



# Department for Communities and Local Government

Chief Planning Officers  
Local Planning Authorities (England)

14 November 2012

Dear Chief Planning Officer,

## **Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) Regulations 2012**

I am writing to you about the forthcoming changes to planning fees in England. The Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits Regulations have been agreed in both Houses of Parliament and will come into force on **22 November 2012**.

The Regulations consolidate 12 statutory instruments dating back to 1989 and introduce new levels of planning application fees which have been up-rated by 15 per cent in line with inflation since 2008. A copy of the draft Regulations as approved by Parliament can be used to make the necessary changes to your systems and can be found at the following link: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2012/9780111527290/contents>. The draft Regulations as laid in Parliament on 17 July, 2012.

The final signed version of the Statutory Instrument (SI), which will include the SI number, will be available to be downloaded from the <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/> from the 22 November 2012.

In addition to the much needed consolidation of the Regulations, we have introduced a small number of new fees as a result of changes to primary legislation. These include applications for Urgent Crown Development and a Certificate of Appropriate Alternative Development<sup>1</sup>. An amendment has also been made to allow for fees in respect of

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation 12 and Regulation 18(2) The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) Regulations 2012

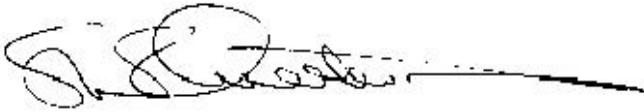
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Deemed Applications to be paid **in full** to the local planning authority<sup>2</sup> rather than half to the local planning authority and half to the Secretary of State. This does not change in anyway the fee to be paid, but it does mean that authorities will benefit from receiving the whole fee.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Quartermain', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Steve Quartermain**  
**Chief Planner**

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<sup>2</sup> Regulation 10(3) The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) Regulations 2012