



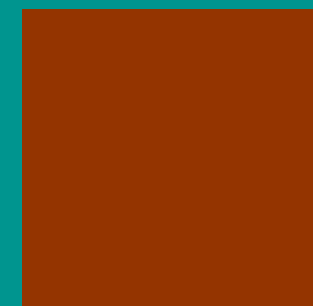
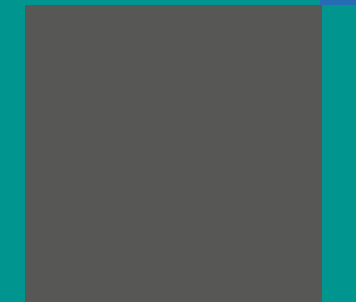
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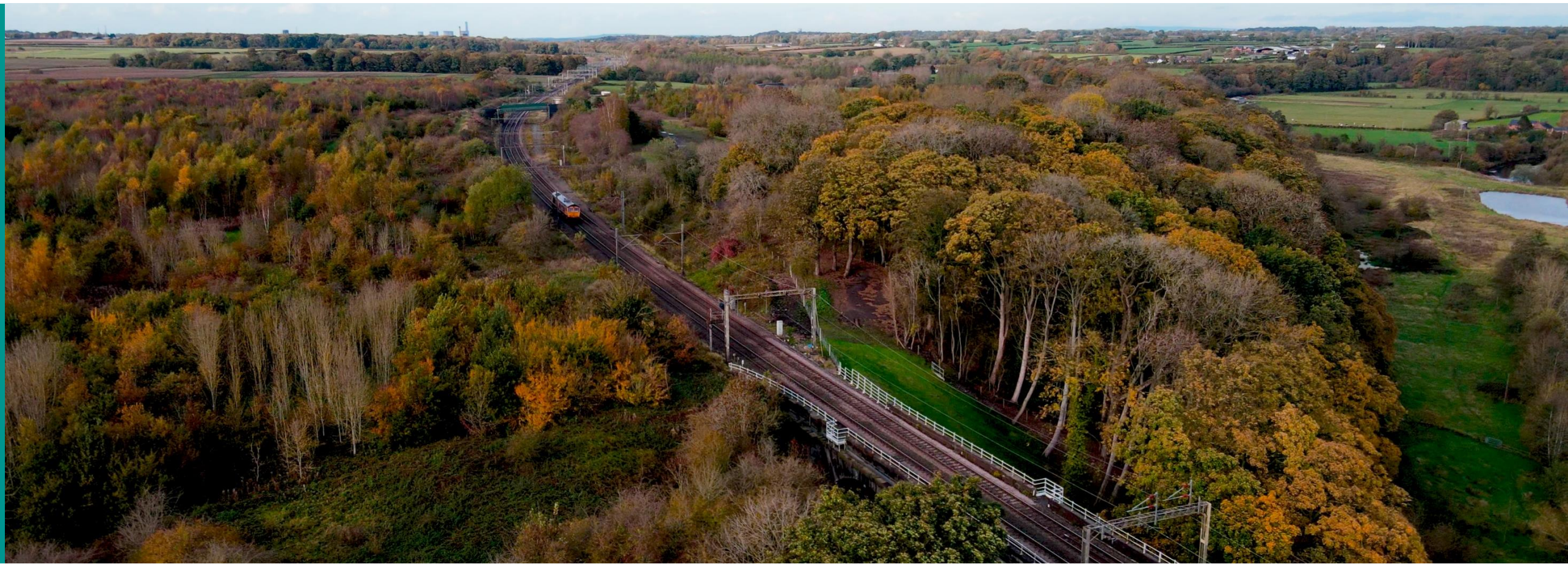
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Chief Executive



What we do

The Planning Inspectorate deals with planning appeals, national infrastructure planning applications, examination of local plans and other planning and specialist casework across England



We contribute to the creation of great places by enabling:

