

2025



Department for  
**Infrastructure**

An Roinn

**Bonneagair**

Department für

**Infrastruktur**

[www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk](http://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk)

# Statutory Consultations Quarterly Performance Report Q2 2024/25

(Reporting on Q2 2024/25)

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 six months of 2024/25 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.

**\*\*\*THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IS NOT CONSIDERED OFFICIAL  
STATISTICS AND SHOULD NOT BE QUOTED AS SUCH\*\*\***



## Contents

Summary infographic.....	3
Introduction .....	4
Statutory consultations.....	4
Planning Applications Received .....	6
Statutory consultations response times .....	7
2024/25 in more detail – statutory consultee analysis .....	11
Additional consultee level data .....	12
User guidance .....	23

# Planning Statutory Consultations

## Q2 2024/25

**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



**5,197**

statutory consultations were raised in Q2 2024/25. Of these:



**4,900**  
(94%)

were on local applications



**297**  
(6%)

were on major applications



**0**  
(0%)

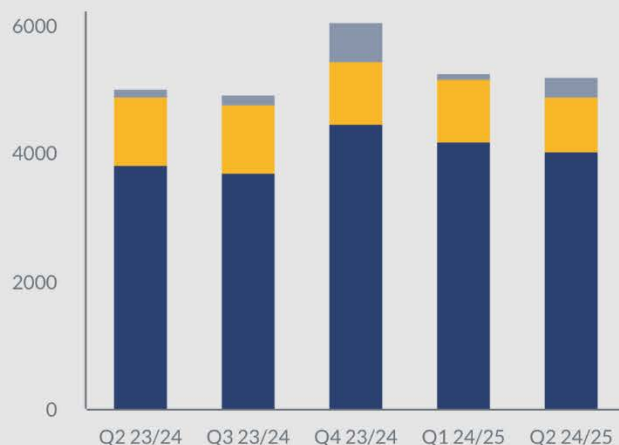
were on regional applications

### Statutory consultations response times



**77%** of statutory consultations in Q2 2024/25 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

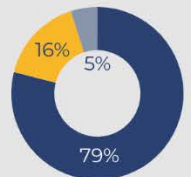
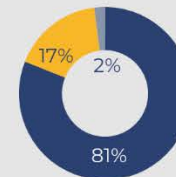
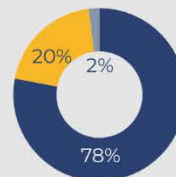


#### Responses to statutory consultations received by application type and status (%)

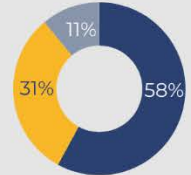
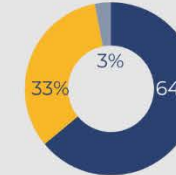
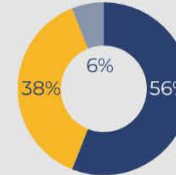
Q2 23/24 Q1 24/25 Q2 24/25



Local



Major



■ on time ■ late ■ outstanding

Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

### Statutory consultees

#### Number of responses to statutory consultations received by statutory consultee and response status, April 2024 - September 2024 (5 most common consultees)



The information in this report is not considered official statistics and should not be quoted as such

# Statutory Consultations Quarterly Report Q2 2024/25

## 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 six months of 2024/25 with comparative data from previous years.

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

## Statutory consultations

During the first six months of 2024/25 (1 April to 30 September 2024) there were 18,411 consultations/advice queries raised with 73% (13,478) of these consultations sent to key statutory consultees<sup>1</sup>. Of the 13,478 consultations/advice queries raised with statutory consultees, 77% (10,437) were deemed to be statutory consultations<sup>2</sup>, with the remainder largely made up of consultations on full applications (992), discharge of conditions (555), pre application discussions (513), listed building consents (301), advertising (264) and outline applications (189).

The number of statutory consultations raised by planning 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 in 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 planning system the existing system was unavailable for a period which will have contributed to lower levels of consultation. In Q2 and Q3 of 2023/24 consultation declined to some of the lowest levels reported across the series. Levels increased in the last quarter of 2023/24 but have retracted in the first two quarter of 2024/25. See Table 1.

---

<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.

