

Publications

We publish a range of books and brochures to help you understand the planning system. They are written in clear, easy-to-understand English – and are all under £15. There are also several free leaflets. Telephone 020 7247 4900 for a list or see our web site.

How is Planning Aid for London paid for?

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Individuals or groups who are given advice and assistance may wish to make a donation to the service. This will help towards meeting volunteer expenses – such as travel costs, postage and telephone calls.

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Contact the advice service that can help you . . .



What is Planning Aid?

Our 'Planning Aid' service provides advice and support – on town planning matters – which is free, independent and professional. The advice provided clearly reflects the current UK planning system, but is not part of local or central government nor developer influenced – and can therefore be truly impartial.

Who is it for?

Planning Aid is for individuals and community groups who cannot afford to pay fees to a planning consultant.

We are working with communities all over London to help them with changes in their neighbourhoods and areas – whether, for example, this is to do with housing, transport or environmental issues. Our advice and support help people to:

- Understand and interact with the planning system
- Take part in preparing policy plans
- Put together their own plans for their communities
- Make comments on planning applications
- Apply for planning permission
- Appeal against or a refusal of permission
- Appear with confidence at planning committees and public inquiries.

How will I get free advice?

Firstly, when you call our designated helpline, we will take the relevant details of the case and your contact details. You will also be asked for details of your circumstances to ensure that you qualify for this service. Once these details have been collated, we pass your contact and case details to one of our many qualified caseworkers who will contact you with free advice, either by telephone, in writing or in person by appointment - depending on the circumstances.

Helpline details:

Hours of opening: 9.30am-5pm Mon-Fri (*other times by appointment*)

Tel: 020 7247 4900

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Can you afford to pay?
Will you benefit financially from your planning application?
Then we can help you in

Fixed Fee Telephone Advice

This is a simple service where we provide up to 20 minutes of expert telephone advice for just £30. This will help you go on to deal with the matter yourself or decide if you need more assistance. Our fees and conditions are on our web site.

Standard Consultancy Service

Alternatively, we can refer you to an in-house planning consultant who can assess the cost and extent of the work and provide a quote. We can also supply a list of consultants in your area, or you can visit: www.rtpiconsultants.co.uk

Planning Aid is active in the community with several other initiatives . . .

Training

We run tailor-made training workshops for all types of community groups. You may be specialists (such as conservation enthusiasts) or area-based (such as a Residents' Association). Or you may be a local authority, housing department, councillors who sit on a planning committee or a group with no planning knowledge at all. Our workshops include 'Understanding the Planning System' and 'How to Read Plans and Drawings'.

Education Outreach

Planning Aid is engaged in an exciting programme of community planning. We carry out consultation work, targeting communities less able to access the planning system, for example, active workshops with schools and Youth Councils – focusing on the National Curriculum and citizenship. We can take similar methods of training further afield – for instance, into churches, other faith groups and housing associations to help with conservation or regeneration of local neighbourhoods.

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Ask for more details on our projects. Now