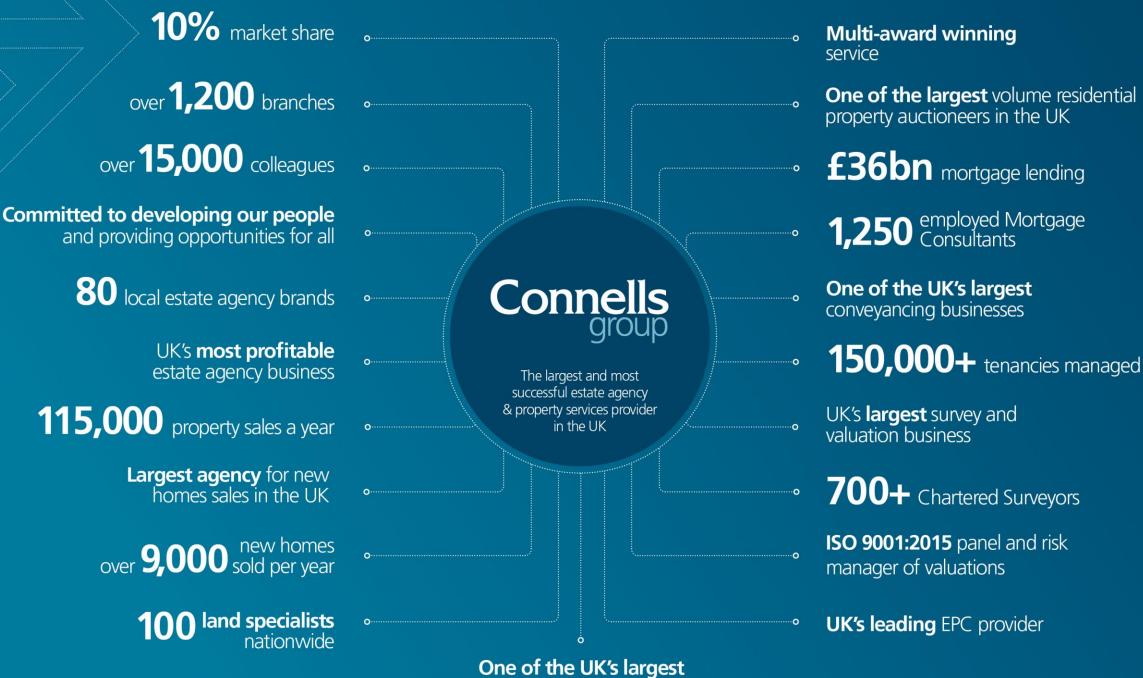
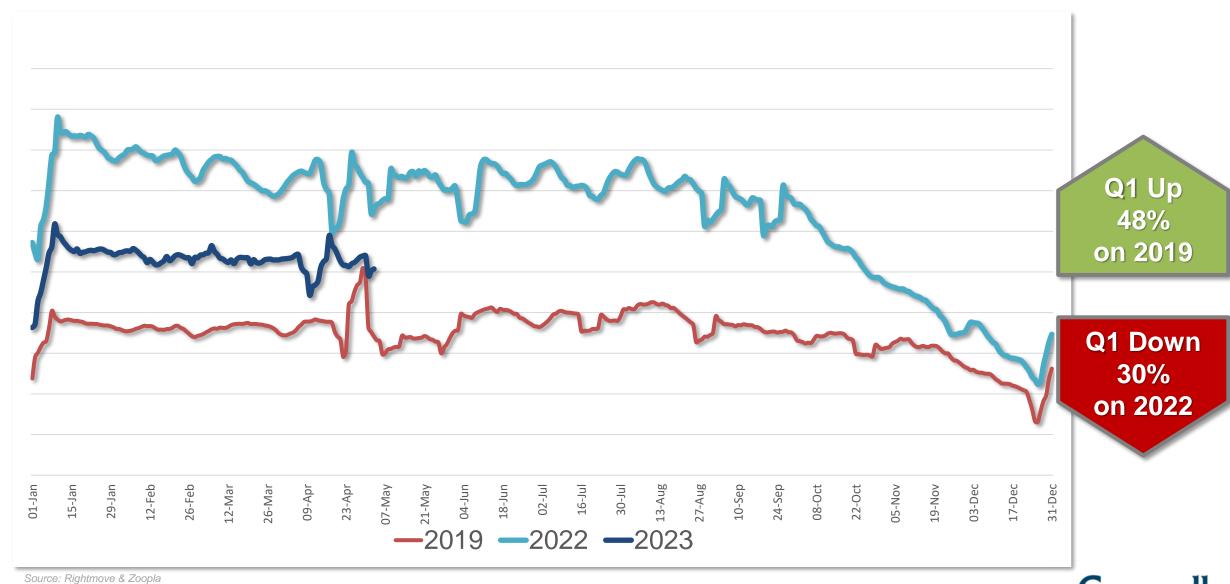
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