



your guide to local planning
online

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The right plan

The Planning Portal is the one-stop-shop for planning information and services online, set up to help anyone who wants to know more about the planning process in England and Wales.

Working alongside your local authority's website, the Planning Portal is another excellent source of help and advice on planning issues, e-planning's benefits are clear – you're far more likely to get your planning application through first time, minimising delays and saving you money.

So whether you're a home-owner or property professional, we can help.



If you are a property professional and would like to find out about the range of services we can offer you, please visit the Planning Portal at www.planningportal.gov.uk and follow the links.

Your questions answered

The Planning Portal has been designed to answer all your planning questions and guide you towards making a successful planning application.

It also provides useful online tools. For example, our e-planning service enables you to make an application online. With helpful hints and tips along the way it guides you through the process and makes sure you have filled in all the relevant sections.

This helps you avoid having your form returned because it was incomplete – a common frustration for people filling out the forms un-aided.

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How it works

The Planning Portal is a practical and comprehensive guide to planning. Here's what it can do:

Online planning applications

These are simple and easy to use online forms that allow you to send an application direct to your local planning authority. User-friendly forms and a tool to calculate planning fees help to speed-up and simplify the application process. You can even buy site maps and attach supporting documents or drawings. And if you'd rather send your application by post, you can create it online, then print it out and send it direct to your local planning authority.

Advice and guidance

The Planning Portal offers a comprehensive, user-friendly guide to the planning system and answers any questions you might have. It covers many common areas of interest such as why planning controls are needed, how planning decisions are made and how to make an appeal.

Other useful tools and services

You can also view your local development plan, make and track a planning appeal, contact your local planning authority, calculate the volume of your planned room, and even use the Planning Portal to find the best positions to place a satellite dish. In fact you'll find everything you need to know about planning regulations and how they affect you.



Why use the Planning Portal?



At a glance

- You get all the help, guidance and information you need to make a successful planning application in one place, including a dedicated Technical Support team.
- You can complete, save and send applications electronically without needing to make multiple copies.
- It's simple and easy to use which means you have a better chance of getting it right first time.
- You can send submissions direct to your local authority, which helps speed up the planning process.
- You'll get notification by email that informs you when your application has been received.
- It makes it much easier for your authority to share documents with their colleagues, which could help speed up your application.

Getting started...

...couldn't be easier. Just log-on to our site at www.planningportal.gov.uk and follow the simple instructions.

