

Pre-Application Advice



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Introduction to Pre-Application Advice



Pre-Application Options

The pre-application advice service is designed to offer a variety of different options based on the type and scale of development you are considering, with three main choices for planning advice:

1. a written response
2. a meeting in our Endeavour House offices to discuss the proposal, with a written response following the meeting,
3. a meeting on-site to discuss the proposal, with a written response following the meeting

Heritage Advice

If you are seeking advice about works to a Listed Building you can also choose to have Heritage advice, either instead of, or along with, Planning advice.

Consultee Advice

We work closely with consultees, and your pre-application enquiry can include Heritage, SCC Highways, SCC Floods, Ecology, Landscape, Affordable Housing and Infrastructure. You can include these consultees as part of your enquiry (depending on the type and scale of your proposal). We would recommend seeking Heritage advice for proposals which include works to a Listed Building for example.

All enquiries which include a commercial aspect will be referred to our Economic Development Department for their advice.

All enquiries which include house extensions/alterations, and residential up to 9 dwellings will be referred to our Building Control Department for their advice.

All enquiries which include residential development over 10 dwellings will be referred to Suffolk County Council Infrastructure for their advice on the necessary infrastructure requirements for the proposal.

How to Choose your Pre-Application Service

1. What type of development are you proposing?

Firstly, you need to know what kind of development you would like advice about - an extension, new house, commercial or residential development? If the works are solely to a listed building you may wish to seek heritage advice only, or if it includes extensions or other works which might also need planning permission you may wish to seek both planning and heritage advice.

2. With this information in mind you also need to decide what type of advice you would like:

We offer several variations to provide the most bespoke service we can, however this does mean not all types of advice are available for all types of proposal. Please look at the options in the tables below for the types of service available:

- a written response
- a meeting in our Endeavour House offices to discuss the proposal, with a written response following the meeting
- a meeting on-site to discuss the proposal, with a written response following the meeting

3. With this in mind look at the fee tables below:

For a written response see Table 1, a meeting in our Endeavour House offices see Table 2, or for an on-site appointment see Table 3. Please note that the options available depend upon the scale of your proposal.

4. What will it cost?

Once you have decided the type of pre-application advice you would find most useful, select the corresponding option along the top row of the table - for example if you would like written advice and your proposal is for an extension then the fee will be £84.

Next consider any additional advice required from our consultees - for example if you require SCC Highways advice, this is available for householder extension proposals and adds a further £90 fee.

For each additional consultation, you should choose the fee(s) which will be added to the base cost to create the total fee for the enquiry. Not all consultees will be available, depending on the scale of your proposal.

Table 1: Heritage Advice (Including VAT)

| Heritage Only Advice | Type of Development Proposed: | All proposals |
|---|---|----------------------|
| Step One Initial fee for pre app advice | Heritage Officer | £300.00 |
| Follow Up Advice | Additional Follow Up advice from Heritage Officer (following initial pre-app advice only) | £60.00 |

Advice can be sought either 'in principle' or more detailed advice can be given: subject to plans, photographs and other information being provided as requested. The advice provided will be based on the information received - the more information provided on the proposal, the more tailored and detailed advice we can produce.

A meeting (at our Endeavour House offices) or an on-site appointment can be requested, however this is at the discretion of the Heritage Officer subject to the proposed works.

Table 2: Written Response (Including VAT)

| Written Response Only | Type of Development Proposed: | House Extensions/ Alterations or Outbuildings | Replacement Dwellings 1-4 Proposed Dwellings | 5-9 Dwellings | 10-49 Dwellings | 50-200 Dwellings | 200+ Dwellings |
|--|---|---|--|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Step One Initial fee for pre app advice | Planning Case Officer | £84.00 | £108.00 | £138.00 | £816.00 | £1230.00 | £1512.00 |
| Step Two Add advice from one or more of our pre-app partners as needed. What advice might I need? | Heritage | £300.00 | £300.00 | £300.00 | £300.00 | £300.00 | £300.00 |
| | Highways | £90.00 | £180.00 | £180.00 | £228.00 | £840.00 | £840.00 |
| | Floods | N/A | N/A | N/A | £300.00 | £480.00 | £480.00 |
| | Landscape | £252.00 | £252.00 | £252.00 | £588.00 | 50-99 £588.00 100+ £792.00 | £792.00 |
| | Ecology | £168.00 | £252.00 | £252.00 | £420.00 | 50-99 £504.00 100+ £588.00 | £588.00 |
| Step Three – Follow Up Advice | Additional follow up advice from Heritage | £60.00 | £60.00 | £60.00 | £60.00 | £60.00 | £60.00 |