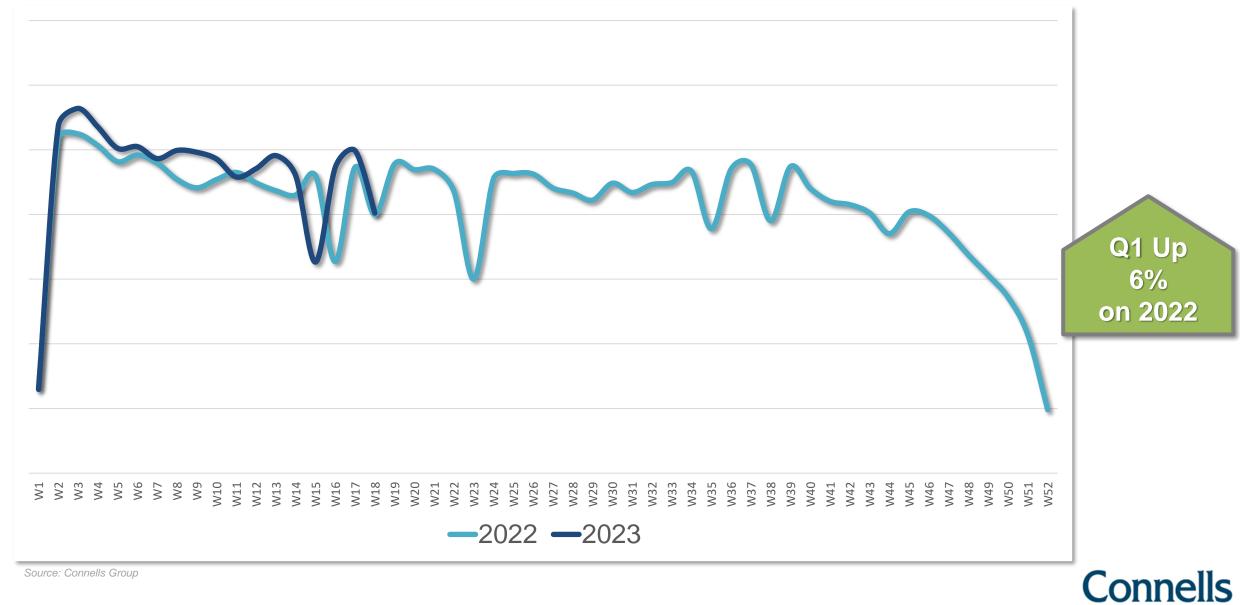
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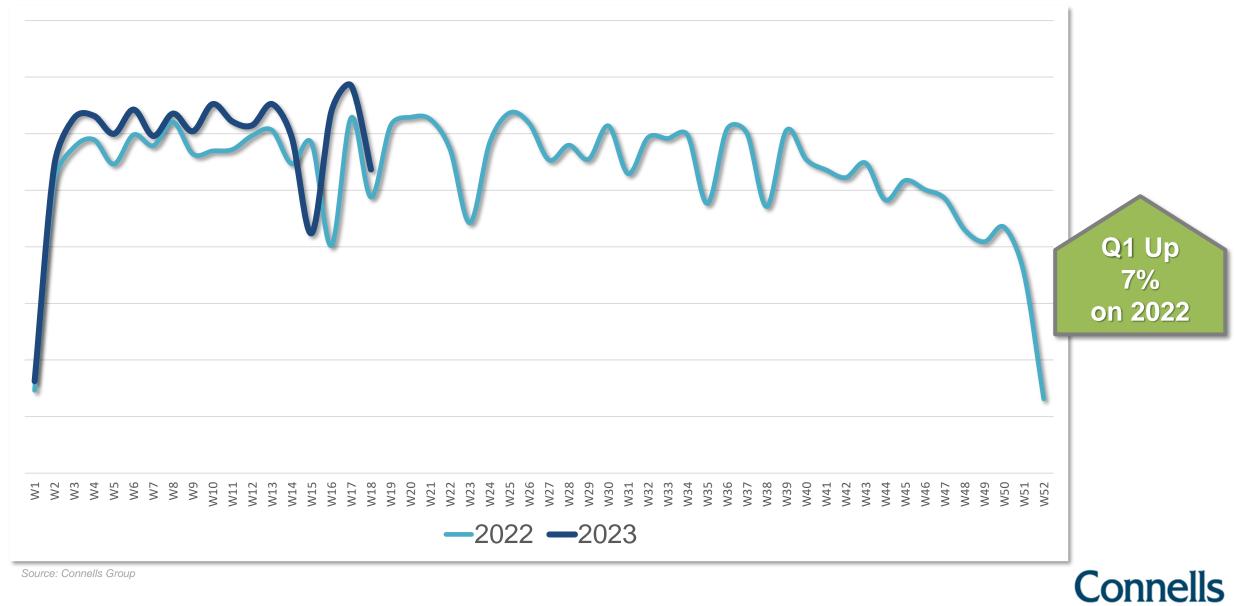


