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# Statutory Consultations Quarterly Performance Report Q3 2023/24

(Reporting on Q1-Q3 2023/24)

This quarterly report highlights the performance of statutory consultees in the planning process. It provides details of the volume of statutory consultation that has taken place during the first nine months of 2023/24 with comparative quarterly data back to 2019/20. The figures contained in this report are extracted from the Planning Portals, are management information, and should not be treated or considered as official statistics.

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# Planning Statutory Consultations

## Q3 2023/24

**Statutory consultations**, for the purposes of this report, are consultations marked as 'Statutory' for application types 'full', 'outline' and 'reserved matters' on the Planning Portals

### Statutory consultations raised

#### Number of statutory consultations raised



**4,985** statutory consultations were raised in Q3 2023/24. Of these:



**4,665**  
**(94%)**

were on local applications



**317**  
**(6%)**

were on major applications



**3**  
**(>0%)**

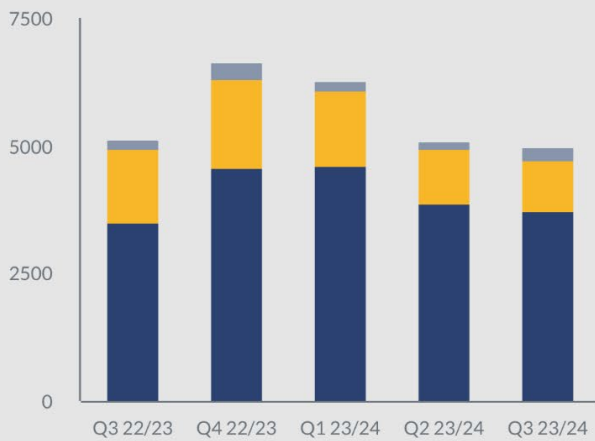
were on regional applications

### Statutory consultations response times

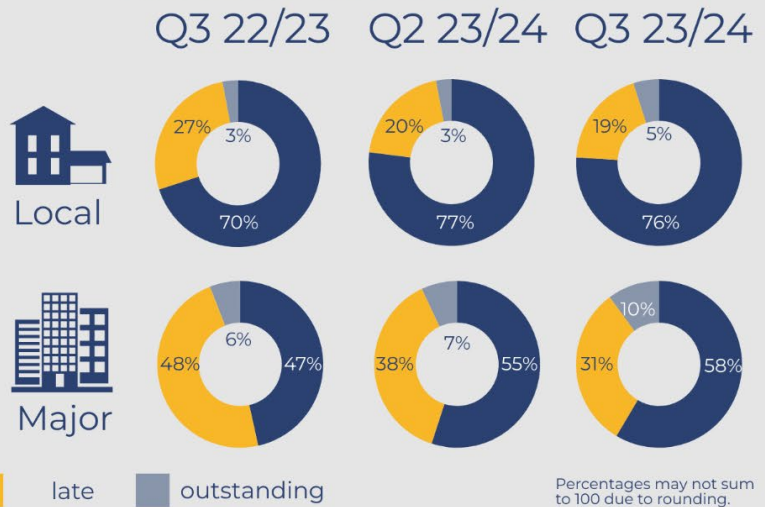


**75%** of statutory consultations in Q3 2023/24 were responded to on time (i.e. within the 21-day response target or the extended target)

#### Number of responses to statutory consultations received by status

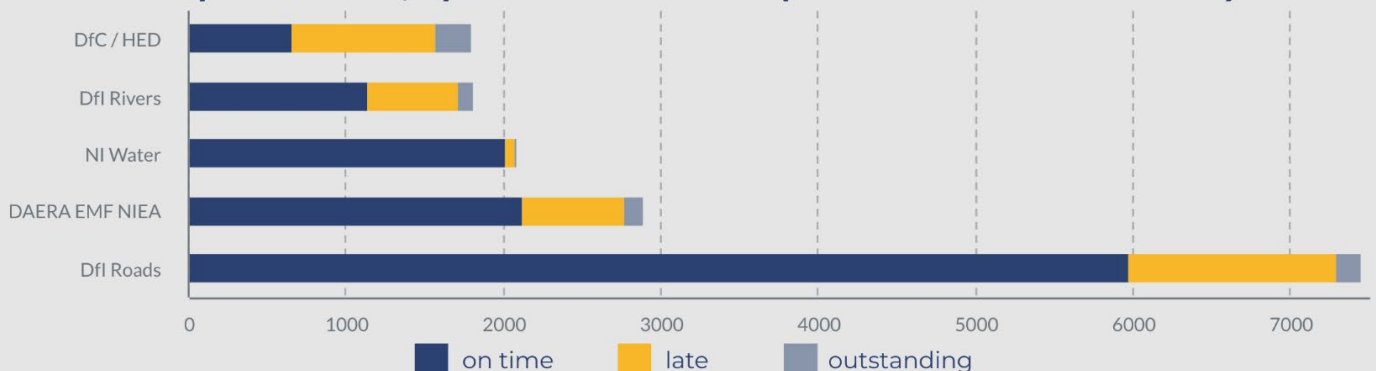


#### Responses to statutory consultations received by application type and status (%)



### Statutory consultees

#### Number of responses to statutory consultations received by statutory consultee and response status, April - December 2023 (5 most common consultees)



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# Statutory Consultations Quarterly Report Q3 2023/24

## Introduction

This quarterly report highlights the performance of statutory consultees in the planning process. It provides details of the volume of statutory consultation that has taken place during the first nine months of 2023/24 with comparative data from previous years.

This is the first report to be produced for statutory consultation since the introduction of the two new Planning Portals. It is important therefore to note that data for 2022/23 is presented for the first time in this report.

The Planning Portals were introduced in June (Mid Ulster) and December 2022 (all other planning authorities) and will have had some impact on the quality of the data for level of consultation and the management of consultation responses. This impact whilst considered to be minimal may cause some changes at lower levels of data disaggregation. For this reason, caution should be taken when using data from 2022/23.

