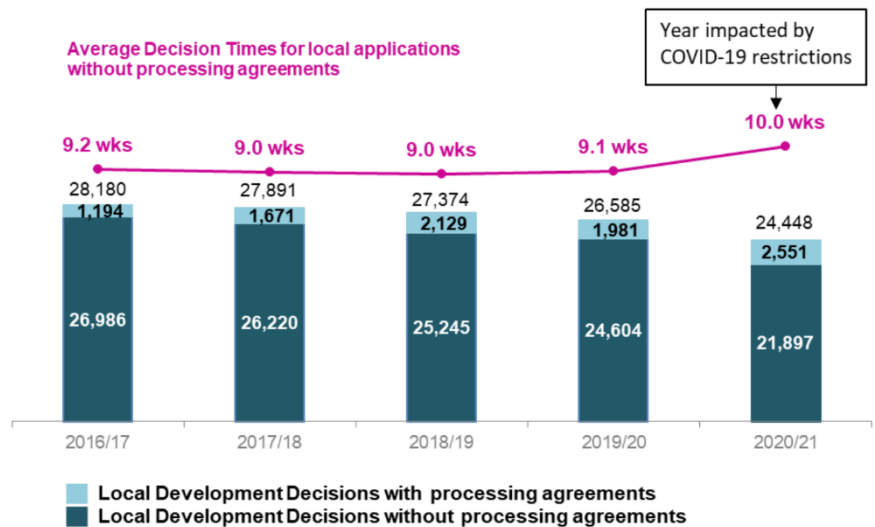
In 2020/21 Planning Authorities decided 24,448 local planning applications and 272 major planning applications.

The figures include applications subject to processing agreements.



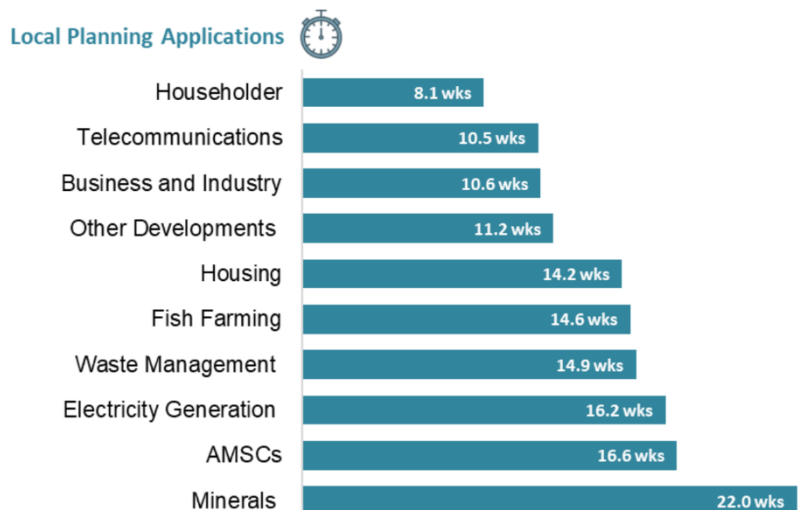
Increase in average decision time for local developments

The average decision time for local development applications was 10.0 weeks, almost a week slower than the previous year. 2020/21 figures were impacted on by COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.



Local development decisions were quickest for householders

In 2020/21 the quickest average decision time was for householders making changes to their property, 8.1 weeks. The longest was for applications for mineral developments, 22.0 weeks.



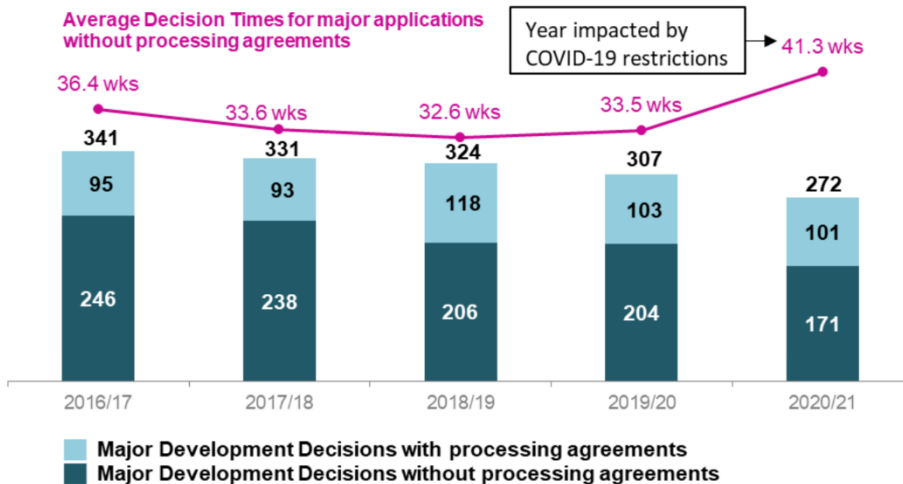
Planning Applications by Development Type, 2020/21



More than 40% of planning applications made by householders

Householders making changes to their properties made 42% of all applications (13,106 out of 31,014). Housing applications were the third largest group with 14% of the total.