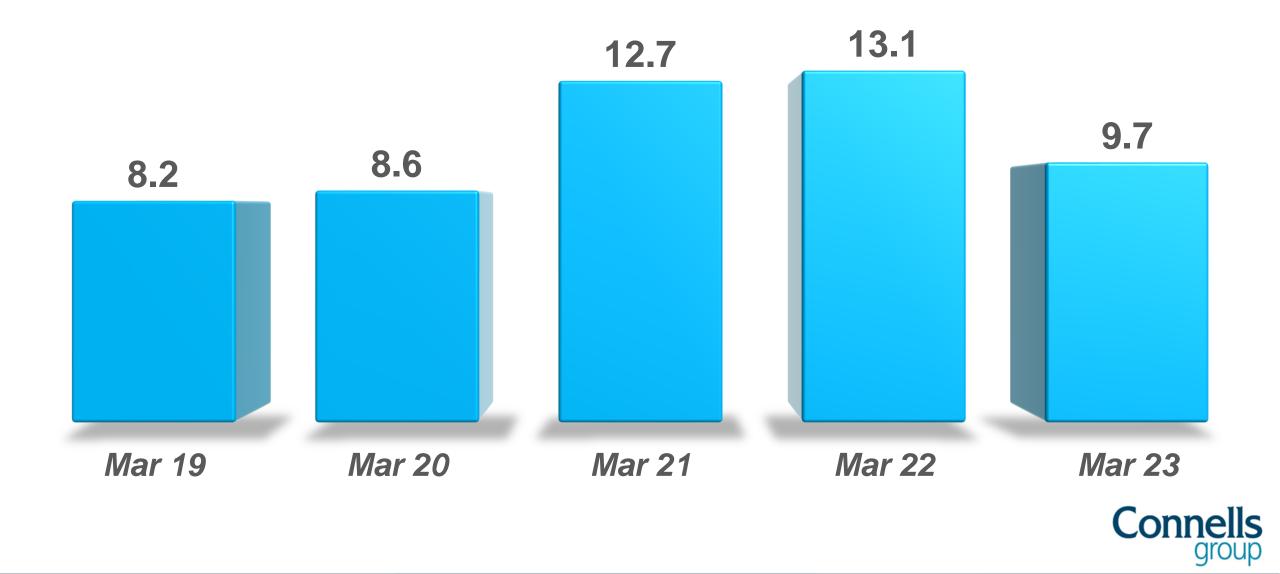
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Supply – Market Appraisals