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## Statutory consultations

During the first nine months of 2023/24 (April to December 2023) there were 29,617 consultations/advice queries raised with 72% (21,382) of these consultations sent to key statutory consultees<sup>1</sup>. Of the 21,382 consultations/advice queries raised with statutory consultees, 77% (16,374) were deemed to be statutory consultations<sup>2</sup>, with the remainder largely made up of consultations on full applications (1,683), discharge of conditions (961), pre application discussions (859), listed building consents (480) and advertising (432).

The number of statutory consultations raised by application type is reported in Table 1. The series is available from 2019/20.

In 2019/20 there was typically over six thousand statutory consultations raised each quarter. The consultation level fell during Q4 2019/20 (January to March 2020), compared with earlier quarters in that year and a further decrease was reported for Q1 2020/21 (April to June 2020). It is likely that these decreases were a consequence of the coronavirus (COVID-19). See Table 1.

Statutory consultation returned to expected levels in Q2 2020/21 (July to September 2020) and remained stable to the end of 2020/21. Consultation then increased peaking in the first quarter of 2021/22 (April to June 2021) with 7,440 statutory consultations. From October 2021 up to September 2022 quarterly consultation levels were reasonably steady. In Q3 2022/23 (October – December 2022) there was a notable decline in consultation levels which is likely to be related to the introduction of the Planning Portal in early December 2022. Prior to the go live of the new system the existing system was unavailable for a period which will have contributed to lower levels of consultation. Consultation returned to expected levels for the next two quarters however in Q2 and

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<sup>1</sup> See [User Guidance](#) for a list of key statutory consultees.

<sup>2</sup> A statutory consultation for the purpose of this report is a consultation marked as 'Statutory' for application types 'full', 'outline' and 'reserved matters' for the statutory consultees listed in the [User Guidance](#) section.

Q3 of 2023/24 consultation has declined to some of the lowest levels reported across the series. See Table 1.

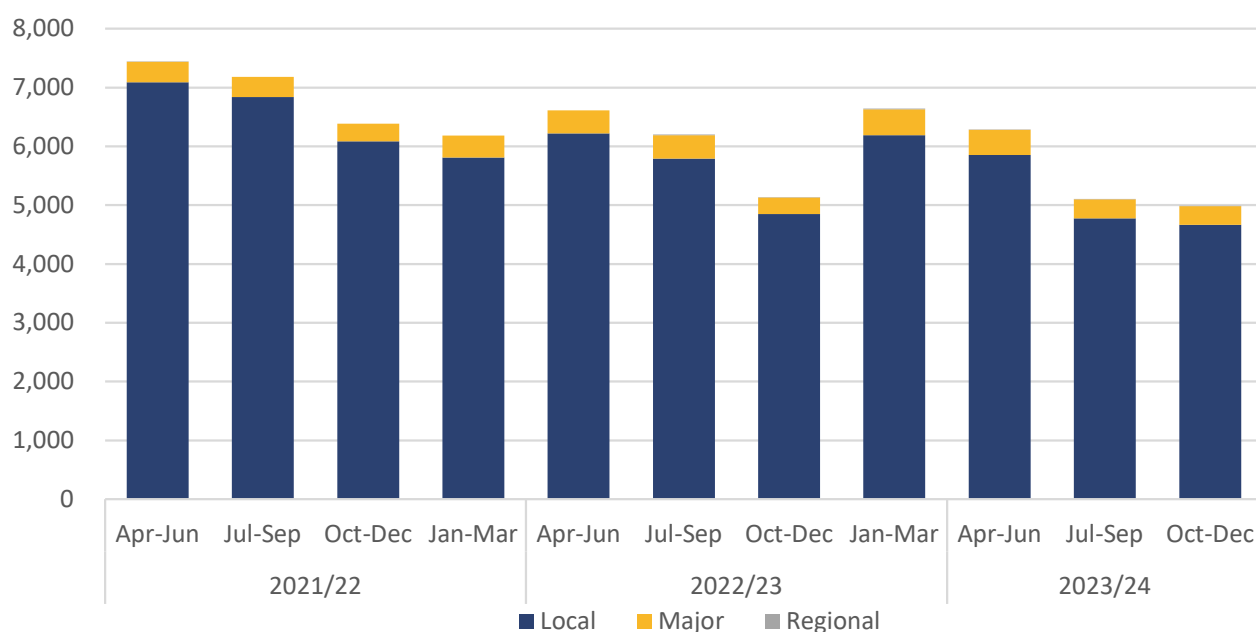
Table 1: *Number of statutory consultations raised by planning application type (Quarterly)*

Year	Quarter	Local	Major	Regional	Total
2019/20	Apr-Jun	6,163	352	0	6,515
	Jul-Sep	5,710	392	1	6,103
	Oct-Dec	5,674	404	7	6,085
	Jan-Mar	5,056	331	0	5,387
2020/21	Apr-Jun	4,052	272	1	4,325
	Jul-Sep	6,007	335	0	6,342
	Oct-Dec	5,991	327	7	6,325
	Jan-Mar	6,352	374	3	6,729
2021/22	Apr-Jun	7,091	347	2	7,440
	Jul-Sep	6,837	346	0	7,183
	Oct-Dec	6,085	298	0	6,383
	Jan-Mar	5,812	373	0	6,185
2022/23	Apr-Jun	6,222	389	0	6,611
	Jul-Sep	5,791	400	10	6,201
	Oct-Dec	4,848	283	5	5,136
	Jan-Mar	6,191	441	11	6,643
2023/24	Apr-Jun	5,851	429	4	6,284
	Jul-Sep	4,777	325	3	5,105
	Oct-Dec	4,665	317	3	4,985

Note: figures reported represent consultations marked as 'Statutory' for application types 'full', 'outline' and 'reserved matters' for the statutory consultees listed in [User Guidance](#) section.

As in previous quarters, statutory consultations on local planning applications accounted for most of the consultations raised in the first three quarters of 2023/24 (93%, 94% and 94% respectively). See Chart 1.

Chart 1: *Number of statutory consultations raised by planning application type*



## Planning Applications Received

With exception of a period impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, the number of planning applications received has remained relatively stable over the last five years; with 99% of all planning applications received being local.