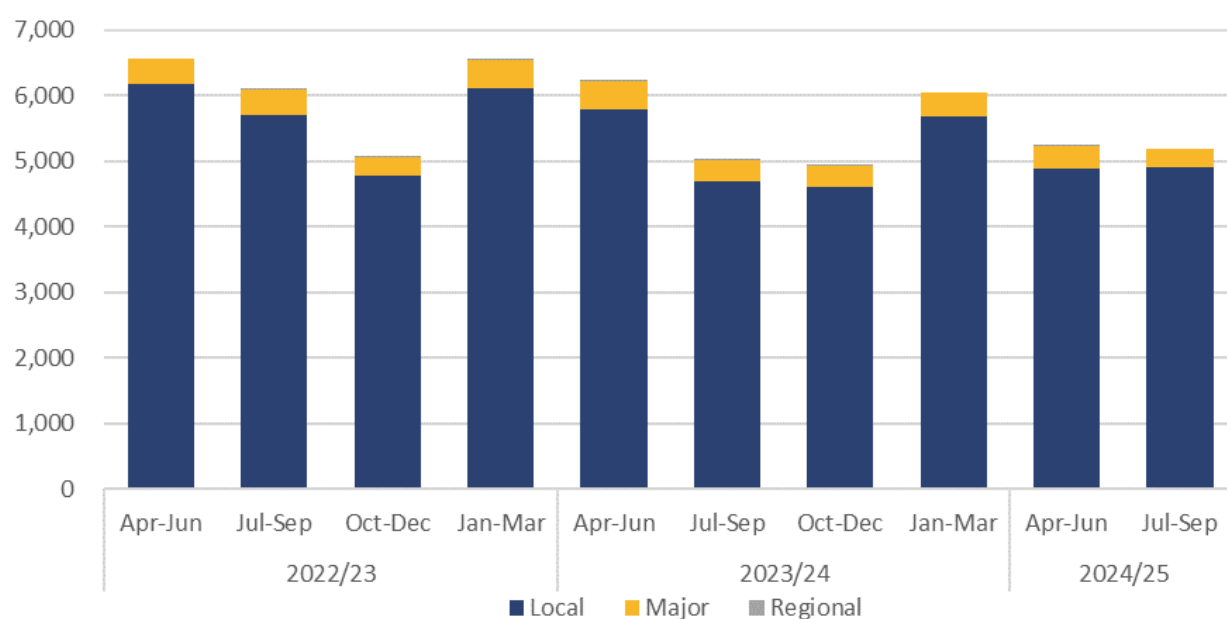
Table 1: *Number of statutory consultations raised by planning application type (Quarterly)*

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	6,172	387	0	6,559
	Jul-Sep	5,697	392	10	6,099
	Oct-Dec	4,790	275	5	5,070
	Jan-Mar	6,117	433	11	6,561
2023/24	Apr-Jun	5,795	426	4	6,225
	Jul-Sep	4,697	324	3	5,024
	Oct-Dec	4,604	317	4	4,925
	Jan-Mar	5,680	370	0	6,050
2024/25	Apr-Jun	4,880	357	3	5,240
	Jul-Sep	4,900	297	0	5,197

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 during the second quarter of 2024/25 (94%). 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 remained relatively stable from 2017/18 to 2020/21; 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. In total there was 13,600 applications received in 2020/21, the highest annual number since 2011/12.

In contrast, there was 10,025 planning applications received during 2023/24, the lowest number of applications received in any year since records began in on 2002/03. The 10,025 received in 2023/24 represented a decrease of 11% from the previous year (11,217).

In the first two quarters of 2024/25 there were 2,535 and 2,371 planning applications received respectively. While the level of planning applications received has been stable over the last five quarters there has been a gradual decline in the number of planning applications received over time.

**Table 2: *Number of planning applications received by planning application type (Q1 2019/20 – Q2 2024/25)***

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	2,594	41	0	2,635
	Jul-Sep	2,328	34	1	2,363
	Oct-Dec	2,465	41	0	2,506
	Jan-Mar	2,483	38	0	2,521
2024/25	Apr-Jun	2,496	39	0	2,535
	Jul-Sep	2,330	41	0	2,371

Source: DfI Planning Statistics

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

Table 3: *Ratio of planning applications received against statutory consultations raised<sup>4</sup> within each quarter by planning application type (Q1 2019-20 – Q2 2024/25)*

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	10	2
	Jul-Sep	2	9	2
	Oct-Dec	2	8	2
	Jan-Mar	2	10	2
2024/25	Apr-Jun	2	9	2
	Jul-Sep	2	7	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 2023/24 was 74%.

The response rate for the first six months of 2024/25 was 79%. Eighty percent of responses were on time during the first quarter of the year, the highest quarterly response rate recorded. In the second quarter of 2024/25 77% of responses were recorded on-time.

Table 4 provides a breakdown of responses to statutory consultations raised each quarter since reporting began in 2019/20.

