# **Basic Requirements**



1. Application Form		
Requirement	Advice	
All applications must be accompanied by a	Complete all parts of the form	
Planning Application Form	The name and address of the applicant must be included in	
	all cases, even when there is an agent	
Exceptions:	Description – keep this concise and only include the aspects	
Confirmation of details required by a	of the proposal that require consent	
condition (discharge of condition)	Forms can be found on the NI Planning Portal	
	www.planningni.gov.uk/index/advice/fees_forms/forms.htm	

2. Ownership Certificate		
Requirement	Advice	
All applications must be accompanied by a	Complete <b>one</b> of Certificates A, B, C and D, as applicable	
Ownership Certificate	Complete all of the relevant section and sign it	
	Ownership Certificates form part of the application form	
Exceptions:	which can be found at the following website	
<ul> <li>Approval of Reserved Matters</li> </ul>		
Advertisement Consent		
Certificate of Lawful Development		
Non-Material Change		

3. Site Location Plan		
Requirement	Advice	
All applications must be accompanied by a	Use an up-to-date map that shows surrounding properties	
Site Location Plan	<ul> <li>Show the North point</li> <li>Outline the application site using an unbroken red line</li> </ul>	
<ul><li>Exceptions:</li><li>Approval of Reserved Matters</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Outline any other neighbouring land controlled by the applicant using an unbroken blue line</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Non-Material Change to a previous permission</li> </ul>	We recommend a scale of 1:2500 or 1:1250	
<ul> <li>Removal or variation of a condition</li> </ul>		

4. Plans and Drawings		
Requirement	Advice	
Applications must be accompanied by appropriate	See guidance in the following sections of this	
plans and drawings to a specified scale	table	
	Applications for Demolition in a Conservation	
	Area only require existing and proposed plans for	
	the demolition itself (not any new buildings)	
Requirement	Advice	
Elevations A technical drawing that shows the external appearance of the proposal from each of its four sides  Exceptions: Applications for change of use only (where no external changes proposed)	<ul> <li>Provide both existing and proposed elevations</li> <li>Provide all elevations affected by the proposal including both side elevations of an extension</li> <li>Make sure that the elevations match the floor plans</li> <li>Label the orientation of the elevation (e.g. North, South, East, West; or North West, North East, South East and South West)</li> <li>We recommend a scale of 1:50 or 1:100</li> </ul>	
Floor Plans	Provide both existing and proposed floor plans	
A technical drawing that shows the internal layout of the building	<ul> <li>Make sure that the floor plans match the elevations</li> <li>Include each floor of the building/s</li> <li>Label the floors (e.g. basement, ground, first, second,</li> </ul>	
When is it needed?	third, fourth floor etc.)	
<ul> <li>All applications including proposals for a change of use</li> </ul>	We recommend a scale of 1:50 or 1:100	
Exceptions: • Applications for Advertisement Consent		
Roof Plan	Provide both existing and proposed roof plans	
A technical drawing that shows the design of the roof from above	<ul><li>Label as a roof plan</li><li>We recommend a scale of 1:50 or 1:100</li></ul>	
<ul> <li>When is it needed?</li> <li>For complex roof designs</li> <li>Proposals that include a roof terrace</li> <li>Alterations to the roof of a Listed Building</li> </ul>		
Levels	Provide both existing and proposed ground and finished	
"Spot levels" show ground and finished floor levels on a plan	floor levels	
When is it needed?	<ul> <li>Levels to indicate a specified datum point</li> <li>Provide a good spread of levels across the site</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>For proposals that involve a change of existing ground or floor levels (e.g. a raised deck, raised patio, sunken terrace garden, new buildings or development on a slope)</li> </ul>	Include levels on adjacent land impacted by the proposal	
<ul> <li>Exceptions:</li> <li>Where the change in ground or floor levels are clear from the elevation drawings</li> </ul>		
Sections	Provide both existing and proposed sections	
A technical drawing that shows a cut-away section of the building or land	<ul> <li>We recommend a scale of 1:50, 1:100 or 1:200</li> <li>Include levels on adjacent land impacted by the proposal</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>When is it needed?</li> <li>For proposals that involve a change of existing ground or floor levels (e.g. a raised deck, raised</li> <li>patio, sunken terrace garden, new buildings or development on a slope)</li> <li>To demonstrate the internal cill height of a window where overlooking issues are critical (e.g. a roof light or highlevel window)</li> <li>Internal changes to the floor of a Listed Building or</li> </ul>		
alterations to a staircase in a Listed Building		