During Q1 2020/21, the first full quarter impacted by the restrictions put in place due to the coronavirus pandemic, the number of applications received was 2,309. This was the lowest number received in any quarter since the series began in April 2002. The following four quarters recorded consecutive increases, peaking in Q1 2021/22. Except for a small increase in Q4 2021/22, the number of planning applications received has decreased in each quarter since that peak.

Table 2: *Number of planning applications received by planning application type (Q1 2019/20 – Q3 2023/24)*

Year	Quarter	Local	Major	Regional	Total
2019/20	Apr-Jun	3,367	32	0	3,399
	Jul-Sep	2,892	40	0	2,932
	Oct-Dec	2,947	47	0	2,994
	Jan-Mar	2,852	30	0	2,882
2020/21	Apr-Jun	2,284	24	1	2,309
	Jul-Sep	3,231	34	0	3,265
	Oct-Dec	3,557	30	0	3,587
	Jan-Mar	3,637	35	0	3,672
2021/22	Apr-Jun	3,928	33	0	3,961
	Jul-Sep	3,282	40	0	3,322
	Oct-Dec	3,116	33	1	3,150
	Jan-Mar	3,128	39	0	3,167
2022/23	Apr-Jun	3,015	36	0	3,051
	Jul-Sep	2,636	36	0	2,672
	Oct-Dec	2,623	37	0	2,660
	Jan-Mar	2,798	35	1	2,834
2023/24*	Apr-Jun	2,610	39	0	2,649
	Jul-Sep	2,352	33	1	2,386
	Oct-Dec	2,487	38	0	2,525

Source: DfI Planning Statistics

\*Figures for 2023/24 are provisional and will remain provisional until the publication of annual figures in July 2024.

The ratio of all planning applications received against all statutory consultations issued is 1 to 2. Focussing on major and regionally significant, the ratio is 1 to 10<sup>3</sup>. See Table 3 below for more detail.

<sup>3</sup> Ratio for based on count of the five years data reported.

Table 3: *Ratio of planning applications received against statutory consultations raised<sup>4</sup> within each quarter by planning application type (Q1 2019-20 – Q3 2023/24)*

Year	Quarter	Local	Major/Regionally Significant	Combined Overall Ratio
2019/20	Apr-Jun	2	11	2
	Jul-Sep	2	10	2
	Oct-Dec	2	9	2
	Jan-Mar	2	11	2
2020/21	Apr-Jun	2	11	2
	Jul-Sep	2	10	2
	Oct-Dec	2	11	2
	Jan-Mar	2	11	2
2021/22	Apr-Jun	2	11	2
	Jul-Sep	2	9	2
	Oct-Dec	2	9	2
	Jan-Mar	2	10	2
2022/23	Apr-Jun	2	11	2
	Jul-Sep	2	11	2
	Oct-Dec	2	8	2
	Jan-Mar	2	13	2
2023/24	Apr-Jun	2	11	2
	Jul-Sep	2	10	2
	Oct-Dec	2	8	2

### Statutory consultations response times

During 2019/20 the proportion of statutory consultations responded to on time<sup>5</sup> was 69%, this rate increased to 76% in 2020/21, returning to 69% the following year and 72% in 2022/23. It is noteworthy that a much higher level of statutory consultation was carried out in 2021/22 (27,191) when compared to other years in the series. The response rate for the first nine months of 2023/24 (April-December 2023) was 74%.

Chart 2 below shows the number of responses to statutory consultations by response status. As with previous reports, the number of outstanding statutory consultations is highest in the most recent quarter, primarily a result of lifting the information at a point in time. Quarter four in each year has a higher proportion of outstanding than any other quarter within that year due to the annual position becoming fixed shortly after the year end, with no further revisions being made. Chart 3 provides a proportionate breakdown of these responses.

<sup>4</sup> Some consultations within each financial year will relate to planning applications that have been received in an earlier financial year. Although the counts of planning applications received and statutory consultations raised within a given period are not directly related, it provides an indicative picture of the level of statutory consultation taking place on planning applications.

<sup>5</sup> Includes those responded to within the 21-day target and the extended target, where applicable.

Chart 2: *Number of responses to statutory consultations received by response status*