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

<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.



Table 4: *Number of responses to statutory consultations received within each quarter by planning application type (Q1 2019-20 – Q2 2024/25)*

Year	Quarter	On-time	Total	% On-time
2019/20	Apr-Jun	4,447	6,515	68%
	Jul-Sep	4,233	6,103	69%
	Oct-Dec	4,187	6,085	69%
	Jan-Mar	3,836	5,387	71%
2020/21	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%
2021/22	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%
2022/23	Apr-Jun	4,966	6,559	76%
	Jul-Sep	4,512	6,099	74%
	Oct-Dec	3,475	5,070	69%
	Jan-Mar	4,533	6,561	69%
2023/24	Apr-Jun	4,579	6,225	74%
	Jul-Sep	3,827	5,024	76%
	Oct-Dec	3,689	4,925	75%
	Jan-Mar	4,453	6,050	74%
2024/25	Apr-Jun	4,197	5,240	80%
	Jul-Sep	4,022	5,197	77%

Chart 2 illustrates the number of responses to statutory consultations quarterly by response status from 2022/23. 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.



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

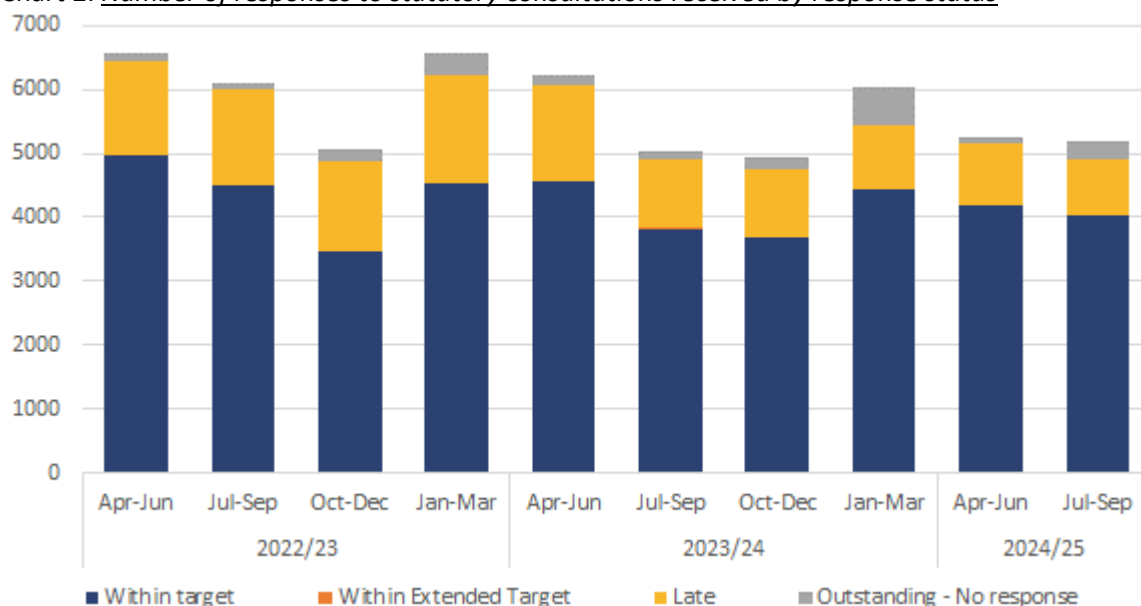
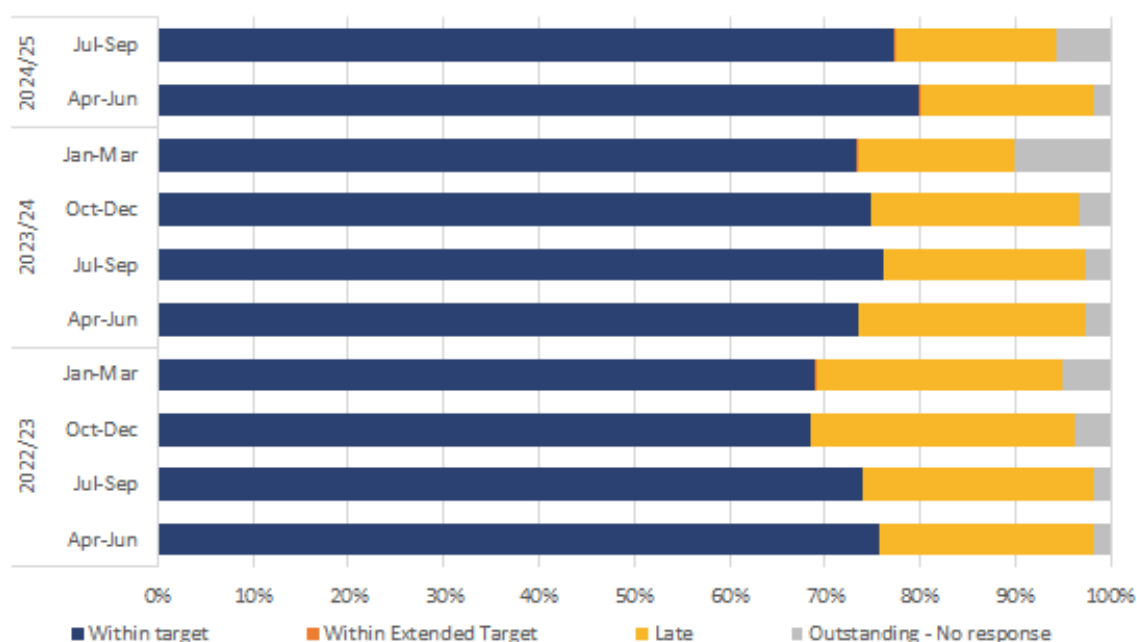