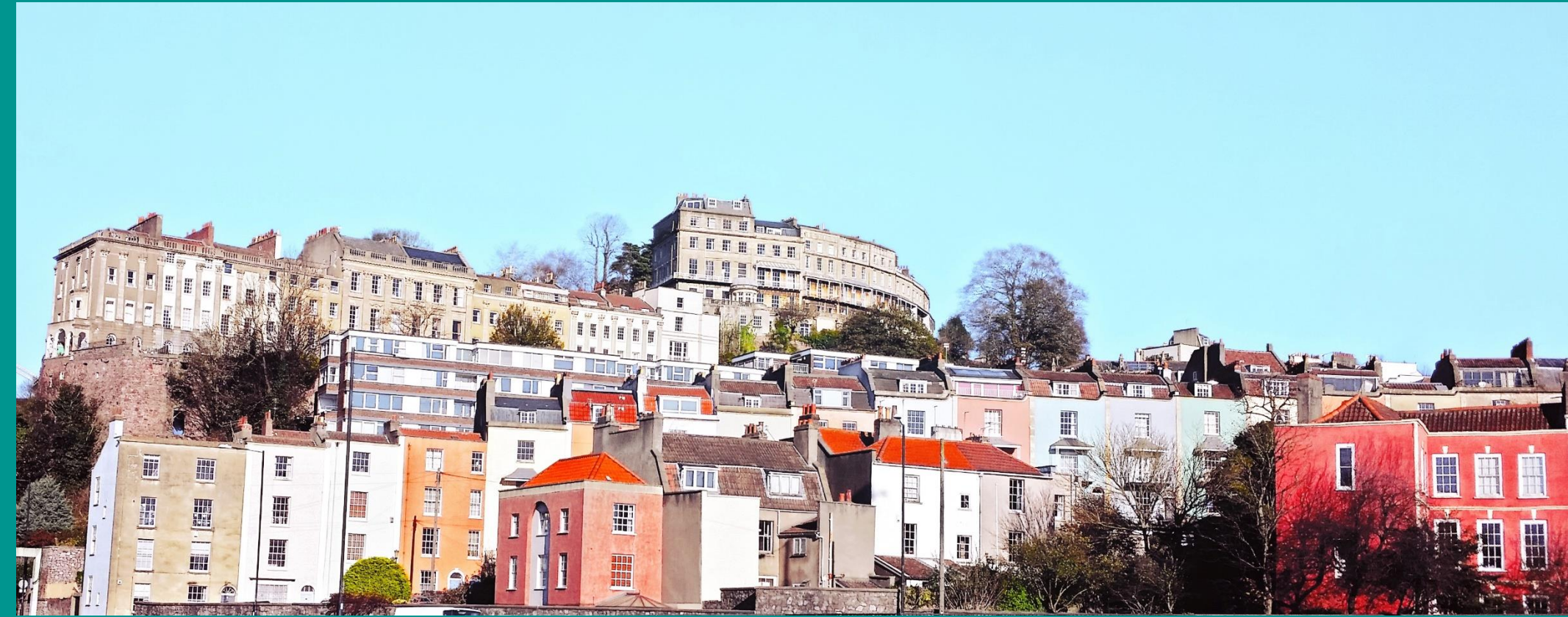
- New homes and communities to be built where people want to live and work
- National infrastructure to be independently considered
- Local plans to be put in place
- The natural and historic environment to be conserved and enhanced



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Our Mission

“ Independent experts, inspiring confidence and shaping exceptional communities, now and for future generations ”



Our Vision (2021–25)

To provide our customers with **high quality, timely and efficient services** that support the nation’s recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic by engaging, empowering and equipping our workforce and by delivering ambitious policy changes.



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Our Values



Open: We are transparent in how we work and publish information, and listen to all points of view

Fair: We always act to ensure fair treatment of customers, staff, and everyone we work with

Impartial: We show no favour to any person or organisation

Customer Focused: We put customers at the heart of what we do



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Service Areas



Appeals



Applications



Examinations



Covid response

The Covid-19 pandemic brought a halt to Planning Inspectorate physical events such as site visits and hearings.

Our aim was to **keep casework moving** virtually while protecting the health and wellbeing of staff and customers.