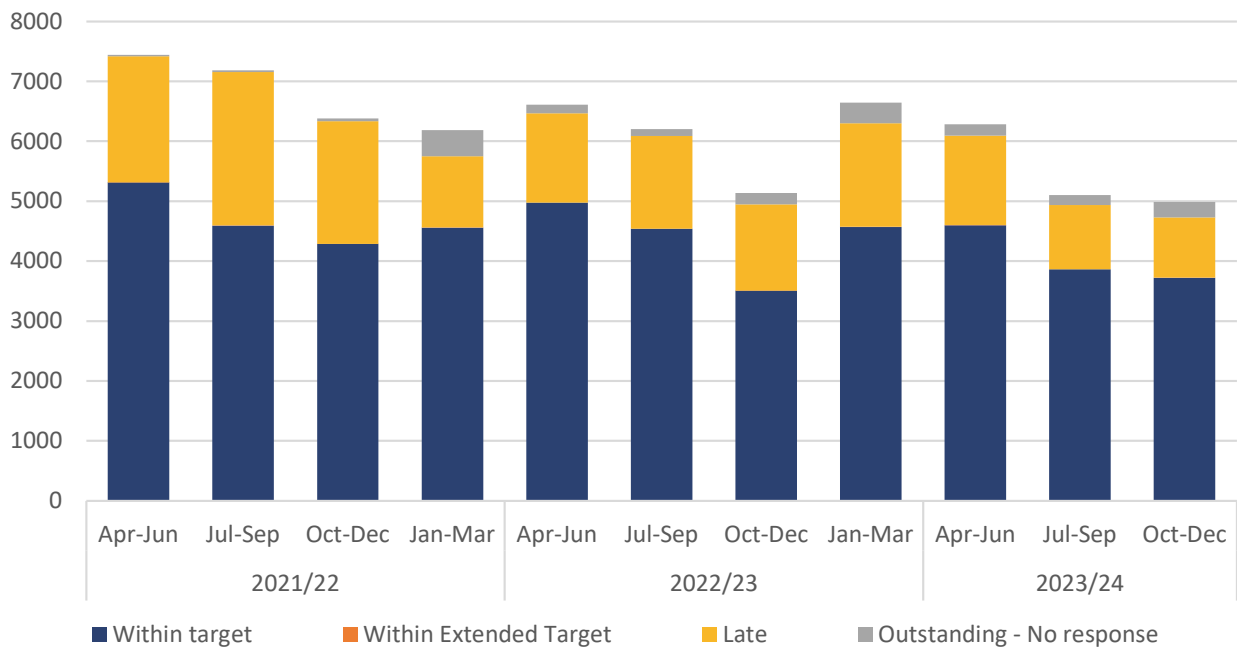
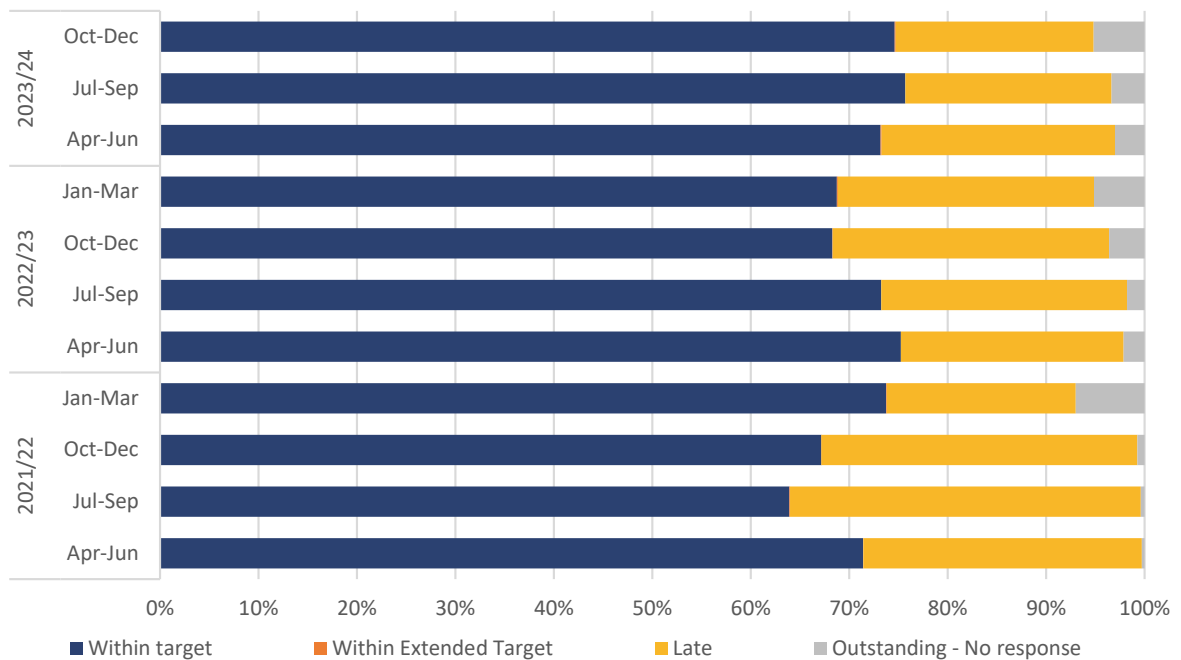


Chart 3: *Responses to statutory consultations received by response status (proportions)*



The response rate for statutory consultations responded to on time<sup>6</sup> varies from quarter to quarter and year to year. In broad terms the annual response rate on-time over the last four years has been 69-72% for all statutory consultations with exception of 2020/21 which is an outlier within the series, recording a response rate of 76%. For consultations related to local planning applications the

<sup>6</sup> Includes those responded to within the 21-day target and the extended target, where applicable.



response rate on-time has ranged between 70-73% with 2020/21 (77%) being an exception, and for consultations related to major planning applications ranging between 48-57%.

In the first nine months of 2023/24 74% of responses to statutory consultations were on time, with locals reported at 76%, majors at 55% and regionally significant at 30%. See Charts 4a, 4b and 4c for detail of quarterly performance.

Chart 4a: Responses to statutory consultations received for **local** planning applications by response status (proportions)

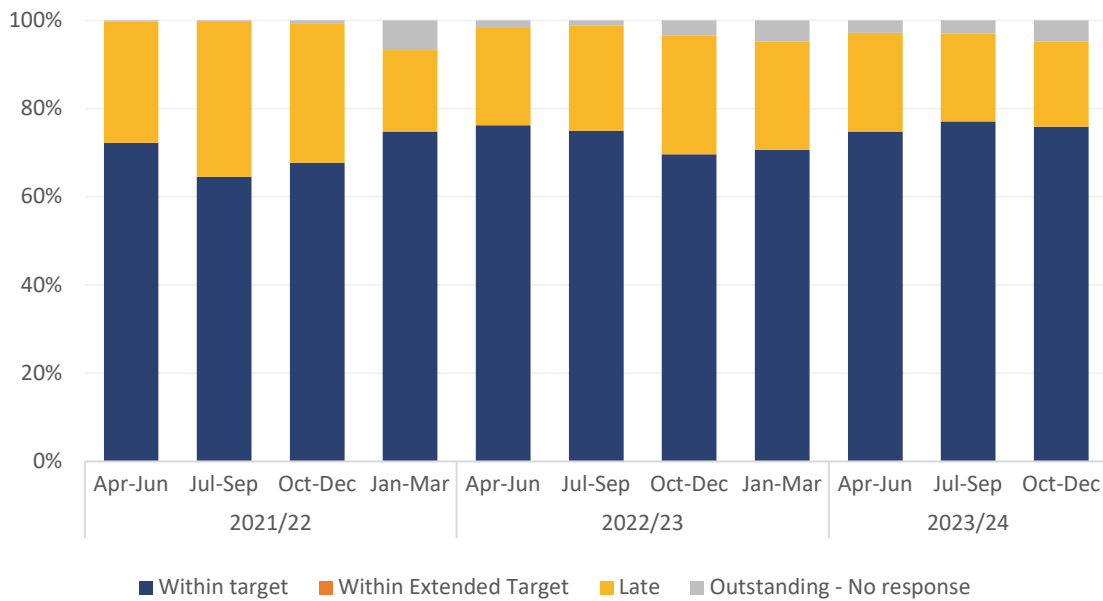


Chart 4b: Responses to statutory consultations received for **major** planning applications by response status (proportions)