## 5. Pre-application Community Consultation Report

#### Requirement

#### **All Major Planning Applications**

A report that confirms that pre-application community consultation has taken place in line with the statutory minimum requirements and any other requirements set out in the Council's response to the "Prior Application Notice" (PAN)

#### When is it needed?

• All applications for Major development

#### Why is it needed?

- To ensure that there has been appropriate preapplication engagement with communities before the application is made
- To comply with Sections 27 and 28 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011; Article 3(3)(e) of the Planning (General Development Procedure) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

#### **Advice**

- The report should include the following details: ✓ Details of any community or residents' steering group(s) established;
  - ✓ what consultation was undertaken, when and with whom;
  - ✓ dates, venues and numbers attended for all consultation events and meetings;
  - ✓ details of how public events were made as accessible as possible to all members of the community;
  - ✓ evidence of the consultation, e.g. dates and copies of advertisements, reference to material made available at events, minutes of meetings, samples of letters / leaflets if applicable;
  - ✓ the comments made by the general public and those consulted;
  - ✓ whether and how these comments have been taken into account in the development proposals;
  - ✓ summary of the main issues/comments raised through the consultation and how they have been responded to;
  - details of any amendments to the proposal as a result of the consultation; and
  - details of any existing liaison arrangements, agreements with the local community or monitoring that is proposed during the construction and operational phases.

Further guidance can be found in *Development Management Practice Note 10*, at the following webpage:

https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/articles/planning-practice-notes

## 6. Design and Access Statement

#### Requirement

A written statement required for certain types of application that sets out:

- the design principles and concepts that have been applied to the development; and
- how issues relating to access to the development have been dealt with.

#### When is it needed?

- All proposals for **Major** development
- Where the site is within any of the following areas, all proposals for one dwelling or more (including flats and apartments); or where the floor space of the proposed building/s is 100 sqm or greater:
  - ✓ Conservation Area
  - ✓ Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
  - ✓ Area of Townscape Character
  - ✓ All applications for Listed Building Consent

#### **Exceptions:**

- Proposals to develop land without compliance with previous conditions
- Engineering or mining operations
- Change of use (except where the new use involves access by an employee or involves the provision of services to the public – in such case a statement is required on access only)
- Waste development

Further advice: Development Practice Note 12: Design and Access Statements

#### Advice

- The Design & Access Statement must:
  - ✓ explain the design principles and concepts that have been applied to the development;
  - ✓ demonstrate the steps taken to appraise the context of the development and how the design of the development takes that context into account;
  - explain the policy or approach adopted as to access, and in particular, how:
    - policies relating to access to, from and within the development have been taken into account,
    - policies relating to access in the local development plan have been taken into account, and
    - any specific issues which might affect access to the development for disabled people have been addressed;
  - ✓ describe how features which ensure access to the development for disabled people will be maintained;
  - ✓ state what, if any, consultation has been undertaken on issues relating to access to the development and what account has been taken of the outcome of any such consultation;
  - ✓ explain how any specific issues which might affect access to the development have been addressed; and
  - explain the design principles and concepts that have been applied to take into account environmental sustainability.

