

Publication

We publish a range of books and help guides to enable you to understand the planning system. They are written in clear, easy-to-understand English. Call us for a list or download them at www.planningaidforlondon.org.uk

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Planning Aid for London

A planning consultancy that can really help you



What Is Planning Aid?

At 'Planning Aid,' we provide free, independent and professional advice and support on town planning matters. 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, community groups and organisations who cannot afford to pay fees to a planning consultant. We work with communities all over London on a variety of planning, housing, transport and 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 a refusal of permission
- Appear with confidence at planning committees and public inquiries

How Can I Get Free Advice?

Call our designated helpline and 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 free service. Once we have this information, we pass your contact and case details to one of our many qualified caseworkers who will contact you either by phone, in writing or in person by appointment – depending on the circumstances.

Helpline Details

Hours of opening: Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm (other times by appointment) **Tel: 020 7247 4900**

For more information, please visit www.planningaidforlondon.org.uk or email us at info@planningaidforlondon.org.uk

Fixed Fee Advice

For those that are not eligible for our free advice, this is a simple service where we provide up to 20 minutes of expert advice for just £30. We can provide this advice over the telephone or you can call into our office. 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 website www.planningaidforlondon.org.uk

Standard Consultancy Service

Alternatively, if you need further advice, we can refer you to our in-house planning consultants who can assess the cost and extent of the work and provide you with a competitive quotation. We can also supply a list of planning consultants in your area, or you can visit www.rtpiconsultants.co.uk

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). You could be a local authority, housing department, councilor who sits on a planning committee or belong to a group with no planning knowledge at all. We can provide training that best suits your needs, our courses cover subjects such as 'Understanding the Planning System' and 'How to Read Plans and Drawings'.

Educational Outreach

Planning Aid is also 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 the regeneration of local neighbourhoods.