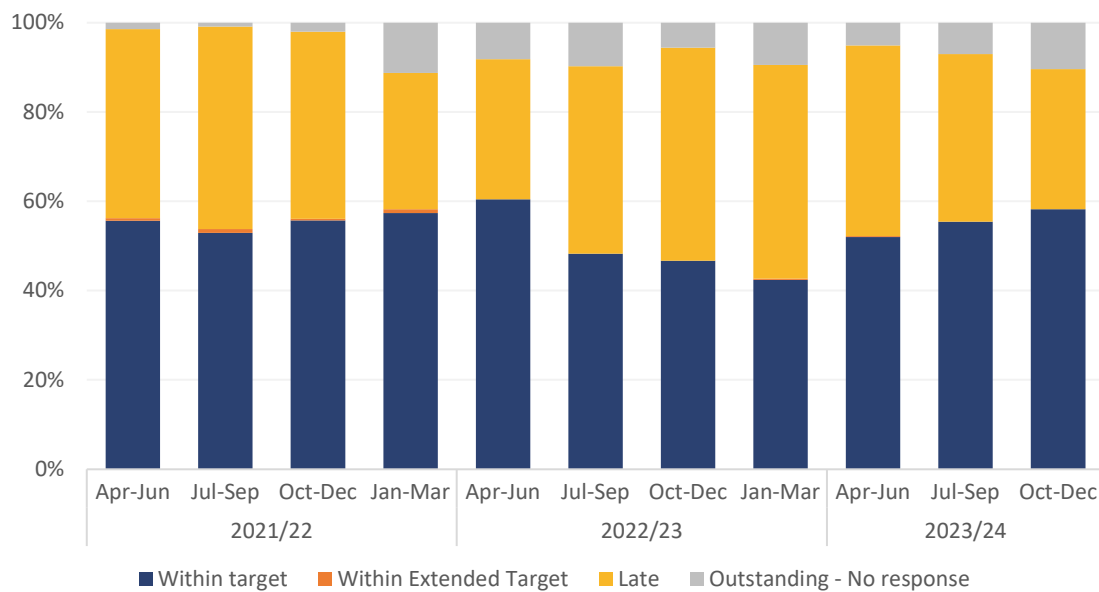
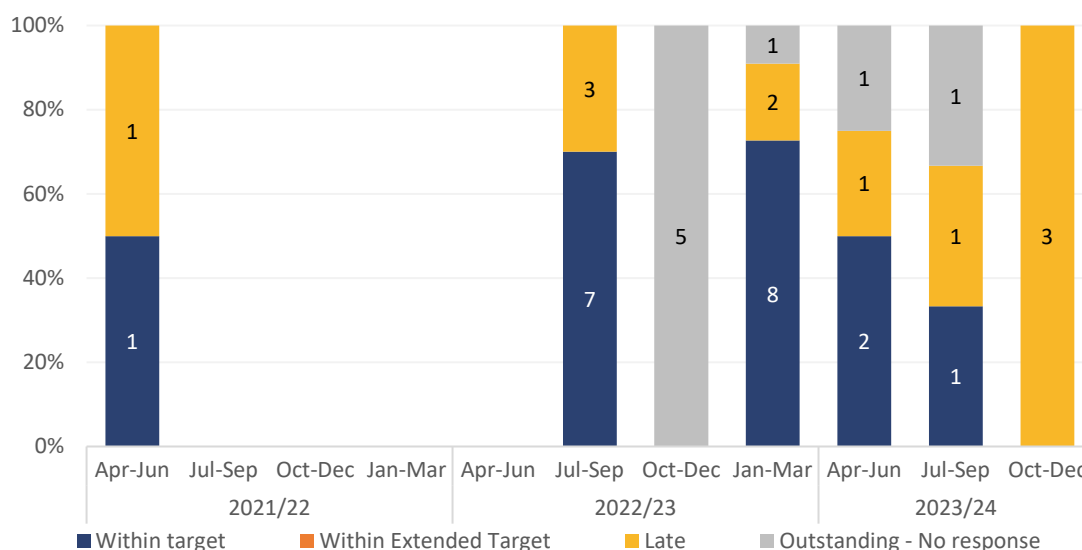


Chart 4c: *Responses to statutory consultations received for regionally significant planning applications by response status (proportions)*



Note: due to the small numbers of responses to statutory consultations on regionally significant ('regional') applications, associated proportions reported in the above chart should be treated with caution; the numbers of such responses have been included as data labels.

### 2023/24 in more detail – statutory consultee analysis

Statutory consultations received by statutory consultees in the first three quarters of 2023/24 are presented in Table 2 below<sup>7</sup>.

Table 2: *Number of statutory consultations received by planning application type, 2023/24 Q1 – Q3*

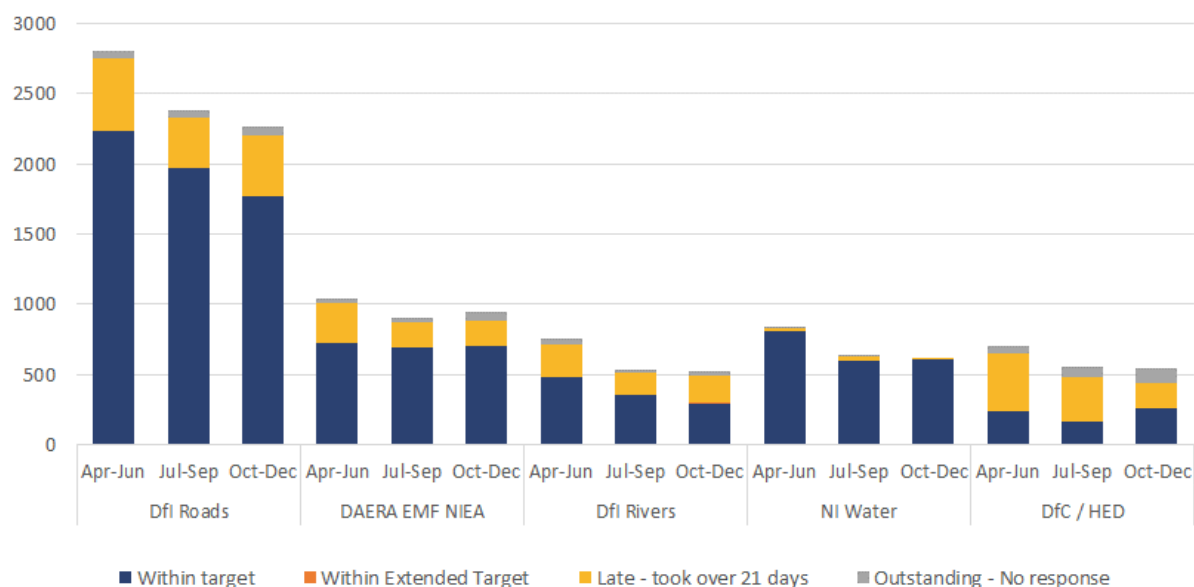
Quarter	Local	Major	Regional	Total
Apr-Jun	5,851	429	4	6,284
Jul-Sep	4,777	325	3	5,105
Oct-Dec	4,665	317	3	4,985
2023-24 year to date	15,293	1,071	10	16,374