Chart 3: *Responses to statutory consultations received by response status (proportions)*



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 quarterly response rate on-time over the last five years has ranged between 64-80% for all statutory consultations. For consultations related to local planning applications the response rate on-time has ranged between 68-81%, and for consultations related to major planning applications ranging between 43-66%.

In the first six months of 2024/25 79% of responses to statutory consultations were on time. Response to statutory consultations on locals is reported at 80%, majors at 61% and regionally

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

significant at <0.1% (three consultations). 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)

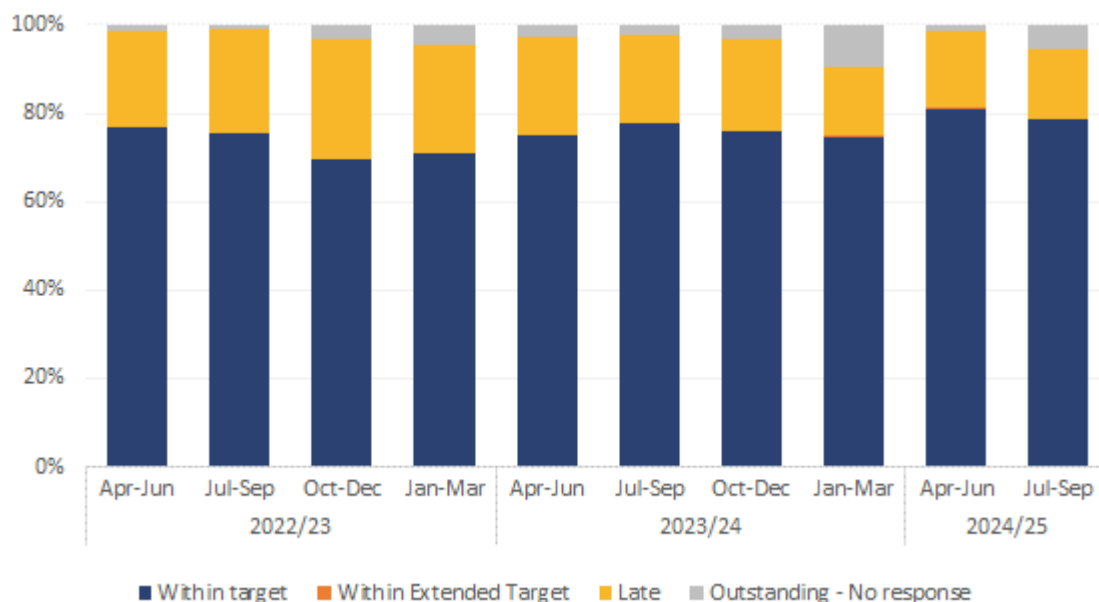


Chart 4b: Responses to statutory consultations received for **major** planning applications by response status (proportions)

