





NEW HOUSING PIPELINE

Approvals weakened further during the second quarter, continuing the downward trend seen over the last two years. At 2,771, the number of housing projects granted planning permission in the second quarter fell by 10% against the preceding quarter and was 20% lower than a year ago. The number of approvals during the first six months of 2023 were 20% lower than a year ago.

The number of units approved during the second quarter dropped by 14% against the previous three months to total 62,681 units and was 11% lower than during the second quarter of last year. Overall approvals totalled 135,290 units during the first half of 2023, a 17% decline on a year ago.

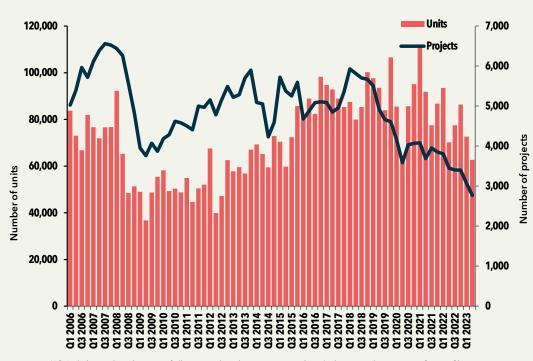


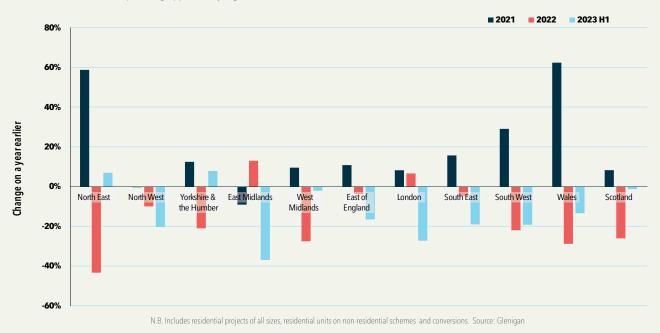
Chart 1: Residential planning approvals (Great Britain)

N.B. Includes residential projects of all sizes, residential units on non-residential schemes and conversions. Source: Glenigan

At 56,712 units, housing schemes of ten or more units during the second quarter accounted for 90% of approved units, dropped by 14% against the first quarter and were 10% down on a year ago. The remaining 10% of units were on smaller new build projects of up to nine units including self-build schemes together with homes included within non-residential projects and from the conversion of non-residential properties.

At 1,829 the number of private sector housing projects (schemes of 3 or more units) securing approval was 10% down on the first quarter and was 16% lower than a year earlier. At 54,385 the number of units on private sector projects granted planning permission was 13% down on the first quarter and 8% lower than a year ago.

Chart 2: Residential planning approvals by region (No. of units)



At 91, the number of social housing projects (of three or more units) fell sharply, dropping by 37% on the first quarter and being 44% lower than a year ago. At 7,195, the number of units was 20% down on the preceding quarter and 24% lower than a year earlier.

	North of England	Midlands	Southern England	England - All	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
2019	75,069	70,104	182,739	327,912	11,889	41,932	381,733
2020	70,442	59,228	159,943	289,613	7,271	32,806	329,690
2021	78,303	58,908	182,510	319,721	11,806	35,504	367,031
2022	62,981	54,440	175,476	292,897	8,399	26,249	327,545
2023 H1	29,810	21,634	67,168	118,612	3,423	13,255	135,290
		C	Change on a	year earlier			
2019	0%	18%	2%	4%	14%	47%	8%
2020	-6%	-16%	-12%	-12%	-39%	-22%	-14%
2021	11%	-1%	14%	10%	62%	8%	11%
2022	-20%	-8%	-4%	-8%	-29%	-26%	-11%
2023 H1	-8%	-24%	-21%	-19%	-13%	-1%	-17%

Table 1: Number of residential units approved

N.B. Residential projects of all sizes and residential units on non-residential projects and conversions.