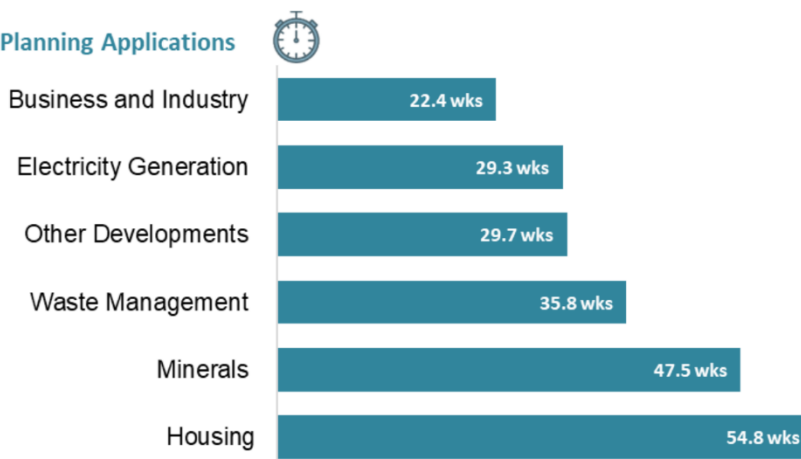
Average Decision Times for major applications without processing agreements



Increase in decision time for major developments

The average decision time for major applications without processing agreements was 41.3 weeks, almost 8 weeks slower than 2019/20. 2020/21 figures were impacted on by COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

Major Planning Applications

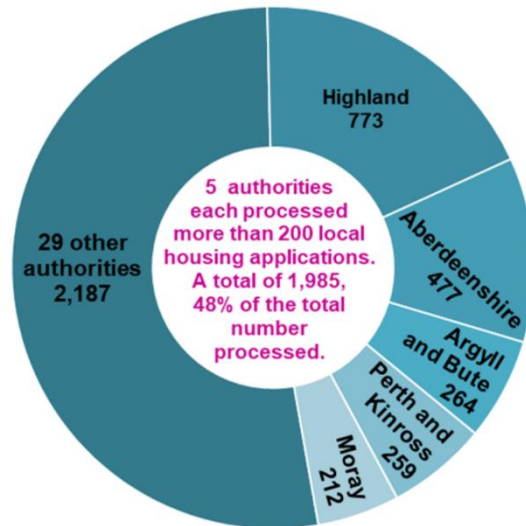


Major development decisions were quickest for business and industry applications

The quickest average decision time for major applications was for business and industry, 22.4 weeks. Housing took longest at an average of 54.8 weeks.

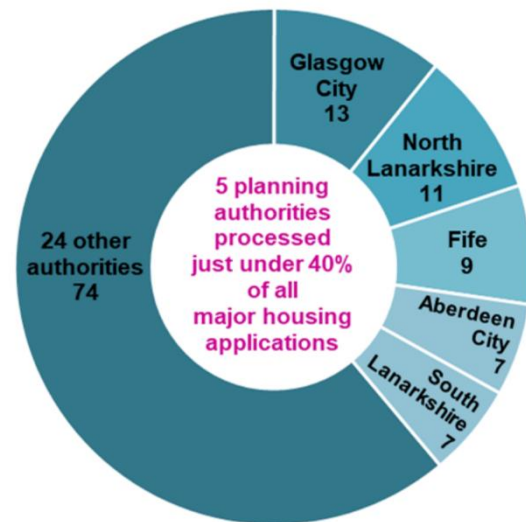
Almost half of local housing applications were processed by five local authorities

In 2020/21 47.6% of local housing applications were processed by five local authorities. Highland had the highest number (773), 19% of the Scotland total (4,172).



Almost 40% of all major housing applications processed by five local authorities

38.8% of major housing applications were processed by five local authorities in 2020/21. Glasgow City had the most (13), 11% of the Scotland total.



In 2020/21 most planning applications were approved

94.5% of all planning applications determined in 2020/21 were approved by planning authorities, up slightly on 94.2% in the previous year.

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