

Uncertainty in the planning system and its effects

	Housing Minister (months in post)	White papers and legislation	Changes to national policy and guidance	Written ministerial statements and speeches	Local plans submitted*	Local plans adopted*	Major applications decided within 13 weeks (%)**
2017	Gavin Barwell (11, from July 2016)	Fixing our broken housing market (Feb)		Housing Land Supply WMS (Mar)	33	31	33
	Alok Sharma (7)			Green Belt WMS (Sept)			
2018	Dominic Raab (6)		NPPF changes consultation (Mar)		48	26	29
	Kit Malthouse (12)		Revised NPPF (Jul)				
			Technical consultation on updates to NPPF (Oct)				
2019			Revised NPPF (Feb)		26	34	27
	Esther McVey (7)						
2020	Chris Pincher (24)	Planning for the future (Aug)		SoS announces "pause" to planning reform (Sept)	18	27	23
			Updated Standard Method (Dec)				
2021				PM states 'no greenfield development' (Sept)	20	14	21
2022	Stuart Andrew (5)	Queens Speech (May)			17	15	19
	Marcus Jones (2)	Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill (May)					
	Lee Rowley (1)						
	Lucy Frazer (4)	Reforms to national planning policy consultation (Dec)					
2023					5 (up to June)	8 (up to June)	-
	Rachel Maclean (since Feb 2023)			Housing Minister states 'no timescale for NPPF changes' (Apr)			

*Source: [Local Plan: monitoring progress - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

**Source: [Live tables on planning application statistics - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)