Table 3: Meeting and Written Response (Including VAT)

| Meeting and written response | Type of Development Proposed: | House extensions/ alterations | Replacement Dwellings 1-4 Proposed Dwellings | 5-9 Dwellings or | 10-49 Dwellings | 50-200 Dwellings | 200+ Dwellings |
|---|---|-------------------------------|--|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Step One Initial fee for pre-app advice | Planning Case Officer | £138.00 | £282.00 | £336.00 | £1260.00 | £2076.00 | £2472.00 |
| Step Two Add advice from one or more of our pre-app partners as needed. | Heritage | £300.00 | £300.00 | £300.00 | £300.00 | £300.00 | £300.00 |
| | Highways | £132.00 | £264.00 | £264.00 | £336.00 | £972.00 | £972.00 |
| | Floods | N/A | £420.00 | £420.00 | £420.00 | £780.00 | £780.00 |
| What advice might I need? | Landscape | £516 | £516 | £516 | £732.00 | 50-99 £732.00 100+ £1032.00 | £1032.00 |
| | Ecology | £432.00 | £516 | £516 | £600.00 | 50-99 £768.00 100+ £852.00 | £852.00 |
| Step Three Additional advice required | Additional Follow on advice from Planning | £54.00 | £138.00 | £180.00 | £252.00 | £360.00 | £504.00 |
| | Additional Follow on advice from Heritage | £60.00 | £60.00 | £60.00 | £60.00 | £60.00 | £60.00 |

Table 4: Appointment on Site and Written Response (Including VAT)

| Appointment on site and written response | | 1-4 Dwellings | 5-9 Dwellings | 10-49 Dwellings | 50-200 Dwellings | 200+ Dwellings |
|--|---|----------------|----------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| Step One Initial fee for pre app advice | Planning Case Officer | £390.00 | £534.00 | £1800.00 | £2898.00 | £3264.00 |
| Step Two Add the inclusion of advice from 1 or more of our pre app partners as needed. | | | | | | |
| What advice might I need? | Heritage | £300.00 | £300.00 | £300.00 | £300.00 | £300.00 |
| | Highways | £348.00 | £348.00 | £422.00 | £1064.00 | £1064.00 |
| | Floods | N/A | N/A | £480.00 | £660.00 | £660.00 |
| | Landscape | £516.00 | £516.00 | £732.00 | 50-99 £732.00 100+ £1032.00 | £1032.00 |
| | Ecology | £516.00 | £516.00 | £600.00 | 50-99 £768.00 100+ £852.00 | £852.00 |
| Step Three Further meetings as needed with case officer post response | Additional Follow on advice from Planning | £138.00 | £180.00 | £252.00 | £360.00 | £504.00 |
| | Additional Follow on advice from Heritage | £60.00 | £60.00 | £60.00 | £60.00 | £60.00 |

Table 5: Written Response (Including VAT)

| Written Response Only | Type of Development Proposed: | Non-residential 1-199 sqm | Non-residential 200-999sqm | Non-residential 1000-4999 sqm | Non-residential 5000+ sqm |
|---|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Step One Initial fee for pre app advice | Planning Case Officer | £84.00 | £138.00 | £252.00 | £468.00 |
| Step Two Add advice from one or more of our pre app partners as needed. | Heritage | £300.00 | £300.00 | £300.00 | £300.00 |
| What advice might I need? | Highways | £90.00 | £180.00 | £228.00 | £288.00 |
| | Floods | N/A | N/A | £300.00 | £480.00 |
| | Landscape | £252.00 | £252.00 | £588.00 | £792.00 |
| | Ecology | £252.00 | £252.00 | 1000-2499 £420.00 2500+ £504.00 | £588.00 |
| Step Three – Follow Up Advice | Additional Follow on advice from Heritage | £60.00 | £60.00 | £60.00 | £60.00 |