Regionally, four parts of the country bucked the overall downward trend in approvals during the second quarter. The North East, East of England, West Midlands and Wales all saw a double digit increase in approvals against the previous quarter, rising by 26%, 31%, 19% and 26% respectively.

All other parts of the country saw a decline against the previous quarter. The sharpest declines were seen in Yorkshire & the Humber, the East Midlands, London and the South West, with falls of 54%, 38%, 25% and 20% respectively.

HOUSING APPROVALS

The tables provide a regional breakdown of new building planning approvals since 2016

	North of England			Mi	dlands	
	North East	North West	Yorkshire & the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East of England
Q1 2016	2,582	13,090	4,411	6,852	6,478	7,296
Q2 2016	5,152	12,382	5,463	4,344	8,336	9,582
Q3 2016	1,926	13,853	6,576	5,235	4,857	8,352
Q4 2016	4,794	12,603	8,402	5,432	6,113	11,186
Q1 2017	2,921	12,898	6,004	10,027	8,386	9,701
Q2 2017	4,468	11,768	5,605	7,490	9,126	8,287
Q3 2017	4,192	10,436	6,457	7,344	5,317	10,428
Q4 2017	2,384	10,237	8,869	6,616	6,377	8,508
Q1 2018	3,101	9,857	6,341	6,831	7,323	7,451
Q2 2018	2,270	8,273	6,527	7,238	6,127	6,778
Q3 2018	2,445	9,830	6,932	6,693	7,747	10,116
Q4 2018	3,157	9,757	6,661	8,591	8,970	9,975
Q1 2019	1,892	9,240	6,706	7,578	9,492	12,471
Q2 2019	3,800	8,370	7,346	10,945	8,119	8,219
Q3 2019	1,706	7,322	5,335	7,682	6,399	9,392
Q4 2019	4,783	10,849	7,720	6,977	12,912	10,574
Q1 2020	1,326	8,948	6,346	7,760	6,500	9,151
Q2 2020	1,440	5,380	3,517	6,811	6,016	6,497
Q3 2020	3,411	13,515	7,049	9,621	6,420	9,587
Q4 2020	2,533	10,673	6,304	7,765	8,335	9,670
Q1 2021	4,401	13,454	6,695	9,224	10,097	11,288
Q2 2021	4,535	8,345	6,346	5,611	6,248	8,800
Q3 2021	2,409	9,095	7,475	7,533	4,988	9,207
Q4 2021	2,482	7,479	5,587	6,683	8,524	9,372
Q1 2022	2,929	8,273	5,853	11,202	6,109	10,714
Q2 2022	1,483	9,594	4,222	6,521	4,575	8,899
Q3 2022	1,834	9,496	4,284	7,577	6,821	7,952
Q4 2022	1,584	7,176	6,253	7,515	4,120	9,711
Q1 2023	2,091	7,656	7,463	6,918	4,765	7,078
Q2 2023	2,626	6,572	3,402	4,258	5,693	9,278

 Table 2: Number of housing units securing detailed planning approval by region & country

IMPORTANT NOTE:

As a result of changes made by Glenigan to how they collect data on the number of permissions granted, there are some significant changes to the number of permissions reported in the Housing Pipeline reports from Q4 2020 onwards for quarters prior to that date, and to information in previous Housing Pipeline reports.

The procedural changes mean that the data collection is now more extensive and accurate than it was previously and so the numbers reported in the reports from Q4 2020, are a better reflection of the actual number of permissions being granted. The revised methodology has been agreed with the Department of Housing, Communities and Local Government, who Glenigan also provide planning permission data for and so this data set will match the official. Government numbers. In its <u>Taking stock: The geography of housing need, permissions and completions report published in May 2021</u>, Lichfields considered in detail why planning permission data reported prior to Q4 2020 was not wholly accurate (and included, for example re-submitted applications) and so not a fair reflection of the number of actual plots given a