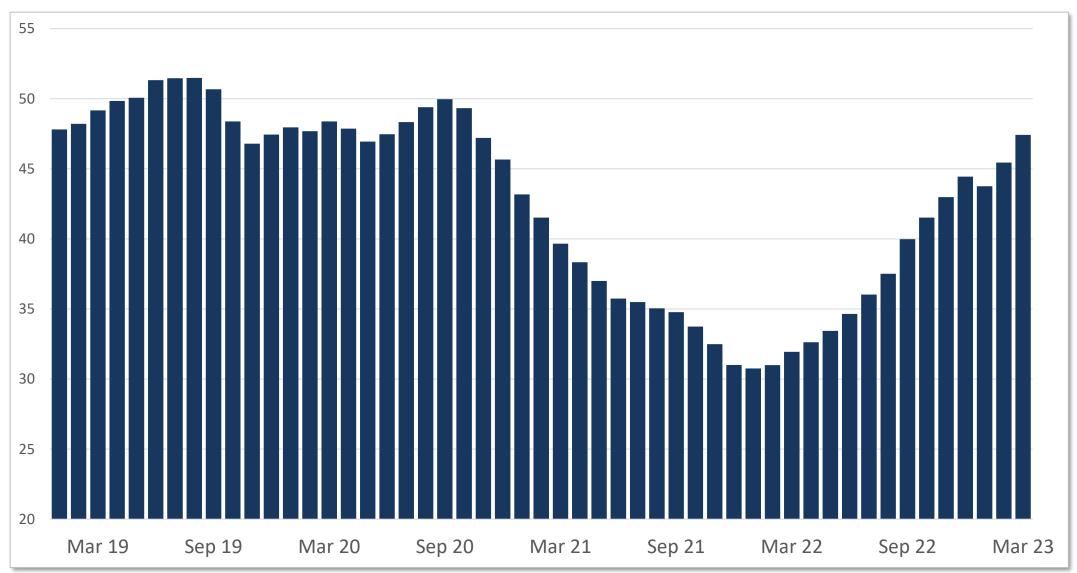


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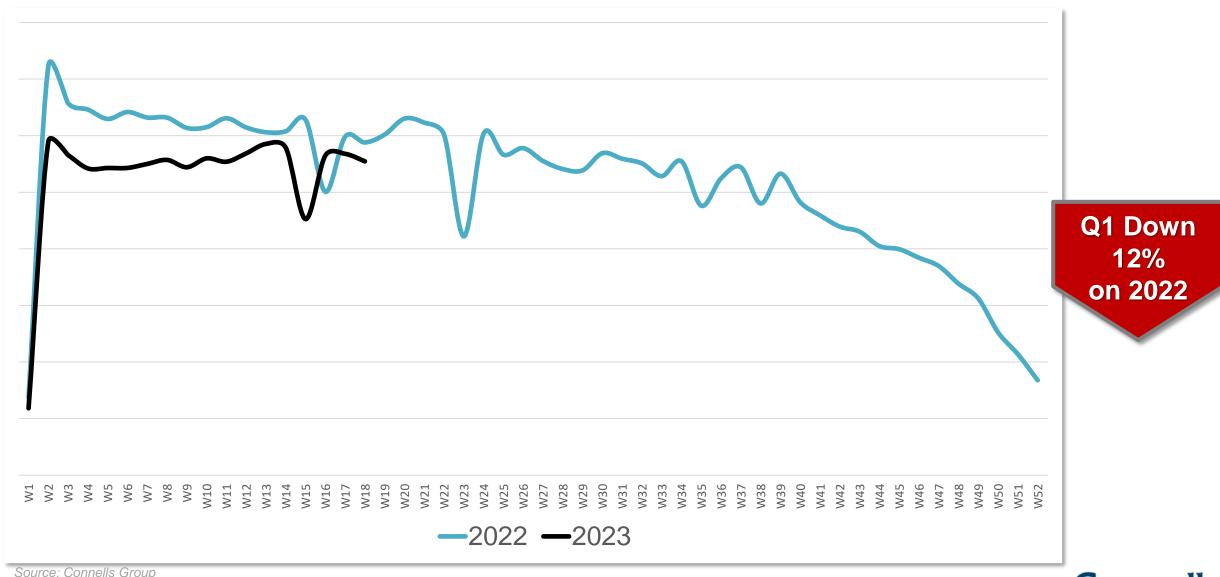
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