#### Why is it needed?

- To enable the Council to assess the design and access impacts of proposals of a certain scale or within a designated area
- To comply with Sections 40(3) an 86(2) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011; and Article 3(3)(f) and 6 of the Planning (General Development Procedure) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

#### 7. Fee

#### Requirement

Applications for the following must be accompanied by a Fee (\*exemptions apply):

- planning permission
- approval of reserved matters
- removal or variation of condition
- · advertisement consent
- hazardous substance consent
- certificate of lawful use or development

A fee is not required for applications for the following:

- discharge of conditions
- works to a tree covered by a Tree Preservation Order or within a Conservation Area
- determine whether Listed Building Consent is required
- Listed Building Consent
- demolish a building with an Area of Townscape/Village Character
- determine whether Conservation Area Consent is required
- Conservation Area Consent
- Non-Material Change to a planning permission
- · Modify or discharge a planning agreement

#### \*Exceptions:

- Works to a dwelling or within its curtilage to provide access for, or improve the safety, health or comfort of a disabled person
- Works for the purpose of providing means of access for disabled persons to or within a public building or premises
- Change of use whereby planning permission would not normally be required were it not for a restrictive planning condition
- Applications made by or on behalf of a club, society or other organisation (including any persons administering a trust) which is not established or conducted for profit, and the following conditions specified are satisfied:
  - ✓ the application relates to the provision of community facilities (including sports grounds) and playing fields; and
  - the council is satisfied that the development is to be carried out on land which is, or is intended to be, occupied by the club, society or other organisation and to be used wholly or mainly for the carrying out of its objects

#### Why is it needed?

- To comply with Article 3(3)(i) of the Planning (General Development Procedure) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015; and the Planning (Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (as amended)
- To support the Council's administrative costs for dealing with the application

#### **Advice**

- Other than Categories 6, 8 and 9, the fee shall be calculated as the total amount for each category in Schedule 2
- For Categories 6, 8 and 9, the fee shall be whichever is the highest category in Schedule 2
- Certain fees are based on the area to be developed.
   The site area will be taken as the site identified by the Site Location Plan (red line)
- Where the fee is based on gross floor space, the external measurement of floor space is used, include the thickness of walls
- EIA development an additional £10,844 is payable where the proposal is for EIA development and an environmental statement is required

Further guidance can be found at the following links:

https://www.infrastructureni.gov.uk/publications/planning-fees-explanatory-noteapplicants

Links to The Fees Regulations can be found on the following webpage:

https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/articles/current-planning-legislation

## **Basic Requirements (by Application Type)**

The basic information needed may vary according to the type of application and permission that is sought. The following table indicates basic information requirements according to type of application

\* See Appendix 2

Application Type	* See Appendix 2
Application Type	Required Information
Full Planning Permission	Application Form
	Ownership Certificate
	• Fee
	Site Location Plan
	Plans and drawings
	Design and Access Statement*
	Pre-Application Community Consultation Report*
Outline Planning Permission	Application Form
	Ownership Certificate
	• Fee
	Site Location Plan
	Plans and drawings
	Design and Access Statement*
	Pre-Application Community Consultation Report*
Approval of Reserved matters	Application Form
	• Fee
	Plans and drawings
Variation or Removal of a Condition	Application Form
	Ownership Certificate
	• Fee
Advertisement Consent	Application Form
	Ownership Certificate
	Site Location Plan
	• Fee
Listed Building Consent	Application Form
	Ownership Certificate
	Site Location Plan
	Plans and drawings
	Design and Access Statement*
Conservation Area Consent (Demolition)	Application Form
conservation rived consent (Bernontion)	Ownership Certificate
	Site Location Plan
	Plans and drawings
Certificate of Lawful Development (Existing)	Application Form
Certificate of Lawrai Development (Existing)	• Fee
	Site Location Plan
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Certificate of Lawful development (Proposed)	Application Form
	• Fee
2 1 (4 1) 11 11 11 (544)	Plans and drawings (if applicable)
Proposal of Application Notice (PAN)	Application Form
	Site Location Plan
Discharge of Condition (confirmation of details	Covering letter or email (please include the application reference number)
required by a condition)	and the condition number(s) you seek confirmation of details for
	Plans and drawings, sample materials etc. (if applicable)
Non-Material Change	Application Form
	Covering letter or email (please describe the proposed changes and why you
	are making them. The proposed changes should be annotated on the
	plans/drawings
	Plans and drawings (if applicable)