Table 6: Meeting and Written Response (Including VAT)

| Meeting and written response | Type of Development Proposed: | Non-residential 1-199 sqm | Non-residential 200-999 sqm | Non-residential 1000-4999 sqm | Non-residential 5000+ sqm |
|---|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Step One Initial fee for pre-app advice | Planning Case Officer | £138.00 | £282.00 | £504.00 | £1152.00 |
| Step Two Add advice from one or more of our pre-app partners as needed. | Heritage | £300.00 | £300.00 | £300.00 | £300.00 |
| | Highways | £132.00 | £264.00 | £336.00 | £420.00 |
| | Floods | N/A | N/A | £420.00 | £780.00 |
| What advice might I need? | Landscape | £516.00 | £516.00 | £732.00 | £1032.00 |
| | Ecology | £516.00 | £516.00 | 1000-2499 £600 2500+ £768.00v | £852.00 |
| Step Three Additional advice required | Additional Follow on advice from Planning | £54.00 | £138.00 | £252.00 | £360.00 |
| | Additional Follow on advice from Heritage | £60.00 | £60.00 | £60.00 | £60.00 |

Table 7: Appointment and Written Response (Including VAT)

| Appointment on site and written response | | Non-residential 1-999 sq m | Non-residential 1000-4999sq m | Non-residential 5000+ sq m |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Step One Initial fee for pre app advice | Planning Case Officer | £336.00 | £792.00 | £1512.00 |
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| Step Two Add the inclusion of advice from 1 or more of our pre app partners as needed. | Heritage | £300.00 | £300.00 | £300.00 |
| | Highways | £348.00 | £422.00 | £522.00 |
| | Floods | N/A | £480.00 | £660.00 |
| | Landscape | £516.00 | £732.00 | £1032.00 |
| | Ecology | £540.00 | 1000-2499 £600 2500+ £768.00 | £588.00 |
| | | | | |
| Step Three Further meetings as needed with case officer post response | Additional Follow on advice from Planning | £138.00 | £252.00 | £360.00 |
| | Additional Follow on advice from Heritage | £60.00 | £60.00 | £60.00 |

Table 8: Additional Available Advice (Including VAT)

| | Additional Available Advice | 1-9 dwellings or Non-residential 1-999 sq m | 10-49 dwellings or Non-residential 1000-4999 sq m | 50+ dwellings or Non-residential 5000+ sq m |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| A | Review of Draft Transport Statement* | £498.00 | £714.00 | N/A |
| B | Review of Draft Transport Assessment* | N/A | N/A | £756.00 |
| C | Travel Plans* | N/A | £283.00 | £390.00 |
| D | SCC Review S.106 * | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | i)Highways | £243.00 | £354.00 | £586.00 |
| | ii) Legal | £600.00 | £600.00 | £600.00 |
| E | Viability Review (Pre-application and planning application) * | N/A | POA | POA |
| F | Additional S106 Infrastructure Advice* | N/A | £120.00 | £120.00 |
| G | Community Infrastructure Levy Estimate * | £120.00 | £240.00 | £360.00 |
| H | Stand-alone Community Infrastructure Levy Advice (Not including an estimate) | £78.00 | £108.00 | £138.00 |

* This activity is only available as an addition to a pre-application enquiry, not as a stand-alone enquiry.

Exemptions to Pre-Application Charges

Exemptions to fees will apply in the following circumstances:

- Enquiries relating to proposals for alterations or extensions to a dwelling house for the benefit of a registered disabled person
- Enquiries relating to a proposal for operations to provide a means of access for disabled persons to a building
- Enquiries made by or on behalf of a non-profit making sports club (unless involving housing)
- Enquiries for works to properties on the Buildings At Risk Register
- Enquiries for proposals by community groups or other organisations where relevant support is already being provided by the Councils are exempt in respect of Planning Advice, and will have a 50% reduction in the fee for Heritage Advice (as below).

Reductions to fees will apply in the following circumstances:

- Enquiries made by or on behalf of the Town or Parish Council are subject to a 50% reduction
- Enquiries for proposals by community groups or other organisations where relevant support is already being provided by the Councils are subject to a 50% reduction in the fee for Heritage Advice

There is no charge for advertisement enquiries

Cancellation

Enquiries will be subject to an administrative cancellation charge of £45 if the enquiry is cancelled more than 7 days after receipt of a valid enquiry.