

Somerset County Council Travel Plan Fees

Introduction

A standard set of Travel Plan Fees applies to travel plans received by Somerset County Council's Travel Plan Coordinator from 1st June 2009 in relation to planning applications.

What is included in the Travel Plan Fee?

The Travel Plan Fee covers any assessment of the travel plan prior to the submission of a planning application (where applicable), and dealings with the Travel Plan Coordinator outside of the statutory consultation window relating to the approval and implementation of the final travel plan document.

The aim of this service is to provide a full travel plan service to developers who are required to produce a travel plan as part of their planning application.

Schedule of Travel Plan Fees based on land-use type and size

Use	Type	Unit	MOTS No Fee	TPS £700+vat	TP £2000+vat
A1	Food Retail	GFA (sqm)	>100	>500	>800
A1	Non-food Retail	GFA (sqm)	>100	>500	>1500
A2	Financial and Professional Services	GFA (sqm)	>100	consider when >1000sqm or >50 employees ¹	
A3	Restaurants and Café	GFA (sqm)	>100		
A4	Drinking Establishments	GFA (sqm)	>100		
A5	Hot Food Takeaway	GFA (sqm)	>100		
B1	Business	GFA (sqm)	>500		
B2-7	General Industrial	GFA (sqm)	>1000	>1500	>2500
B8	Storage or Distribution	GFA (sqm)	>1000	>2000	>5000
C1	Hotels	Bedrooms	>30	>75	>100
C2	Res. Inst. (Hospitals, Nursing homes)	Beds	>30	>40	>50
C2	Res. Inst. (Education)	Students	>50	>100	>150
C2	Res. Inst. (Hostels)	Residents	>100	>250	>400
C3	Dwelling Houses	Dwellings	>10	>30	>50
D1	Non-res. Inst (health centres, public buildings)	GFA (sqm)	>500	consider when >1000sqm or >50 employees ¹	
D2	Assembly and Leisure	GFA (sqm)	>500		

Level of Travel Plan Fee

1. Measures Only Travel Statement (MOTS) – No Fee
2. Travel Plan Statement (TPS)- **£700** + VAT
2. Full Travel Plan (TP) - **£2,000** + VAT
3. Large developments where two or more land-uses on-site exceed the thresholds, or for each individual land-use in the development that is double the threshold – **£2,000** + VAT, plus **£1,000** + VAT for each additional land-use, or each land-use that is double the threshold.

When will developments be subject to a Travel Plan Fee?

All planning applications requiring a Travel Plan Statement, Full Travel Plan, or any type of travel plan secured through Section 106 mechanisms, will be required to pay the Travel Plan Fee to Somerset County Council (as lead authority for travel plans in Somerset).

The fee is related to all application types (e.g. outline, hybrid, full and reserved matters) and all types of travel plan (including travel plan 'frameworks', Travel Plan Statements, and Full Travel Plans) where these meet the appropriate thresholds (above). The Travel Plan Fee will be applied as early in the development process as is practicable.

Somerset County Council advises relevant applicants of the Travel Plan Fee through its online travel plan resources where Fee information is contained:

- <http://www.movingsomersetforward.co.uk/new-developments/getting-started>

How and when should the Travel Plan Fee be paid?

Payments covering the Travel Plan Fee above must be submitted to Somerset County Council's Transport Development Group Finance Officer, and be made payable to Somerset County Council.

Obligations relating to the payment of the Travel Plan Fee will be agreed during the s106 negotiations. Payments must be made prior to the Commencement of development.

What does the Travel Plan Fee not cover?

The Travel Plan Fee does not cover and is separate to the provision or implementation of other measures forming part of the content of the travel plan. Such other measures are agreed to or otherwise set out through planning conditions or obligations.

The Travel Plan Fee does not cover the work undertaken by the Highways Development Control Team, the Travel Plan Coordinator or any other agent of Somerset County Council in its function as a statutory consultee during formal consultation periods on planning applications.

What happens if the Travel Plan Fee is not paid?

SCC is unable to approve or otherwise make formal recommendations on the implementation of the content of travel plans until the Travel Plan Fee has been received.

SCC may be unable to engross relevant s106 agreements in the absence of Travel Plan Fee clauses in such instances where non-payment will hinder Somerset County Council's ability to assess the on-going implementation and effectiveness of the travel plan.

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