Southern England

London	South East	South West	England	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain	*MAT England
12,200	12,193	7,300	72,402	2,432	6,347	81,181	269,508
12,570	13,084	9,152	80,065	2,408	6,490	88,963	295,713
14,961	9,774	9,385	74,919	1,794	5,684	82,397	304,749
14,318	15,910	7,879	86,637	4,038	7,553	98,228	314,023
15,964	13,279	7,282	86,462	2,302	5,945	94,709	328,083
15,413	11,144	8,011	81,312	2,350	9,205	92,867	329,330
12,181	14,901	8,125	79,381	2,478	7,105	88,964	333,792
9,984	15,349	8,308	76,632	2,526	6,202	85,360	323,787
13,216	14,930	7,436	76,486	2,489	8,455	87,430	313,811
12,128	12,501	8,733	70,575	2,435	6,927	79,937	303,074
13,204	12,092	7,473	76,532	2,434	6,375	85,341	300,225
16,578	17,595	9,227	90,511	3,031	6,725	100,267	314,104
17,951	15,048	7,656	88,034	2,953	6,658	97,645	325,652
11,412	11,967	8,945	79,123	2,482	11,956	93,561	334,200
11,901	12,439	7,978	70,154	4,144	9,644	83,942	327,822
14,831	14,961	6,994	90,601	2,310	13,674	106,585	327,912
16,526	9,311	9,225	75,093	3,319	7,027	85,439	314,971
11,991	7,918	4,393	53,963	1,346	8,169	63,478	289,811
9,822	11,488	5,677	76,590	1,488	7,609	85,687	296,247
19,436	12,005	7,246	83,967	1,118	10,001	95,086	289,613
19,699	13,759	11,558	100,175	2,469	8,278	110,922	314,695
17,622	13,370	7,893	78,770	2,273	10,766	91,809	339,502
9,688	9,501	6,825	66,721	2,960	7,838	77,519	329,633
15,489	10,466	7,973	74,055	4,104	8,622	86,781	319,721
20,902	10,889	6,832	83,703	2,478	7,283	93,464	303,249
9,621	9,500	8,168	62,583	1,475	6,147	70,205	287,062
15,781	11,302	5,182	70,229	2,146	5,128	77,503	290,570
20,298	13,203	6,522	76,382	2,300	7,691	86,373	292,897
12,695	8,945	6,729	64,340	1,515	6,754	72,609	273,534
9,505	7,552	5,386	54,272	1,908	6,501	62,681	265,223

Table 3: Number of housing projects securing detailed planning approval by region & country

		North of Engl	land	Μ	idlands	
	North East	North West	Yorkshire & the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East of England
Q1 2016	112	385	304	375	371	611
Q2 2016	107	400	326	395	430	676
Q3 2016	128	444	312	386	376	741
Q4 2016	113	410	365	349	402	690
Q1 2017	118	443	336	411	402	687
Q2 2017	123	363	344	384	358	677
Q3 2017	140	434	312	352	329	718
Q4 2017	113	405	393	424	438	805
Q1 2018	131	490	455	506	469	903
Q2 2018	140	432	428	544	460	871
Q3 2018	106	459	405	533	430	793
Q4 2018	116	461	417	511	463	764
Q1 2019	94	438	402	513	457	762
Q2 2019	89	366	400	467	388	740
Q3 2019	91	354	330	435	352	639
Q4 2019	122	355	311	378	341	664
Q1 2020	93	359	287	355	301	566
Q2 2020	59	245	230	278	287	523
Q3 2020	94	363	265	305	308	567
Q4 2020	94	340	300	328	313	564
Q1 2021	95	322	270	338	313	571
Q2 2021	90	275	305	285	265	507
Q3 2021	72	279	292	332	282	633
Q4 2021	74	270	270	311	295	581
Q1 2022	82	275	243	286	263	559
Q2 2022	57	252	242	304	259	444
Q3 2022	74	276	201	337	270	479
Q4 2022	71	271	237	320	266	437
Q1 2023	66	253	224	260	238	449
Q2 2023	71	235	179	208	232	368