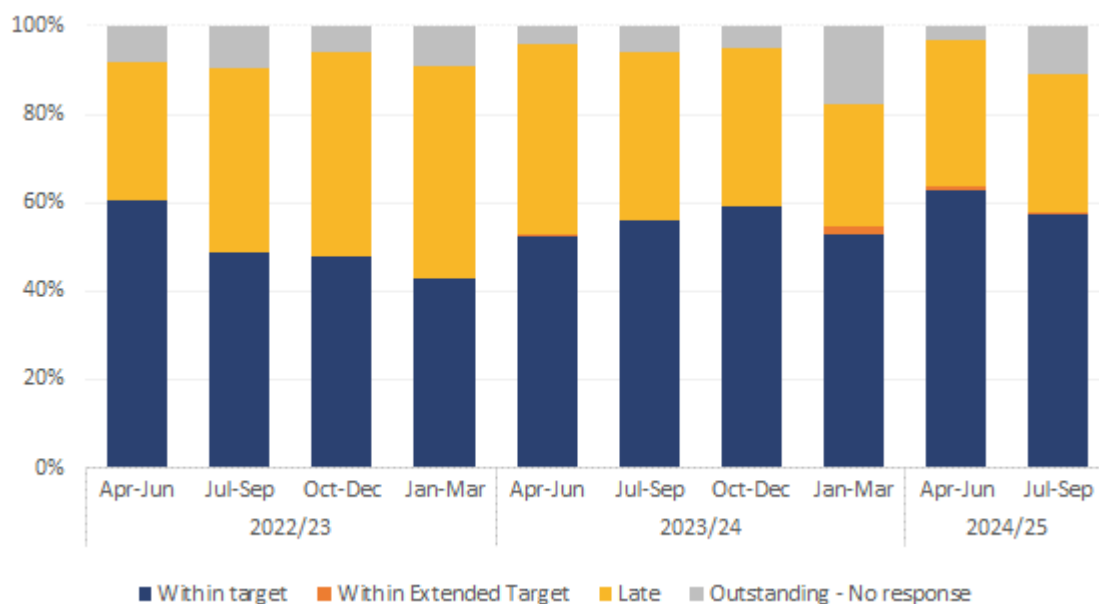
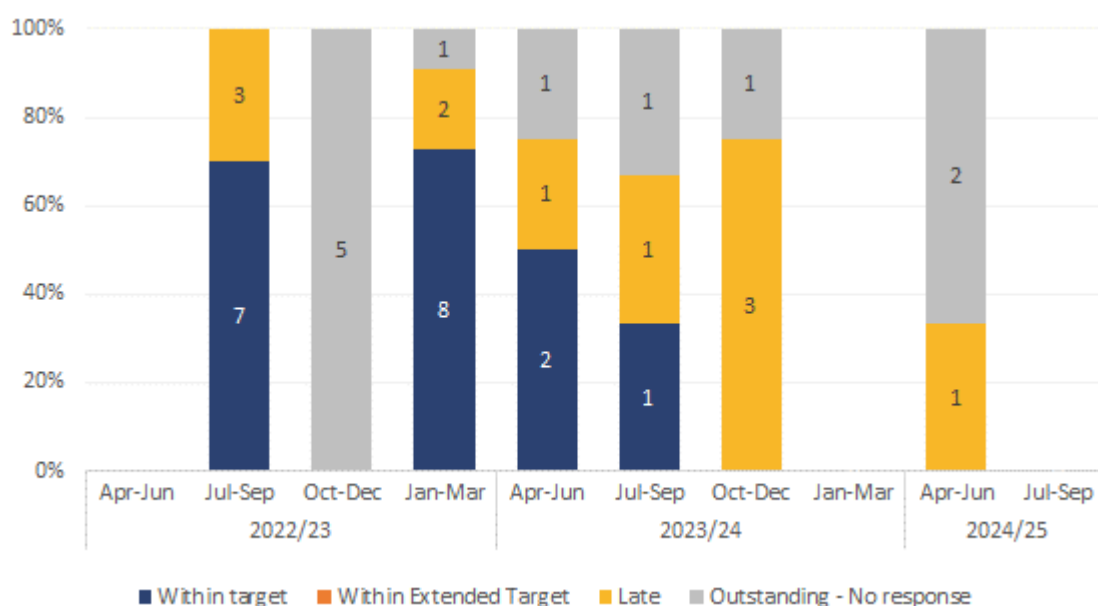


Chart 4c: *Responses to statutory consultations received for **regionally significant** planning applications by response status (proportions)*



*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.*

## 2024/25 in more detail – statutory consultee analysis

Statutory consultations received by statutory consultees during the first six months of 2024/25 are presented in Table 5 below<sup>7</sup>.

