

Planning Performance – March 2026

Planning will report a summary of performance. This will be for the month before last month, as this allows for all applications to be validated and gives a true representation.

All figures include all types of planning applications.

Determinations

	Total	Major	Minor	Householder	Other	DIS /NMA	Trees	Pre App
Determinations	125	4	19	15	17	19	40	11
Determined on time (%)	-	100% (90% within 13 weeks)	79% (80% within 8 weeks)	100% (90% within 8 weeks)	94% (90% within 8 weeks)	95% (80% within 8 weeks)	100% (100% within 8 weeks)	N/A
Approved	103	3	17	14	13	18	38	N/A
Refused	11	1	2	1	4	1	2	N/A

Validations

78% validated within 5 working days (ECDC target is 85%).

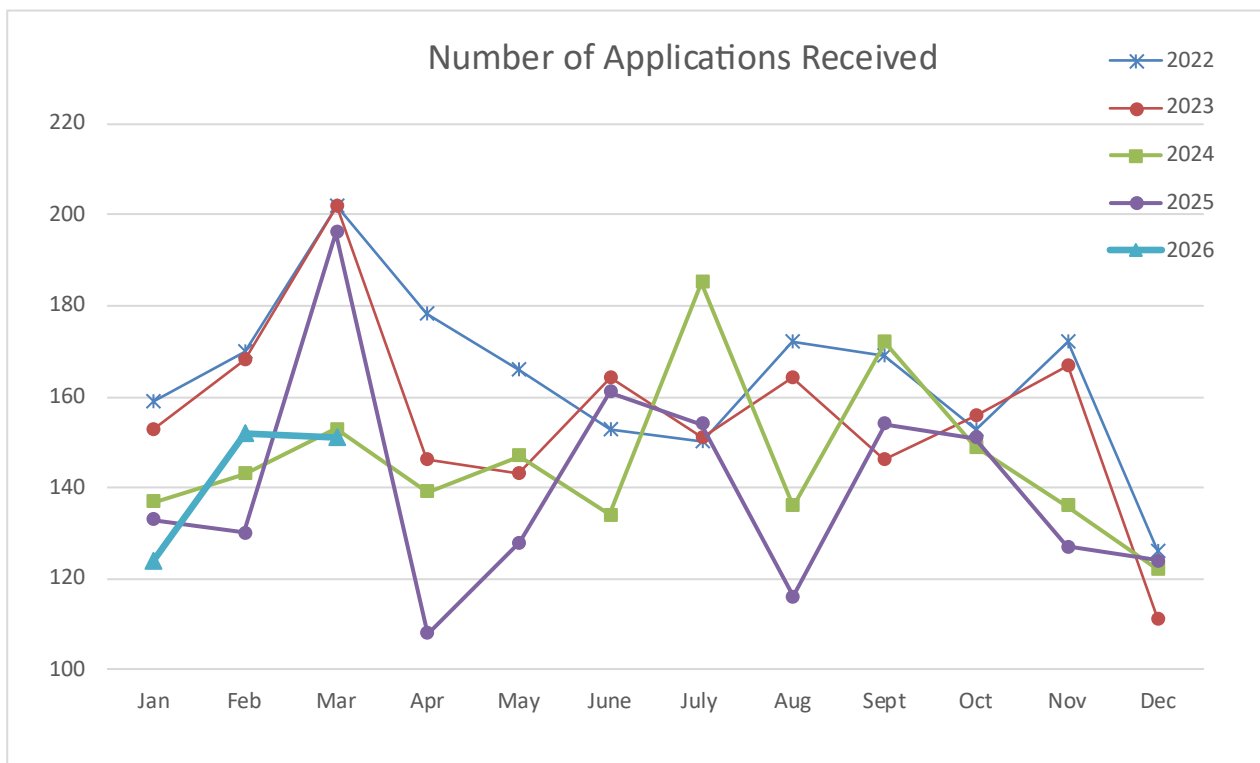
	Total	Major	Minor	Householder	Other	DIS /NMA	Trees	Pre App
Validations	141	5	11	37	24	16	32	16

Open Cases by Team (as of 23 April 2026)

	Total	Major	Minor	Householder	Other	DIS /NMA	Trees	Pre App
Team North (7 FTE)	178	16	35	33	35	48	0	11
Team South (7 FTE)	141	15	27	22	30	25	0	22
No Team (2 FTE)	25	0	0	0	3	1	21	0

('No Team' includes: Trees Officer and Conservation Officer)

The Planning department received a total of 151 applications in March 2026 which is a 23% decrease to the total received in March 2025 (196) and a 0.7% decrease to the total received in February 2026 (152).



Valid Planning Appeals received in March 2026: 1

Appeal Reference	Site Address	Decision Level *
26/00004/REFAPP	Land Adj To 1 Victoria Place Sutton Ely Cambridgeshire CB6 2NP	DEL

Appeals decided: 6

Appeal Reference	Site Address	Decision Level *	Outcome
25/00025/REFAPP	121 North Street Burwell Cambridge CB25 0BB	DEL	DISMIS
25/00027/LBCAPP	121 North Street Burwell Cambridge CB25 0BB	DEL	DISMIS
25/00031/REFAPP	Britannia 5 Kirtling Road Saxon Street Newmarket Suffolk CB8 9RR	DEL	DISMIS
25/00037/REFAPP	5 Newmarket Road Cheveley Newmarket Suffolk CB8 9EQ	DEL	ALLOW
26/00001/REFAPP	53 Teal Avenue Soham Ely Cambridgeshire CB7 5UX	DEL	DISMIS
26/00003/REFAPP	Site South Of 38 Mildenhall Road Fordham Cambridgeshire	DEL	DISMIS

Upcoming Hearing dates: 0

Enforcement

New Complaints registered: 24 (3 Proactive)

Cases closed: 24 (1 Proactive)

Open cases per Officer (2.6fte): 151 (27 Proactive) / 2.6fte = 58 FTE

Notices served: 2

Comparison of Enforcement complaints received during March

Code	Description	2025	2026
ADVERT	Reports of unauthorised adverts		1
COND	Reports of breaches of planning conditions	2	3
CONSRV	Reports of unauthorised works in a Conservation Area		
DEM	Reports of unauthorised demolition in a Conservation Area		
HEDGE	High Hedge complaints dealt with under the Anti-Social Behaviour Act		
HEDBR	High hedges breach		
LEGOB	Legal Obligation monitoring		
LEGOR	Legal Obligation report		
LISTED	Reports of unauthorised works to a Listed Building	1	2
MON	Compliance Monitoring		
OP	Reports of operational development, such as building or engineering works	7	5
OTHER	Reports of activities that may not constitute development, such as the siting of a mobile home		2
PLAN	Reports that a development is not being built in accordance with approved plans	4	2
PRO	Proactive cases opened by the Enforcement Team, most commonly for unauthorised advertisements and expired temporary permissions		3
TRECON	No notice of tree works in a Conservation area		
TREHDG	Hedgerow Regulations breach	1	
TRETPO	Unauthorised works to TPO tree	1	
UNTIDY	Reports of untidy land or buildings harming the visual amenity		1
USE	Reports of the change of use of land or buildings	4	5
TOTAL		20	24

* Code descriptions:

DIS	Discharge of Condition	DISMISS	Appeal Dismissed
NMA	Non material Amendment	ALLOW	Appeal Allowed
COMM	Committee Decision	NONDET	Appeal for non determination
DEL	Delegated Decision	APPWIT	Appeal withdrawn