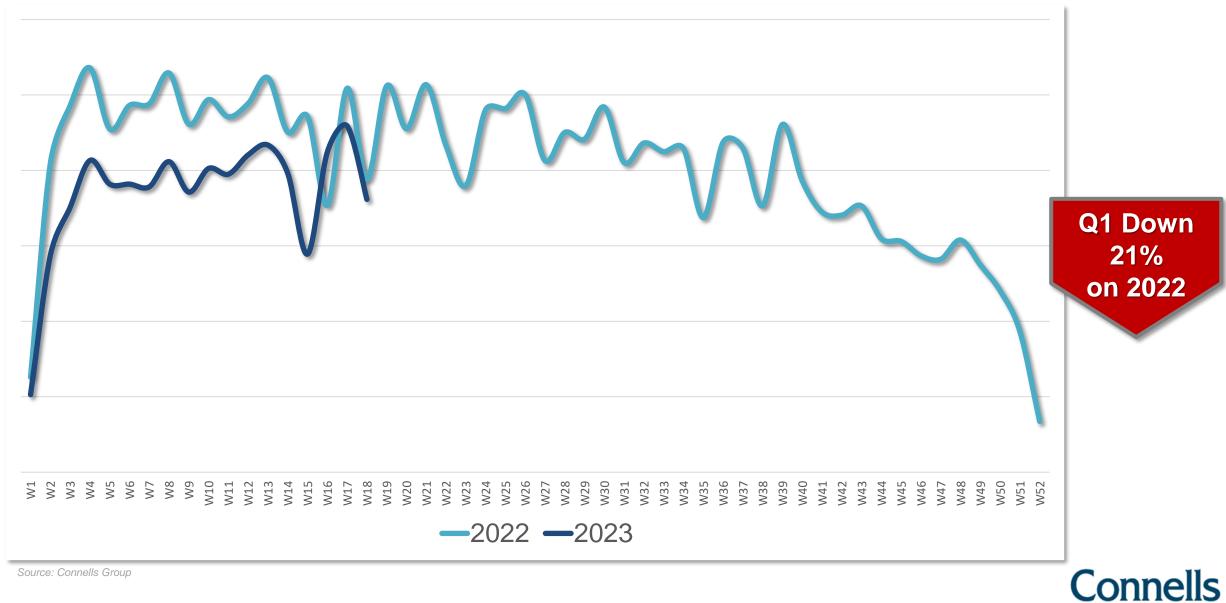
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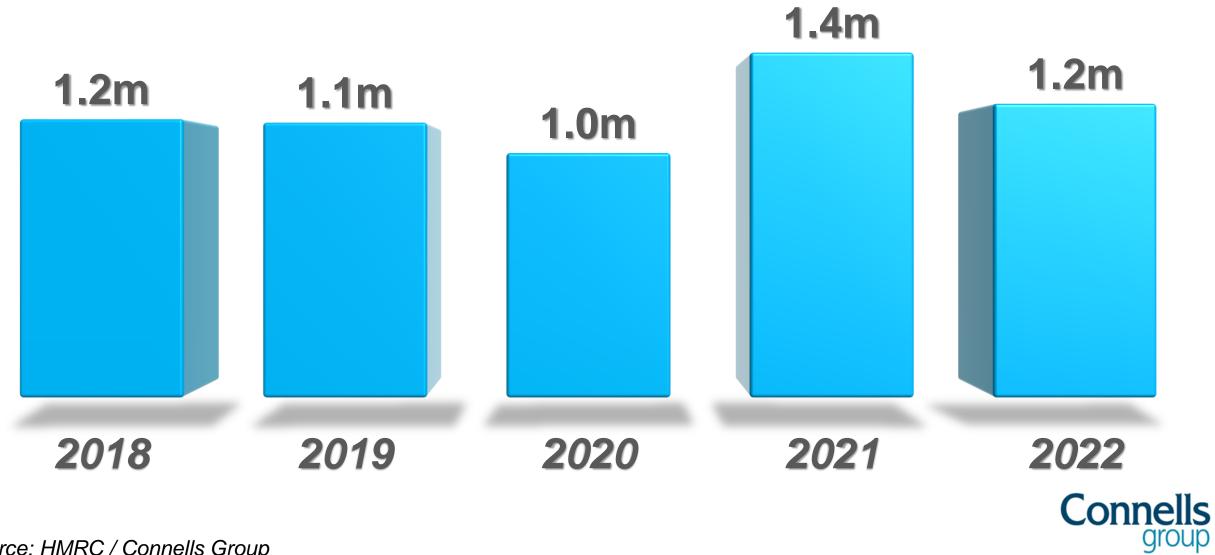