Table 5: *Number of statutory consultations received by planning application type, Q1 2024/25*

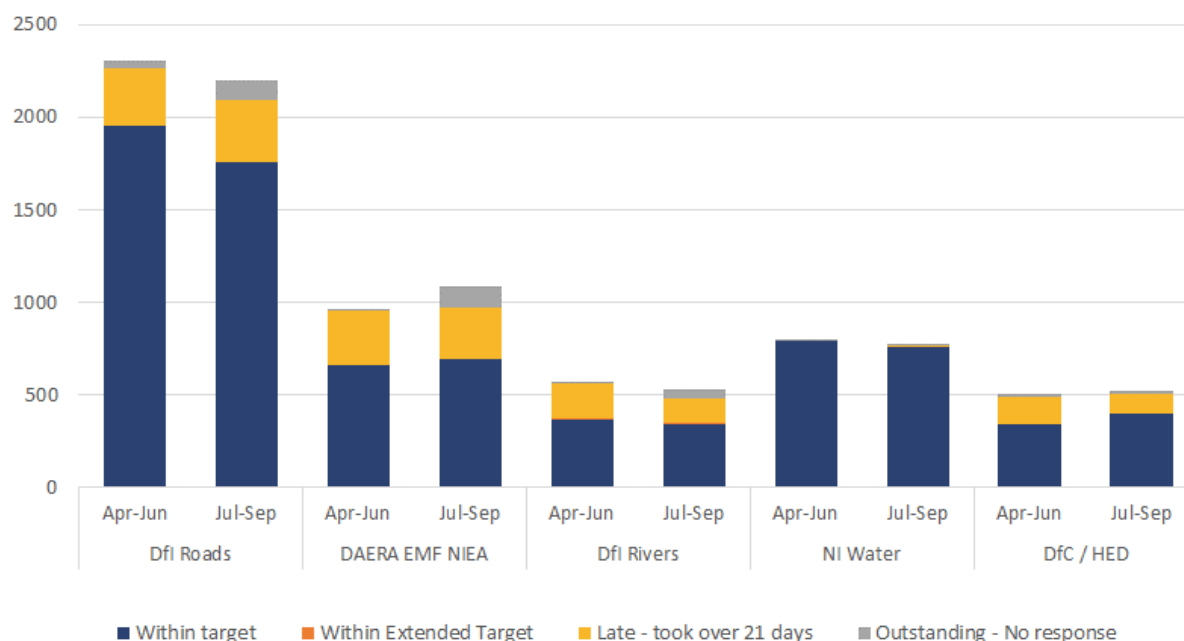
Quarter	Local	Major	Regional	Total
Apr-Jun	4,880	357	3	5,240
Jul-Sep	4,900	297	0	5,197
2024-25 year to date	9,780	654	3	10,437

Of the 10,437 statutory consultations received in the first six months of 2024/25, DfI Roads received 43%, DAERA EMF NIEA 20%, NI Water 15%, DfI Rivers 11% and DfC / HED 10%. Together these five consultees accounted for 98% of the statutory consultations raised during the first six months of 2024/25 (Chart 5).<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 5: *Number of responses to statutory consultations received by statutory consultee and response status, 2024/25 Q1 & Q2 (5 most common consultees)*



During the first six months of the year across all statutory consultees the proportion of responses received on time<sup>9</sup> ranged from 51% – 100%. In all, 79% of statutory consultations were responded on time during the first six months of 2024/25. Table 6 provides response information for each statutory consultee for April to September 2024.

Table 6 *Number of responses to statutory consultations received by statutory consultees, April-September 2024/25*

Statutory Consultee	2024/25	On time	Total	% on-time
DfI Roads	Apr-Sep	3,714	4,501	83%
DAERA EMF NIEA	Apr-Sep	1,352	2,049	66%
DfI Rivers	Apr-Sep	720	1,100	65%
NI Water	Apr-Sep	1,547	1,562	99%
DfC/HED	Apr-Sep	733	1,026	71%
HSENI	Apr-Sep	36	42	86%
DfE/GSNI	Apr-Sep	18	26	69%
Belfast International Airport	Apr-Sep	32	63	51%
Belfast City Airport	Apr-Sep	22	22	100%
City of Derry Airport	Apr-Sep	13	13	100%
NIHE	Apr-Sep	32	33	97%
<b>Total</b>	<b>Apr-Sep</b>	<b>8,219</b>	<b>10,437</b>	<b>79%</b>

### Additional consultee level data

Tables 7-11 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 7: *Number of responses to statutory consultations received by statutory consultees, 2024-25 Q1-Q2*