Covid response in numbers:

18k

Number of decisions
(over 12 months up to October 2021)

18.4k

Number of events held
(over 12 months up to October 2021)

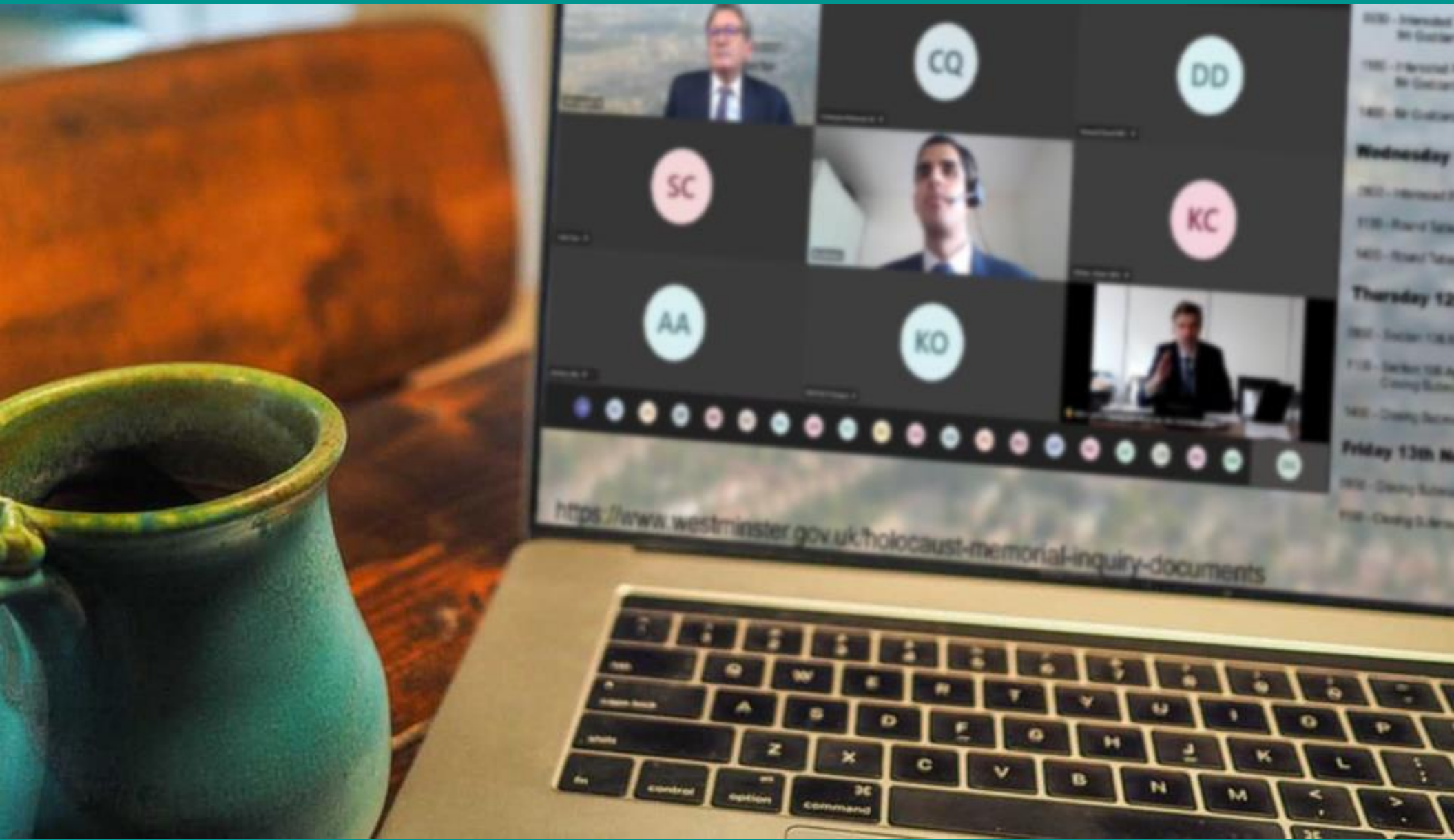
94%

Appeal decisions conducted by written
representation (over 12 months up to October 2021)



