

Good News on Planning Application Fees

The Government has announced a freeze on planning application fees in England to help the development and construction sectors. It has also said it will not be introducing fees for planning appeals to avoid placing further burdens on these sectors.

It has, however, introduced amendments to the Fees Regulations to enable applications to be made for the replacement of an extant permission and for non-material changes to a planning permission for a flat rate fee. Also, the maximum fee payable in respect of certain non-building operations (including mezzanine floors, underground pipelines and earthworks) has been significantly reduced.

This will mean large savings in fees to renew a planning permission. Instead of paying the full application fee, up to possible maximum of £125,000 for an outline application and £250,000 for a full one, the fees for an application for major development will now only be **£500**. So, if you have been delaying applying to renew your permission because of the high fees required, now is the time to make that application. However, before pressing ahead with your application, we recommend you obtain our advice in case there have been changes to planning policy and guidance since the original permission which will affect the outcome - an alternative strategy may be necessary to protect your interests.

[Click here](#) to view our '**Planning Application Fees Summary Guide for England**' which we trust you will find useful. This includes details of the latest changes to the Fees Regulations. It is intended as a guide only and excludes certain categories of development which will be of less relevance to you - such as householder, agricultural, glasshouses, drilling for oil and gas, minerals and waste.

If you would like more detailed information or confirmation of the fees payable for your specific development proposals, please do not hesitate to contact one of our nationwide specialists on 0870 777 6292 or directly, as below:

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