Statutory Consultee	Quarter 2024/25	On time	Total	% on-time
DfI Roads	Apr-Jun	1,955	2,304	85%
	Jul-Sep	1,759	2,197	80%
	2024/25 ytd	3,714	4,501	83%
DAERA EMF NIEA	Apr-Jun	663	963	69%
	Jul-Sep	689	1,086	63%
	2024/25 ytd	1,352	2,049	66%
DfI Rivers	Apr-Jun	376	569	66%
	Jul-Sep	344	531	65%
	2024/25 ytd	720	1,100	65%
NI Water	Apr-Jun	788	793	99%
	Jul-Sep	759	769	99%
	2024/25 ytd	1,547	1,562	99%
DfC / HED	Apr-Jun	336	507	66%
	Jul-Sep	397	519	76%
	2024/25 ytd	733	1,026	71%
HSENI	Apr-Jun	21	21	100%
	Jul-Sep	15	21	71%
	2024/25 ytd	36	42	86%
DfE / GSNi	Apr-Jun	9	16	56%
	Jul-Sep	9	10	90%
	2024/25 ytd	18	26	69%
Belfast International Airport	Apr-Jun	16	33	48%
	Jul-Sep	16	30	53%
	2024/25 ytd	32	63	51%
Belfast City Airport	Apr-Jun	14	14	100%
	Jul-Sep	8	8	100%
	2024/25 ytd	22	22	100%
City of Derry Airport	Apr-Jun	9	9	100%
	Jul-Sep	4	4	-
	2024/25 ytd	13	13	100%
NIHE	Apr-Jun	10	11	91%
	Jul-Sep	22	22	100%
	2024/25 ytd	32	33	97%
Overall Totals	Apr-Jun	4,197	5,240	80%
	Jul-Sep	4,022	5,197	77%
	2024/25 ytd	8,219	10,437	79%

Table 8: *Number of responses to statutory consultations received by statutory consultees, 2023-24 Q1-Q4*

Statutory Consultee	Quarter 2023/24	On time	Total	% on-time
DfI Roads	Apr-Jun	2,217	2,779	80%
	Jul-Sep	1,944	2,328	84%
	Oct-Dec	1,753	2,238	78%
	Jan-Mar	2,108	2,588	81%
	2023/24	8,022	9,933	81%
DAERA EMF NIEA	Apr-Jun	723	1,029	70%
	Jul-Sep	695	897	77%
	Oct-Dec	696	927	75%
	Jan-Mar	739	1,092	68%
	2023/24	2,853	3,945	72%
DfI Rivers	Apr-Jun	483	747	65%
	Jul-Sep	355	529	67%
	Oct-Dec	293	519	56%
	Jan-Mar	363	658	55%
	2023/24	1,494	2,453	61%
NI Water	Apr-Jun	807	834	97%
	Jul-Sep	597	637	94%
	Oct-Dec	610	614	99%
	Jan-Mar	904	922	98%
	2023/24	2,918	3,007	97%
DfC / HED	Apr-Jun	230	693	33%
	Jul-Sep	158	537	29%
	Oct-Dec	259	533	49%
	Jan-Mar	243	675	36%
	2023/24	890	2,438	37%
HSENI	Apr-Jun	19	28	68%
	Jul-Sep	12	17	71%
	Oct-Dec	4	9	44%
	Jan-Mar	17	27	63%
	2023/24	52	81	64%
DfE / GSNI	Apr-Jun	16	21	76%
	Jul-Sep	13	15	87%
	Oct-Dec	8	13	62%
	Jan-Mar	16	21	76%
	2023/24	53	70	76%
Belfast International Airport	Apr-Jun	47	55	85%
	Jul-Sep	29	38	76%
	Oct-Dec	38	40	95%
	Jan-Mar	26	28	93%
	2023/24	140	161	87%
Belfast City Airport	Apr-Jun	22	23	96%
	Jul-Sep	15	15	100%
	Oct-Dec	5	5	100%
	Jan-Mar	11	11	100%
	2023/24	53	54	98%

**Table 8 continued:**

<b>Statutory Consultee</b>	<b>Quarter 2023/24</b>	<b>On time</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% On time</b>
City of Derry Airport	Apr-Jun	9	9	100%
	Jul-Sep	2	2	100%
	Oct-Dec	6	6	100%
	Jan-Mar	11	11	100%
	2023/24	28	28	100%
NIHE	Apr-Jun	6	7	86%
	Jul-Sep	7	9	78%
	Oct-Dec	17	21	81%
	Jan-Mar	15	17	88%
	2023/24	45	54	83%
Overall Totals	Apr-Jun	4,579	6,225	74%
	Jul-Sep	3,827	5,024	76%
	Oct-Dec	3,689	4,925	75%
	Jan-Mar	4,453	6,050	74%
	2023/24	16,548	22,224	74%



