

The approach to the backlog for over a year has been the two team leaders are overseeing the work of their individual teams with a focus on in time applications with no extensions of time. This approach is working effectively to secure 739 decisions in time during 2023. Several District Councils in the East Midlands do not process this number of applications in a year and nearly all rely on extensions of time to a far greater extent than SDDC now do. The Head of Planning is mainly overseeing the work and processing the decisions of a combination of agency planners, officers doing overtime, and the retained consultants at Planning and Design Group that have been stuck in the backlog.

Although the figures of overall applications processed in time are lower than Target, this is due to a significant number of applications that continue to be cleared from the backlog with 413 applications on hand at the start of 2024. This number is reducing from a high point of approximately double that in the summer of 2022.

All percentage figures below are rounded to the nearest whole number.

Application processing times

November & December 2022

	Decisions in time	Decisions out of time	Extensions of time
November	13	38	50
December	23	20	45
Total	36 (19%)	58 (31%)	95 (50%)

January to March 2023

	Decisions in time	Decisions out of time	Extensions of time
January	33	42	54
February	42	29	68
March	84	30	43
Total	159 (38%)	89 (22%)	165 (40%)

April to June 2023

	Decisions in time	Decisions out of time	Extensions of time
April	54	26	20
May	65	28	16
June	57	26	25
Total	176 (56%)	80 (25%)	61 (19%)

July to September 2023

	Decisions in time	Decisions out of time	Extensions of time
July	82	8	30
August	77	30	18
September	58	16	28
Total	217 (63%)	54 (16%)	76 (22%)

October to December 2023

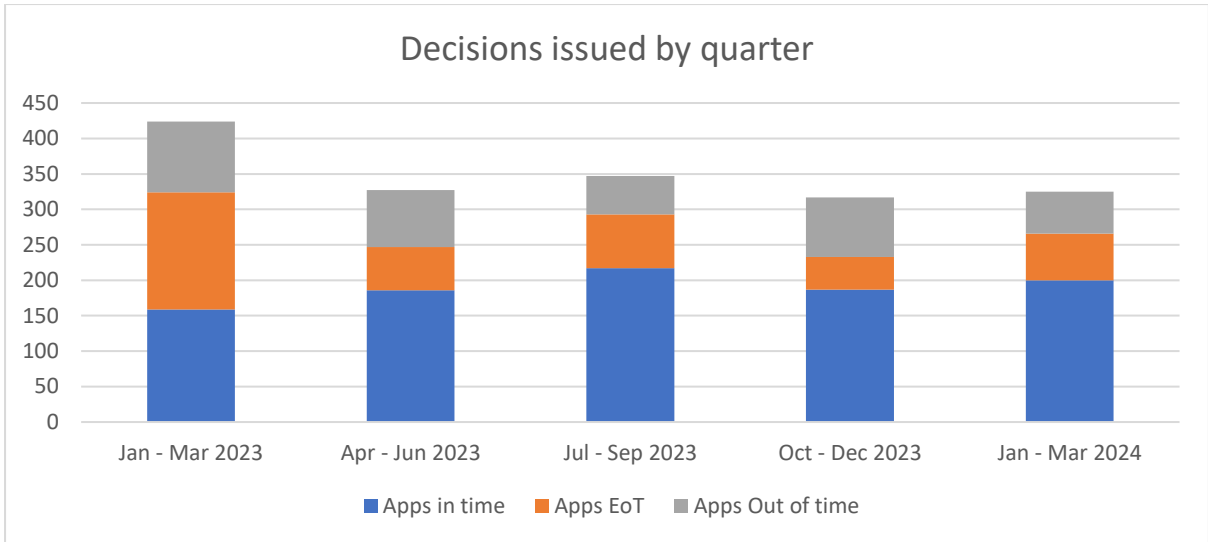
	Decisions in time	Decisions out of time	Extensions of time
October	77	15	13
November	56	41	12
December	54	28	21
Total	187 (59%)	84 (26%)	46 (15%)

2023 Annual Total

	Decisions in time	Decisions out of time	Extensions of time
Total	739 (53%)	307 (22%)	348 (25%)

January to March 2023

	Decisions in time	Decisions out of time	Extensions of time
January	62	26	23
February	67	13	20
March	71	20	23
Total	200 (62%)	59 (18%)	66 (20%)



Decisions issued Nov 2022 – March 2024