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Weekly Sales Activity





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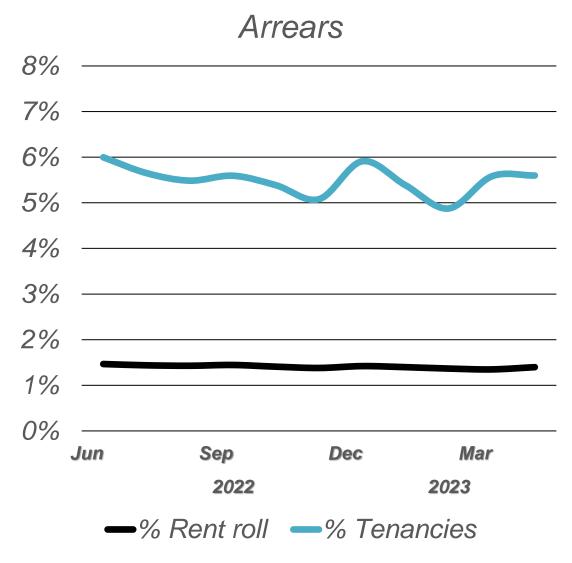
House Prices

- Downward pressure on prices continues:
 - Prices for new listings in the quarter were down 5% on Q4 2022, but broadly level with Q1 2022
 - Price reductions common on existing stock
 - Sale prices agreed in Q1 were 2% lower than Q4 2022
- However, as activity levels have started to improve prices have started to edge forward slightly, March sales agreed price up 3%
- Forecast maintained, within a range of 0% to -5%



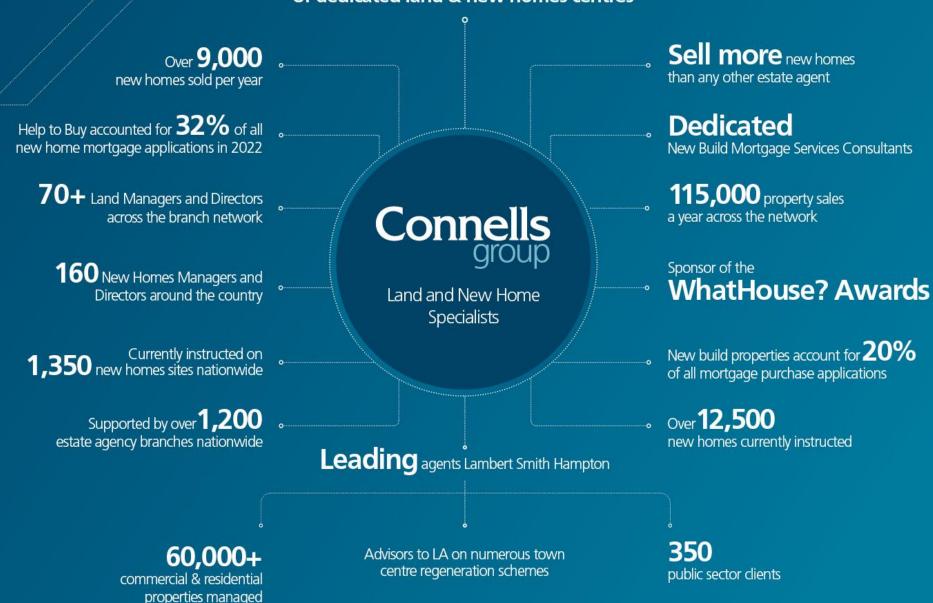
Rental Market

- Landlords will continue to review their portfolios but no sign of a mass exodus despite prospect of the Renters Reform Bill and EPC requirements
- Rental values continue to increase, but at a slower pace as demand has eased
- Many landlords are absorbing higher operating and financing costs, no real movement in level of arrears
- Landlords remain keen to secure and retain good tenants, average tenancy length now just over 27 months