Table 9: *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	2,322	2,925	79%
	Jul-Sep	2,161	2,634	82%
	Oct-Dec	1,621	2,179	74%
	Jan-Mar	2,199	2,890	76%
	2022/23	8,303	10,628	78%
DAERA EMF NIEA	Apr-Jun	531	998	53%
	Jul-Sep	561	1,049	53%
	Oct-Dec	592	969	61%
	Jan-Mar	817	1,251	65%
	2022/23	2,501	4,267	59%
DfI Rivers	Apr-Jun	432	640	68%
	Jul-Sep	264	570	46%
	Oct-Dec	228	515	44%
	Jan-Mar	472	751	63%
	2022/23	1,396	2,476	56%
NI Water	Apr-Jun	1,012	1,075	94%
	Jul-Sep	905	962	94%
	Oct-Dec	703	773	91%
	Jan-Mar	778	869	90%
	2022/23	3,398	3,679	92%
DfC/HED	Apr-Jun	574	805	71%
	Jul-Sep	479	727	66%
	Oct-Dec	256	542	47%
	Jan-Mar	178	687	26%
	2022/23	1,487	2,761	54%
HSENI	Apr-Jun	28	40	70%
	Jul-Sep	20	25	80%
	Oct-Dec	10	20	50%
	Jan-Mar	14	19	74%
	2022/23	72	104	69%
DfE / GSNI	Apr-Jun	17	19	89%
	Jul-Sep	29	36	81%
	Oct-Dec	13	17	76%
	Jan-Mar	12	19	63%
	2022/23	71	91	78%
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 9 continued:

Statutory Consultee	Quarter 2022/23	On time	Total	% On time
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	4,966	6,559	76%
	Jul-Sep	4,512	6,099	74%
	Oct-Dec	3,475	5,070	69%
	Jan-Mar	4,533	6,561	69%
	2022/23	17,486	24,289	72%

Table 10: *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 10 continued:**

<b>Statutory Consultee</b>	<b>Quarter 2021/22</b>	<b>On time</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% On time</b>
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 11: 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%
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%

**Table 11 continued:**

Statutory Consultee	Quarter 2020/21	On time	Total	% On time
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 12 (a-c) below provide a breakdown for the first six months of 2024/25 by statutory consultee and planning application type.

*Table 12a: Statutory consultation on **local** planning applications Apr-Sep 2024*

Statutory Consultee	Within Target	Within Extended Target	Late - took over 21 days	Outstanding No response	Total	% On time
DfI Roads	3,575	3	583	132	4,293	83%
DAERA EMF NIEA	1,293	0	494	108	1,895	68%
DfI Rivers	621	10	278	54	963	66%
NI Water	1,482	2	9	6	1,499	99%
DfC/HED	698	0	225	33	956	73%
HSENI	31	0	3	0	34	91%
DfE/GSNI	16	0	5	2	23	70%
Belfast International Airport	26	0	23	5	54	48%
Belfast City Airport	19	0	0	0	19	100%
City of Derry Airport	13	0	0	0	13	100%
NIHE	31	0	0	0	31	100%
Local Total	7,805	15	1,620	340	9,780	80%

*Table 12b: Statutory consultation on **major** planning applications Apr-Sep 2024*

Statutory Consultee	Within Target	Within Extended Target	Late - took over 21 days	Outstanding No response	Total	% On time
DfI Roads	135	1	56	16	208	65%
DAERA EMF NIEA	59	0	80	13	152	39%
DfI Rivers	87	2	40	8	137	65%
NI Water	63	0	0	0	63	100%
DfC/HED	35	0	29	5	69	51%
HSENI	5	0	1	2	8	63%
DfE/GSNI	2	0	1	0	3	67%
Belfast International Airport	6	0	3	0	9	67%
Belfast City Airport	3	0	0	0	3	100%
NIHE	1	0	1	0	2	50%
Major Total	396	3	211	44	654	61%

*Table 12c: Statutory consultation on **regionally significant** planning applications Apr-Sep 2024*

Statutory Consultee	Within Target	Within Extended Target	Late - took over 21 days	Outstanding No response	Total	% On time
DAERA EMF NIEA	0	0	0	2	2	0%
DfC/HED	0	0	1	0	1	0%
Regionally Significant Total	0	0	1	2	3	0%



## User guidance

### Data source

An extract of all consultations/advice queries raised from 1 April 2024 to 30 September 2024 were transferred on in November 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

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.