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Things I will talk about



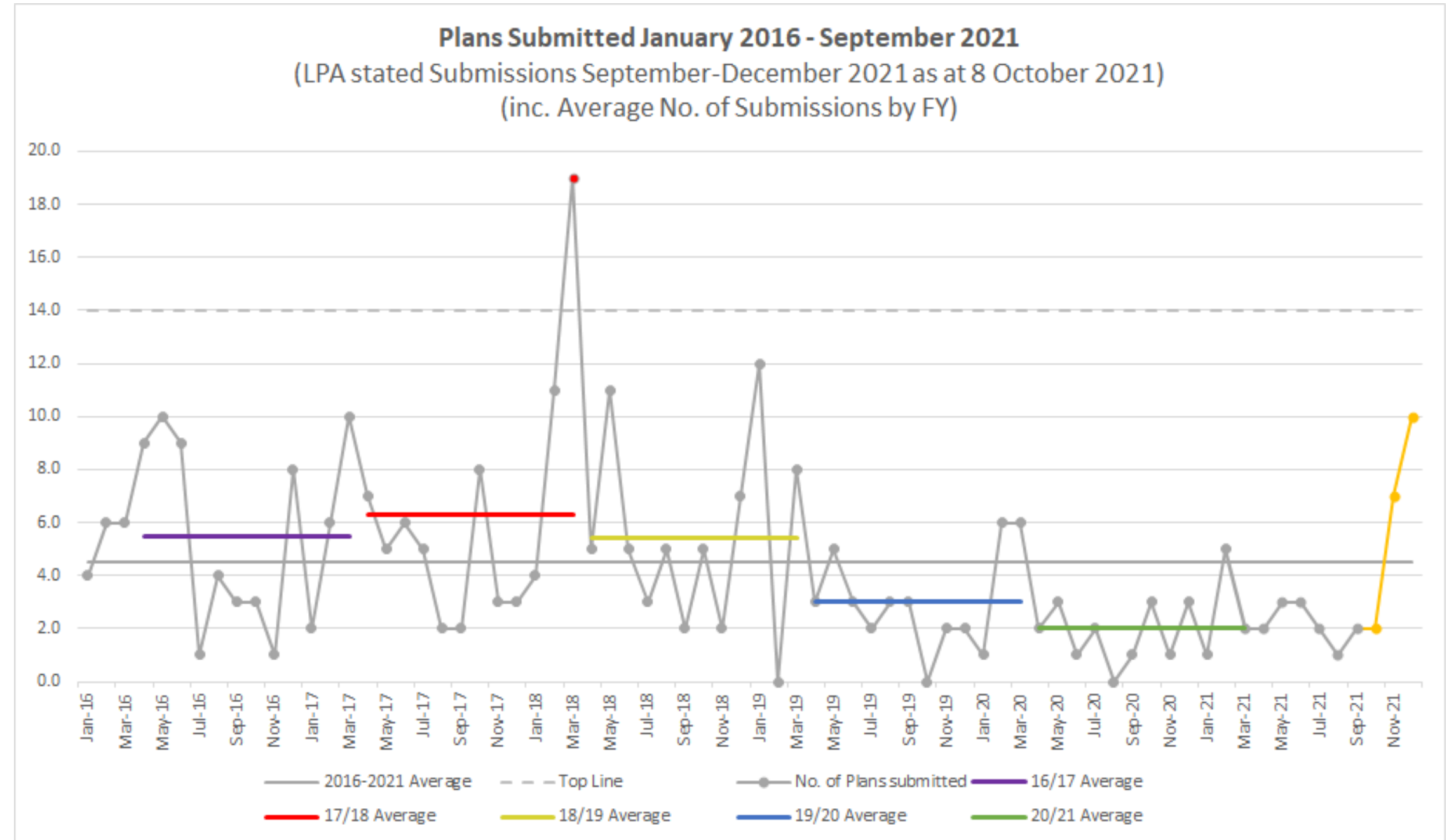
- Local plans
- Appeals – planning, enforcement, trees and others
- National infrastructure
- Virtual events – what is the future?
- What next for our services?



Local plans

National policy has not changed

Housing Minister: “Get your plans in place. That’s then a really good springboard...rather than having to get an outdated plan updated and to work within the new digitised system.”



23

Plans submitted for examination
 (over 12 months up to October 2021)

Appeals – planning, enforcement, trees, rights of way, hedgerows, high hedges and others



- New appeals remained high through the pandemic
- Current focus on increasing hearings and inquiries
- New powers to use a mix of written/hearing/inquiry – use it more

34

Average number of weeks to decide a planning appeal by inquiry (241 cases)
(over 12 months up to October 2021)

311

Enforcement cases heard by inquiry
(over 12 months up to October 2021)

30%

Cases allowed
(over 12 months up to October 2021)