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Land Market

- Planning consent continues to challenge, both obtaining and amending existing consents
- Change in Government policy and approach to NPPF looks set to derail the much needed commitment to increasing housing supply in the UK
- Planning delays are driving strong demand for short term consented sites
- Strategic sites in demand, but the supply of development land looks set to remain in short supply



New Homes Market

- Stock availability continues to improve but there is no step change in output on the horizon
- Increased financing / energy costs, reduced sales demand has led to a challenging start to 2023
- SME housebuilders bearing the brunt of current issues and costs driven by the local planning system
- Positive buyer demand for house builders with the right available stock
- Whilst down on last year, Q1 saw a 30% uplift on Q4 2022 and activity continues to improve

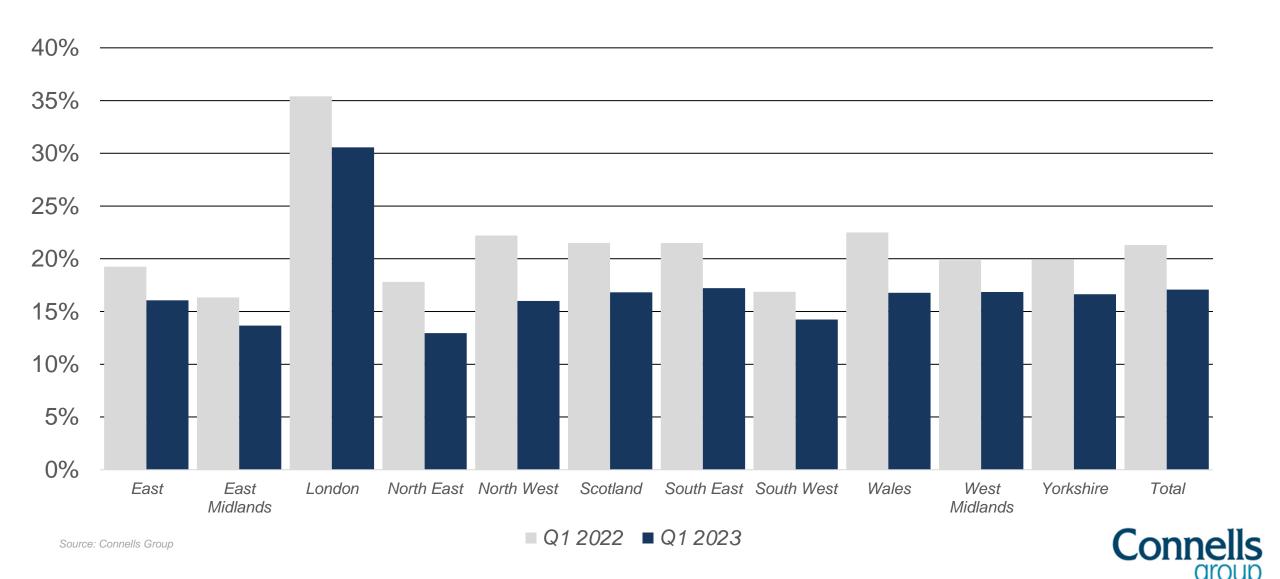


New Homes Market

- Part Ex & Assisted Move very much back on the agenda
- Great USP over the second-hand market
- The New Homes Group have seen a big uplift in both Part Exchange and Assisted Move applications in Q1 up nearly 50% on 2022
- Part Exchange re-sale properties if priced correctly are achieving good offer levels with an average market to sale under 60 days



Valuation Challenges



- Overall the market remains challenging but gradually improving
- Uplift in stock levels will ultimately drive an increase in transactions volumes, however, many remain hesitant and unwilling to commit
- Uncertainty on inflation, house prices and mortgage rates are all impacting customer confidence
- Short term rebalancing of supply and demand within sales market is helpful but stock levels are a continuing concern across all sectors
- House prices may still ease slightly but expect them to remain broadly stable in the short term as the market continues its recovery
- Factors external to the UK housing market will no doubt continue to influence















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