Southern England							
London	South East	South West	England	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain	*MAT England
552	929	512	4,151	199	325	4,675	18,618
555	907	591	4,387	197	294	4,878	18,193
622	934	632	4,575	199	312	5,086	18,090
684	966	583	4,562	213	334	5,109	17,675
634	959	588	4,578	183	328	5,089	18,102
630	914	565	4,358	170	321	4,849	18,073
565	1,044	576	4,470	158	331	4,959	17,968
576	1,048	661	4,863	205	295	5,363	18,269
592	1,054	762	5,362	250	317	5,929	19,053
617	1,015	781	5,288	200	327	5,815	19,983
624	1,007	791	5,148	232	324	5,704	20,661
539	1,011	815	5,097	248	323	5,668	20,895
601	977	688	4,932	263	312	5,507	20,465
462	823	658	4,393	195	333	4,921	19,570
584	838	543	4,166	192	302	4,660	18,588
549	901	483	4,104	178	328	4,610	17,595
486	739	511	3,697	191	275	4,163	16,360
468	691	437	3,218	114	256	3,588	15,185
462	788	468	3,620	131	282	4,033	14,639
463	708	499	3,609	151	308	4,068	14,144
491	729	474	3,603	155	324	4,082	14,050
374	683	430	3,214	131	343	3,688	14,046
405	721	477	3,493	161	300	3,954	13,919
415	748	443	3,407	156	288	3,851	13,717
451	702	515	3,376	126	305	3,807	13,490
383	653	461	3,055	109	283	3,447	13,331
419	616	351	3,023	131	248	3,402	12,861
394	653	354	3,003	121	275	3,399	12,457
345	568	322	2,725	110	232	3,067	11,806
318	547	298	2,456	110	205	2,771	11,207

Table 4: England – No. of housing PROJECTS by project size

	10 or more	3-9 units	1 & 2 Units	Misc*	Total
Q1 2016	890	1,728	1,521	12	4,151
Q2 2016	905	1,800	1,665	17	4,387
Q3 2016	908	2,008	1,644	15	4,575
Q4 2016	1,010	2,001	1,528	23	4,562
Q1 2017	1,052	2,014	1,497	15	4,578
Q2 2017	932	1,910	1,507	9	4,358
Q3 2017	930	1,964	1,556	20	4,470
Q4 2017	894	1,974	1,976	19	4,863
Q1 2018	965	1,875	2,505	17	5,362
Q2 2018	851	1,876	2,544	17	5,288
Q3 2018	824	1,875	2,434	15	5,148
Q4 2018	938	1,786	2,363	10	5,097
Q1 2019	944	1,688	2,285	15	4,932
Q2 2019	822	1,676	1,884	11	4,393
Q3 2019	787	1,759	1,610	10	4,166
Q4 2019	860	2,058	1,177	9	4,104
Q1 2020	777	1,655	1,258	7	3,697
Q2 2020	592	1,431	1,185	10	3,218
Q3 2020	768	1,571	1,271	10	3,620
Q4 2020	842	1,724	1,032	11	3,609
Q1 2021	871	1,653	1,071	8	3,603
Q2 2021	722	1,469	1,016	7	3,214
Q3 2021	682	1,663	1,139	9	3,493
Q4 2021	667	1,662	1,073	5	3,407
Q1 2022	763	1,633	975	5	3,376
Q2 2022	630	1,452	960	13	3,055
Q3 2022	628	1,458	934	3	3,023
Q4 2022	662	1,439	892	10	3,003
Q1 2023	608	1,344	769	4	2,725
Q2 2023	502	1,215	728	11	2,456

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Table 5: England – No. of housing UNITS by project size