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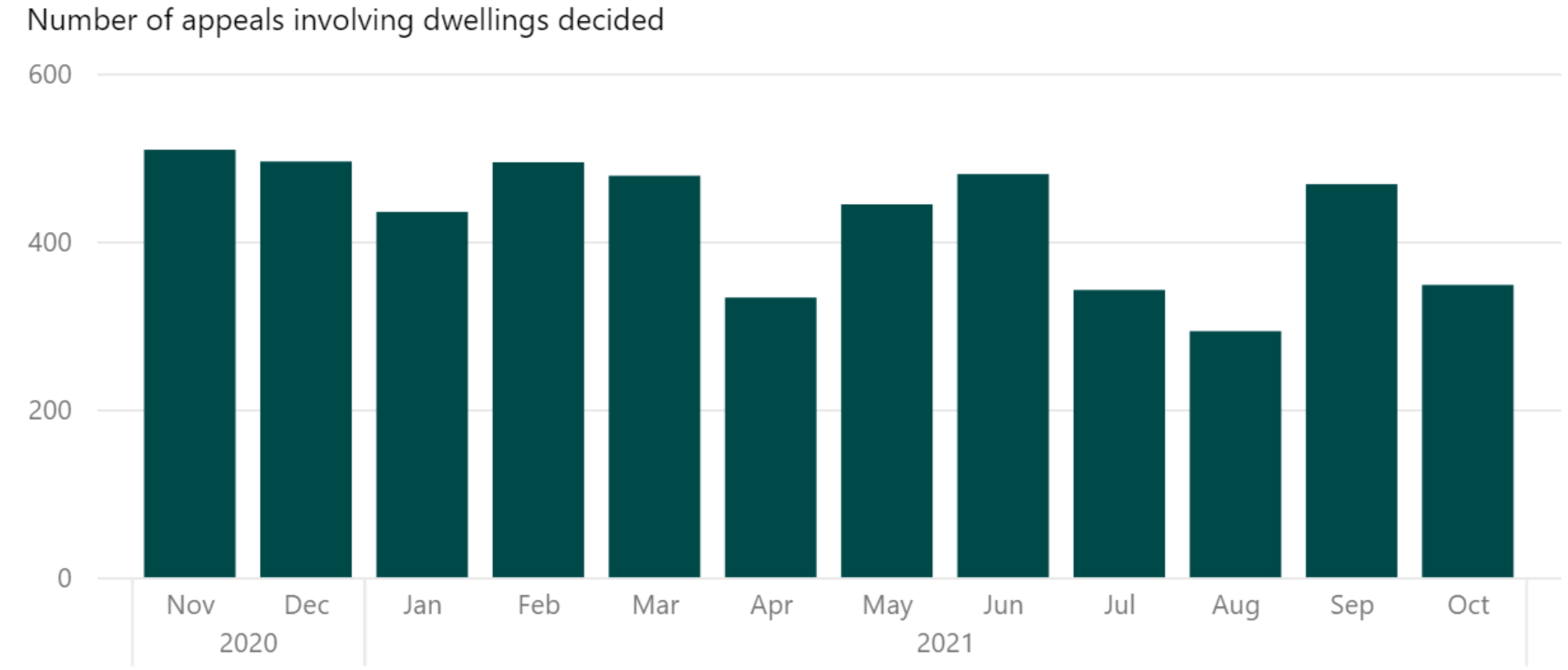
Last 12 months | Last 24 months

How many... all dwellings types | Click for Major Dwellings only | Click for Minor Dwellings only

This page is only for s78 planning appeals that involve major (10 or more dwellings) or minor housing development proposals

Appeals involving dwellings have we decided?

