



Fee charging for NSIP engagement

July 2026

From 8 June 2026, local authorities will have powers to charge fees for the provision of services in relation to nationally significant infrastructure projects (NSIPs). This statement sets out the services in respect of which the Broads Authority charges fees and how we calculate our fees as required by [The Infrastructure Planning \(Fees\) Regulations 2010](#) as amended by [The Infrastructure Planning \(Fees\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024](#) and [The Infrastructure Planning \(Fees\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2026](#).

Services for which we charge

The Broads Authority provides advisory services at every stage of the NSIP planning process. Under section 54A of the [Planning Act 2008](#) relevant services covered by the fees regulations include advice, information or other assistance (including a response to a consultation) provided in connection with an application for an order granting development consent. Non-exhaustive details of relevant services provided by the Authority are set out in the table below.

Stage	Services
Pre-application	• Providing advice on the approach to pre-application consultation • Providing responses to pre-application consultations • Attendance at meetings or workshops
Pre-examination	• Producing a relevant representation • Preparing a local impact report
Examination	• Participating in hearings • Producing written submissions throughout • Agreeing updates to the statement of common ground • Responding to the examining authority's questions and requests for information • Agreeing side-agreements including highways agreements, protective provisions, and planning obligations
Decision	• Responding to consultations from the secretary of state • Engaging in pre-construction preparatory discussions
Post-decision	• Responding to consultations to discharge requirements

NSIP advice services are primarily delivered by the Planning Team coordinating input from specialists across the Authority.

Please note that some services are the responsibility of the district (or future unitary) authorities and will fall within their separate charging regimes, such as environmental health, highways services including boundary research, and archaeology.

Charging principles

Services provided by the Broads Authority to developers in relation to applications for development consent are provided on a discretionary basis and represent a burden on local government resources in addition to our statutory duties. The Authority aims to charge on a full cost recovery basis. We charge an average hourly rate of £55 for Authority staff which will be invoiced quarterly in arrears. Our hourly rate is adjusted to account for inflation in April each year. VAT will be added to sums charged.

The Broads Authority does not charge fees which exceed the costs reasonably incurred in providing the services. Prospective applicants may contact planning@broads-authority.gov.uk to discuss their engagement plans, to discuss the practical arrangements for charging for services, and to obtain a non-binding estimate of costs on the basis of their project's expected programme.

Applicants may optionally wish to enter into a planning performance agreement (PPA) with the Broads Authority, which secures performance standards for both sides as well as securing cooperation on information sharing. If you need to discuss this please contact the planning team: Planning@broads-authority.gov.uk