Of the 16,374 statutory consultations received in the first nine months of 2023/24, DfI Roads received 45%, DAERA EMF NIEA 18%, NI Water 13%, DfI Rivers 11% and DfC / HED 11%. Together these five consultees accounted for 98% of the statutory consultations raised during the first nine months of the year (Chart 6).<sup>8</sup> This is like the position recorded in previous quarters.

<sup>7</sup> Note: the number of statutory consultations raised by planning authorities in each period will equal the number of statutory consultations received by statutory consultees in the same period. In effect, these terms are interchangeable.

<sup>8</sup> See [User Guidance](#) for a full list of key statutory consultees.

Chart 6: *Number of responses to statutory consultations received by statutory consultee and response status, 2023/24 Q1 – Q3 (5 most common consultees)*



During the first nine months of the year across all statutory consultees the proportion of responses received on time<sup>9</sup> ranged from 37% – 100%. In all, 74% of statutory consultations were responded on time during the first nine months of 2023/24.

Table 3 provides response information for the first nine months of 2023/24 for each statutory consultee.

Table 3 *Number of responses to statutory consultations received by statutory consultees, April – December 2023/24*

Statutory Consultee	2023/24	On time	Total	% on-time
DfI Roads	Apr-Dec	5,975	7,447	80%
DAERA EMF NIEA	Apr-Dec	2,121	2,889	73%
DfI Rivers	Apr-Dec	1,142	1,815	63%
NI Water	Apr-Dec	2,015	2,090	96%
DfC/HED	Apr-Dec	662	1,796	37%
HSENI	Apr-Dec	37	56	66%
DfE/GSNI	Apr-Dec	39	51	76%
Belfast International Airport	Apr-Dec	114	133	86%
Belfast City Airport	Apr-Dec	42	43	98%
City of Derry Airport	Apr-Dec	17	17	100%
NIHE	Apr-Dec	30	37	81%
<b>Total</b>	<b>Apr-Dec</b>	<b>12,194</b>	<b>16,374</b>	<b>74%</b>

### Additional consultee level data

Tables 4-7 below have been included to enable comparisons to be made at individual consultee level with the previous years.

<sup>9</sup> Includes those responded to within the 21-day target and the extended target, where applicable.

Table 4: *Number of responses to statutory consultations received by statutory consultees, April – December 2023-24*

Statutory Consultee	Quarter 2023/24	On time	Total	% on-time
DfI Roads	Apr-Jun	2,233	2,807	80%
	Jul-Sep	1,968	2,378	83%
	Oct-Dec	1,774	2,262	78%
	2023/24 ytd	5,975	7,447	80%
DAERA EMF NIEA	Apr-Jun	725	1,041	70%
	Jul-Sep	697	905	77%
	Oct-Dec	699	943	74%
	2023/24 ytd	2,121	2,889	73%
DfI Rivers	Apr-Jun	486	753	65%
	Jul-Sep	358	535	67%
	Oct-Dec	298	527	57%
	2023/24 ytd	1,142	1,815	63%
NI Water	Apr-Jun	808	838	96%
	Jul-Sep	597	638	94%
	Oct-Dec	610	614	99%
	2023/24 ytd	2,015	2,090	96%
DfC / HED	Apr-Jun	234	702	33%
	Jul-Sep	165	552	30%
	Oct-Dec	263	542	49%
	2023/24 ytd	662	1,796	37%
HSENI	Apr-Jun	19	28	68%
	Jul-Sep	12	17	71%
	Oct-Dec	6	11	55%
	2023/24 ytd	37	56	66%
DfE / GSNI	Apr-Jun	16	21	76%
	Jul-Sep	14	16	88%
	Oct-Dec	9	14	64%
	2023/24 ytd	39	51	76%
Belfast International Airport	Apr-Jun	47	55	85%
	Jul-Sep	29	38	76%
	Oct-Dec	38	40	95%
	2023/24 ytd	114	133	86%
Belfast City Airport	Apr-Jun	22	23	96%
	Jul-Sep	15	15	100%
	Oct-Dec	5	5	100%
	2023/24 ytd	42	43	98%
City of Derry Airport	Apr-Jun	9	9	100%
	Jul-Sep	2	2	100%
	Oct-Dec	6	6	100%
	2023/24 ytd	17	17	100%
NIHE	Apr-Jun	6	7	86%
	Jul-Sep	7	9	78%
	Oct-Dec	17	21	81%
	2023/24 ytd	30	37	81%
Overall Totals	Apr-Jun	4,605	6,284	73%
	Jul-Sep	3,864	5,105	76%
	Oct-Dec	3,725	4,985	75%
	2023/24 ytd	12,194	16,374	74%

Table 5: *Number of responses to statutory consultations received by statutory consultees, 2022-23 Q1-Q4*