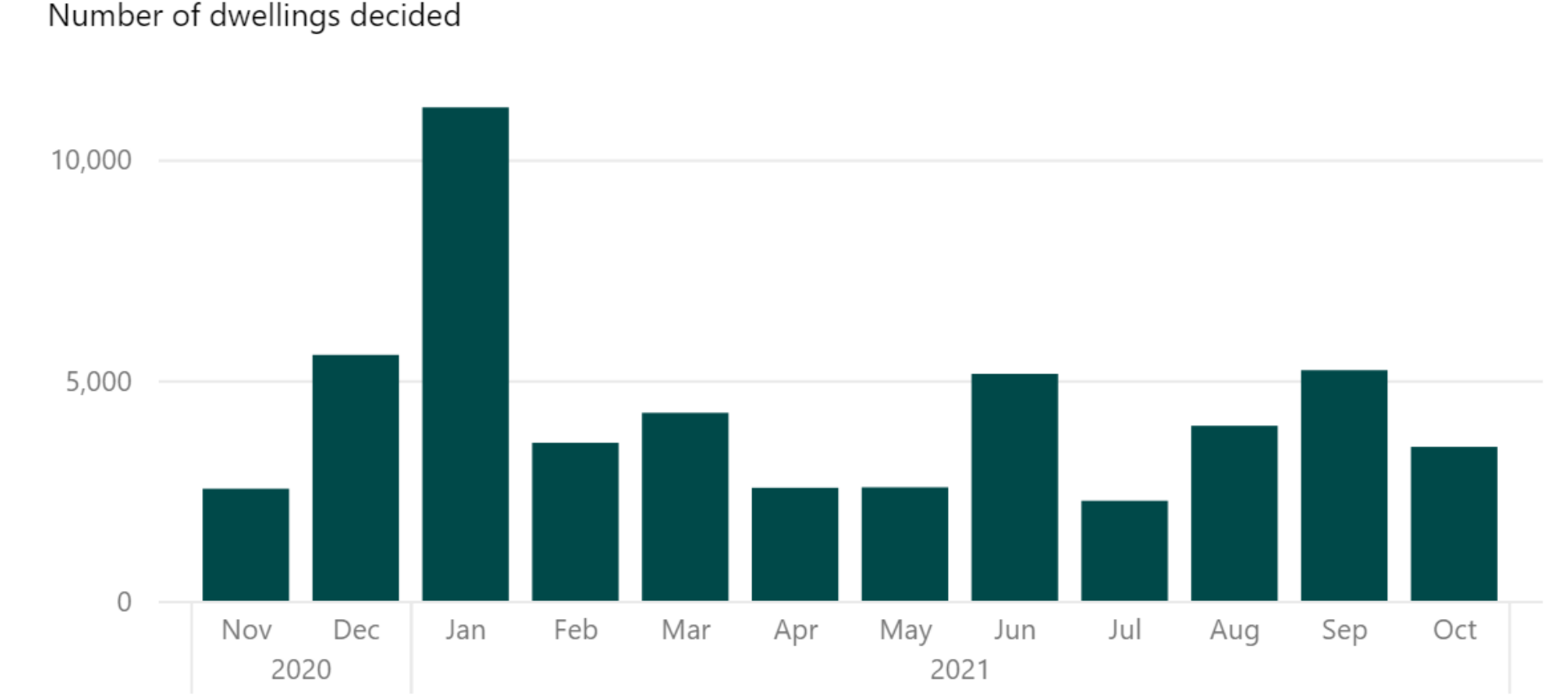
in the last 12 months **5,119**
 more or less than the previous 12 months? **29** ▲
1%



number and percentage allowed, in the last 12 months **1,192** **23 %**

Dwellings were involved in appeals decided?

in the last 12 months **52,347**
 more or less than the previous 12 months? **6397** ▲
14%



number and percentage allowed, in the last 12 months **29,914** **57 %**

National infrastructure



- Infrastructure delivery very high on government agenda
- Infrastructure needed for new development
- Project Speed driving innovation



Virtual events – what next

- Response to the pandemic
- A mixed approach?
- Lessons learned, customer, stakeholder and additional research by RTPI
- A future operating model?



Our leading role in a digital planning system

Appeal a householder planning decision

A householder appeal must be received by the Planning Inspectorate within 12 weeks of the decision date.

If you do not submit it in time, you will lose your right to appeal.

Application incomplete

You have completed 0 of 5 sections.

1. About you

[Your details](#) NOT STARTED

2. About the original planning application

[Planning application number](#) NOT STARTED

[Upload the original planning application form](#) NOT STARTED

[Upload the decision letter](#) NOT STARTED

3. About your appeal

[Your appeal statement](#) NOT STARTED

[Any other documents to support your appeal](#) NOT STARTED

4. Visiting the appeal site

[Address of the appeal site](#) NOT STARTED

[Ownership of the appeal site](#) NOT STARTED

[Access to the appeal site](#) NOT STARTED

[Any health and safety issues](#) NOT STARTED

5. Submit your appeal

[Check your answers](#) CANNOT START YET

Before you start

What's the decision date on the letter from the local planning department?

Day Month Year

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Visiting the appeal site

Are there any health and safety issues on the appeal site?

▶ [List of health and safety concerns](#)

Yes

No

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New services – planning decisions and applications: easier, faster, more cost effective

Enabling data to move easily across the planning system



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Questions





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