	10 or more	3-9 units	1 & 2 Units	Misc*	Total
Q1 2016	63,373	7,127	1,787	115	72,402
Q2 2016	70,494	7,422	1,943	206	80,065
Q3 2016	64,763	8,157	1,941	58	74,919
Q4 2016	76,069	8,271	1,832	465	86,637
Q1 2017	75,965	8,665	1,792	40	86,462
Q2 2017	71,439	8,039	1,814	20	81,312
Q3 2017	69,251	8,048	1,841	241	79,381
Q4 2017	65,840	8,217	2,335	240	76,632
Q1 2018	65,758	7,739	2,937	52	76,486
Q2 2018	59,653	7,802	3,022	98	70,575
Q3 2018	65,731	7,709	2,878	214	76,532
Q4 2018	79,996	7,475	2,811	229	90,511
Q1 2019	77,992	7,170	2,694	178	88,034
Q2 2019	70,039	6,828	2,218	38	79,123
Q3 2019	60,988	7,267	1,878	21	70,154
Q4 2019	81,201	8,007	1,375	18	90,601
Q1 2020	66,719	6,899	1,461	14	75,093
Q2 2020	46,835	5,738	1,359	31	53,963
Q3 2020	68,328	6,300	1,447	515	76,590
Q4 2020	76,100	6,631	1,202	34	83,967
Q1 2021	92,424	6,402	1,265	84	100,175
Q2 2021	71,952	5,605	1,195	18	78,770
Q3 2021	59,498	5,868	1,316	39	66,721
Q4 2021	66,721	6,080	1,244	10	74,055
Q1 2022	76,306	5,957	1,157	283	83,703
Q2 2022	56,013	5,371	1,145	54	62,583
Q3 2022	63,593	5,529	1,102	5	70,229
Q4 2022	69,997	5,307	1,029	49	76,382
Q1 2023	58,407	5,015	908	10	64,340
Q2 2023	48,836	4,457	852	127	54,272

NOTES

This report is based upon an analysis of housing projects being tracked by Glenigan and held on its database of construction projects. We have now extended the range of projects covered by this report in order to provide a more complete assessment of the residential development pipeline.

The following restrictions and filters apply to the analysis:

- 1. New build projects of all sizes are covered by the report (Coverage was previously restricted to approvals for 10 or more units.)
- 2. Housing schemes are included where the development is primarily identified as being: Apartments/ flats, Bungalows, Houses/ Luxury Housing or Sheltered Housing, Key Worker Accommodation or Sheltered Housing.
- 3. Conversions of non-residential properties for housing are included.
- 4. Private and social housing data includes schemes of 3 or more units.
- 5. Total residential approvals include 1 & 2 unit schemes together with residential units on mixed use developments.
- 6. Elderly people's homes, hostels and student accommodation have been excluded from the analysis.
- 7. Approvals are recorded at the detailed planning stage. Where a project has secured outline planning approval and the detailed consent is being resolved through the approval of reserve matters the date of 'detailed consent' is deemed to be that of the approval of reserve matters. In the case of some projects, the reserve matters are approved piecemeal; in these circumstances the earliest approval date has been used in order to avoid double counting.
- 8. The approvals data excludes Amendment of Planning Applications, Certificates of Lawfulness, Non-Building Applications, Removal or Variations of Conditions and responses by neighbouring planning authorities.
- 9. The late publication of planning approval decisions by local authorities may lead to the revision of planning approval data for the latest 12 months.

ABOUT HBF

The Home Builders Federation (HBF) is the representative body of the home building industry in England and Wales. HBF's members' accounts for 80% of all new homes built in England and Wales in any one year, and include companies of all sizes, ranging from multi-national, household names through regionally based businesses to small local companies.

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ABOUT GLENIGAN

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The housing approvals data analysed in this report is drawn from Glenigan's extensive database of current and planned construction projects. Glenigan's detailed coverage of planned housing projects across the UK offers valuable strategic and tactical insights for developers, with sites tracked through to completion.

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