Statutory Consultee	Quarter 2022/23	On time	Total	% on-time
DfI Roads	Apr-Jun	2,327	2,962	79%
	Jul-Sep	2,182	2,707	81%
	Oct-Dec	1,635	2,205	74%
	Jan-Mar	2,222	2,930	76%
	2022/23	8,366	10,804	77%
DAERA EMF NIEA	Apr-Jun	533	1,001	53%
	Jul-Sep	562	1,059	53%
	Oct-Dec	595	979	61%
	Jan-Mar	817	1,253	65%
	2022/23	2,507	4,292	58%
DfI Rivers	Apr-Jun	432	641	67%
	Jul-Sep	265	577	46%
	Oct-Dec	233	526	44%
	Jan-Mar	477	761	63%
	2022/23	1,407	2,505	56%
NI Water	Apr-Jun	1,012	1,075	94%
	Jul-Sep	907	967	94%
	Oct-Dec	708	781	91%
	Jan-Mar	779	879	89%
	2022/23	3,406	3,702	92%
DfC/HED	Apr-Jun	576	816	71%
	Jul-Sep	483	732	66%
	Oct-Dec	262	552	47%
	Jan-Mar	190	707	27%
	2022/23	1,511	2,807	54%
HSENI	Apr-Jun	28	40	70%
	Jul-Sep	20	27	74%
	Oct-Dec	10	20	50%
	Jan-Mar	14	19	74%
	2022/23	72	106	68%
DfE / GSNI	Apr-Jun	17	19	89%
	Jul-Sep	29	36	81%
	Oct-Dec	13	18	72%
	Jan-Mar	12	19	63%
	2022/23	71	92	77%
Belfast International Airport	Apr-Jun	24	28	86%
	Jul-Sep	40	40	100%
	Oct-Dec	27	29	93%
	Jan-Mar	31	41	76%
	2022/23	122	138	88%
Belfast City Airport	Apr-Jun	18	18	100%
	Jul-Sep	45	45	100%
	Oct-Dec	19	20	95%
	Jan-Mar	21	22	95%
	2022/23	103	105	98%

**Table 5 continued:**

<b>Statutory Consultee</b>	<b>Quarter 2022/23</b>	<b>On time</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% on-time</b>
City of Derry Airport	Apr-Jun	4	4	100%
	Jul-Sep	6	6	100%
	Oct-Dec	3	3	100%
	Jan-Mar	5	5	100%
	2022/23	18	18	100%
NIHE	Apr-Jun	4	7	57%
	Jul-Sep	2	5	40%
	Oct-Dec	3	3	100%
	Jan-Mar	6	7	86%
	2022/23	15	22	68%
Overall Totals	Apr-Jun	4,975	6,611	75%
	Jul-Sep	4,541	6,201	73%
	Oct-Dec	3,508	5,136	68%
	Jan-Mar	4,574	6,643	69%
	2022/23	17,598	24,591	72%

Table 6: *Number of responses to statutory consultations received by statutory consultees, 2021-22 Q1-Q4*

Statutory Consultee	Quarter 2021/22	On time	Total	% on-time
DfI Roads	Apr-Jun	2,282	3,265	70%
	Jul-Sep	1,931	3,086	63%
	Oct-Dec	1,846	2,803	66%
	Jan-Mar	2,085	2,708	77%
	2021/22	8,144	11,862	69%
DAERA EMF NIEA	Apr-Jun	910	1,203	76%
	Jul-Sep	743	1,115	67%
	Oct-Dec	631	1,065	59%
	Jan-Mar	526	1,057	50%
	2021/22	2,810	4,440	63%
DfI Rivers	Apr-Jun	224	775	29%
	Jul-Sep	217	753	29%
	Oct-Dec	237	650	36%
	Jan-Mar	459	660	70%
	2021/22	1,137	2,838	40%
NI Water	Apr-Jun	1,045	1,065	98%
	Jul-Sep	1,099	1,134	97%
	Oct-Dec	939	965	97%
	Jan-Mar	857	898	95%
	2021/22	3,940	4,062	97%
DfC / HED	Apr-Jun	708	979	72%
	Jul-Sep	480	959	50%
	Oct-Dec	536	794	68%
	Jan-Mar	550	768	72%
	2021/22	2,274	3,500	65%
HSENI	Apr-Jun	40	46	87%
	Jul-Sep	24	29	83%
	Oct-Dec	24	27	89%
	Jan-Mar	20	23	87%
	2021/22	108	125	86%
DfE / GSNI	Apr-Jun	27	29	93%
	Jul-Sep	27	27	100%
	Oct-Dec	17	19	89%
	Jan-Mar	14	15	93%
	2021/22	85	90	94%
Belfast International Airport	Apr-Jun	48	48	100%
	Jul-Sep	40	42	95%
	Oct-Dec	28	28	100%
	Jan-Mar	22	22	100%
	2021/22	138	140	99%
Belfast City Airport	Apr-Jun	22	22	100%
	Jul-Sep	29	29	100%
	Oct-Dec	14	14	100%
	Jan-Mar	17	17	100%
	2021/22	82	82	100%

**Table 6 continued:**

Statutory Consultee	Quarter 2021/22	On time	Total	% on-time
City of Derry Airport	Apr-Jun	2	2	100%
	Jul-Sep	0	0	-
	Oct-Dec	2	2	100%
	Jan-Mar	6	6	100%
	2021/22	10	10	100%
NIHE	Apr-Jun	6	6	100%
	Jul-Sep	5	9	56%
	Oct-Dec	14	16	88%
	Jan-Mar	8	11	73%
	2021/22	33	42	79%
Overall Totals	Apr-Jun	5,314	7,440	71%
	Jul-Sep	4,595	7,183	64%
	Oct-Dec	4,288	6,383	67%
	Jan-Mar	4,564	6,185	74%
	2021/22	18,761	27,191	69%

*Table 7: Number of responses to statutory consultations received by statutory consultee, 2020-21 Q1-Q4*

