



North Wessex Downs Scale of Charges for Pre-Application Planning Advice

The AONB Team is able to offer advice on certain development proposals. For example, this could help development proposals at an early stage with meeting the purposes of the AONB and the AONB Management Plan and in developing plans for landscape proposals. The level of advice may vary and may include advice on the compatibility of a proposal, or ways in which a scheme could be amended to be more acceptable, e.g. through appropriate design, scale or mitigation measures such as landscaping. Costs will depend on the complexity of the case and are based on the estimated or actual time taken to complete the work, depending on which contract option you've chosen.

The North Wessex Downs can provide you with a quotation to include:

- fixed minimum prices - for meetings and site visits
- estimated prices - based upon number of hours to complete the work
- hourly charge (to include work and travel) - for more complex requests and undefined scope contracts

Meeting and travel costs

- £300 per adviser for a 60-90 minute meeting in relation to major development (Infrastructure, industrial, renewable schemes) and £90 per hour per adviser for each additional hour;
- £150 per adviser for the first hour in relation to residential major development and £80 per hour per adviser for each additional hour
- First 30 minutes free and £70 per hour per adviser for Minor development including landscape initiatives
- First 30 minutes free and £60 per hour per adviser for householder and agricultural development

Meeting costs include:

- 1 hour preparation time
- consultation with colleagues in house (if required)
- written summary of advice, if required, to be received within 14 working days of the date of the meeting/site visit.

If an adviser needs to travel to your office or development site you'll pay:

- adviser's travel costs at 45p per mile
- public transport, tolls and expenses over and above the mileage at cost
- adviser's travel time as part of the hourly rate

Fees shall be waived for pre-applications made by registered charities; Parish led schemes, community schemes by community groups/ trusts or at the discretion of the officer upon reviewing the specific circumstances of the enquirer or level of query.

Payment

The North Wessex Downs will send out an invoice via email or post within 21 days of the meeting or written response.

Status

The fact that discussions with the AONB Team may have taken place must not be deemed to indicate AONB support. Advice given by the AONB Team is not provided in the form of an endorsement but is an informal opinion based on the information submitted. The views expressed by the AONB Team will always be without prejudice to the possible response to any ensuing planning application.