Statutory Consultee	Quarter 2020/21	On time	Total	% on-time
DfI Roads	Apr-Jun	1,680	1,954	86%
	Jul-Sep	2,485	2,966	84%
	Oct-Dec	2,056	2,946	70%
	Jan-Mar	2,221	3,041	73%
	2020/21	8,442	10,907	77%
DAERA EMF NIEA	Apr-Jun	414	740	56%
	Jul-Sep	580	1,004	58%
	Oct-Dec	728	992	73%
	Jan-Mar	841	1,059	79%
	2020/21	2,563	3,795	68%
DfI Rivers	Apr-Jun	327	425	77%
	Jul-Sep	402	592	68%
	Oct-Dec	365	578	63%
	Jan-Mar	366	698	52%
	2020/21	1,460	2,293	64%
NI Water	Apr-Jun	550	630	87%
	Jul-Sep	630	883	71%
	Oct-Dec	858	926	93%
	Jan-Mar	929	949	98%
	2020/21	2,967	3,388	88%



**Table 7 continued:**

<b>Statutory Consultee</b>	<b>Quarter 2020/21</b>	<b>On time</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% on-time</b>
DfC /HED	Apr-Jun	407	521	78%
	Jul-Sep	606	807	75%
	Oct-Dec	550	763	72%
	Jan-Mar	660	834	79%
	2020/21	2,223	2,925	76%
HSENI	Apr-Jun	5	9	56%
	Jul-Sep	13	22	59%
	Oct-Dec	31	46	67%
	Jan-Mar	29	34	85%
	2020/21	78	111	70%
DfE / GSNI	Apr-Jun	13	14	93%
	Jul-Sep	21	22	95%
	Oct-Dec	15	18	83%
	Jan-Mar	22	27	81%
	2020/21	71	81	88%
Belfast International Airport	Apr-Jun	4	12	33%
	Jul-Sep	19	22	86%
	Oct-Dec	25	25	100%
	Jan-Mar	33	43	77%
	2020/21	81	102	79%
Belfast City Airport	Apr-Jun	14	14	100%
	Jul-Sep	18	18	100%
	Oct-Dec	20	20	100%
	Jan-Mar	20	20	100%
	2020/21	72	72	100%
City of Derry Airport	Apr-Jun	0	1	0%
	Jul-Sep	2	2	100%
	Oct-Dec	6	6	100%
	Jan-Mar	7	7	100%
	2020/21	15	16	94%
NIHE	Apr-Jun	4	5	80%
	Jul-Sep	2	4	50%
	Oct-Dec	5	5	100%
	Jan-Mar	15	17	88%
	2020/21	26	31	84%
Overall Totals	Apr-Jun	3,418	4,325	79%
	Jul-Sep	4,778	6,342	75%
	Oct-Dec	4,659	6,325	74%
	Jan-Mar	5,143	6,729	76%
	2020/21	17,998	23,721	76%

Tables 8 (a-c) below provide a breakdown for the first nine months of 2023/24 by statutory consultee and planning application type.

Table 8a: Statutory consultation on **local** planning applications Apr-Dec 2023-24

Statutory Consultee	Within Target	Within Extended Target	Late - took over 21 days	Outstanding No response	Total	% on-time
Dfl Roads	5,729	4	1,219	137	7,089	81%
DAERA EMF NIEA	2,043	0	501	96	2,640	77%
Dfl Rivers	1,032	5	492	82	1,611	64%
NI Water	1,914	0	58	9	1,981	97%
DfC/HED	631	0	845	208	1,684	37%
HSENI	32	0	8	5	45	71%
DfE/GSNI	32	0	9	0	41	78%
Belfast International Airport	101	0	14	1	116	87%
Belfast City Airport	39	0	0	1	40	98%
City of Derry Airport	17	0	0	0	17	100%
NIHE	23	0	6	0	29	79%
<b>Local Total</b>	<b>11,593</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3,152</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>15,293</b>	<b>76%</b>

Table 8b: Statutory consultation on **major** planning applications Apr-Dec 2023-24

Statutory Consultee	Within Target	Within Extended Target	Late - took over 21 days	Outstanding No response	Total	% on-time
Dfl Roads	242	0	96	19	357	68%
DAERA EMF NIEA	77	0	145	24	246	31%
Dfl Rivers	103	2	80	17	202	52%
NI Water	101	0	7	1	109	93%
DfC/HED	31	0	65	15	111	28%
HSENI	4	0	5	1	10	40%
DfE/GSNI	7	0	2	1	10	70%
Belfast International Airport	13	0	3	0	16	81%
Belfast City Airport	2	0	0	0	2	100%
NIHE	7	0	1	0	8	88%
<b>Major Total</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>55%</b>

Table 8c: Statutory consultation on **regionally significant** planning applications Apr-Dec 2023/24

Statutory Consultee	Within Target	Within Extended Target	Late - took over 21 days	Outstanding No response	Total	% on-time
Dfl Roads	0	0	1	0	1	0%
DAERA EMF NIEA	1	0	1	1	3	33%
Dfl Rivers	0	0	1	1	2	0%
DfC/HED	0	0	1	0	1	0%
HSENI	1	0	0	0	1	100%
Belfast International Airport	0	0	1	0	1	0%
Belfast City Airport	1	0	0	0	1	100%
<b>Regionally Significant Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>30%</b>

## User guidance

### Data source

An extract of all consultations/advice queries raised from 1 April 2023 to 31 December 2023 were transferred on in February 2024 from the Planning Portals. The data were then validated. The relevant data is lifted at least one month after the end of the reference period to allow for the 21-day target response date, which applies to most statutory consultations, to have elapsed.

### Reporting

This is the first report to be produced for statutory consultation since the introduction of the Planning Portals. It is important therefore to note that data for 2022/23 is presented for the first time in this report.

The Planning Portals were introduced in June (Mid Ulster) and December 2022 (all other planning authorities) and will have had some impact on the quality of the data for level of consultation and the management of consultation responses. This impact whilst considered to be minimal may cause some changes at lower levels of data disaggregation. For this reason, caution should be taken when using data from 2022/23.

**The figures contained in this report are extracted from the Planning Portals, are management information, and should not be treated as official statistics.**

### List of key statutory consultees

- Belfast City Airport
- Belfast International Airport
- City of Derry Airport
- Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) Environment, Marine and Fisheries (EMF) and Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA)
- Department for Communities (DfC) / Historic Environment Division (HED)
- Department for the Economy (DfE) / Geological Survey of Northern Ireland (GSNI)
- DfI Rivers
- DfI Roads
- Health and Safety Executive Northern Ireland (HSENI)
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)
- Northern Ireland Water.