



Where to go for more information

Visit www.planningportal.gov.uk/1app for further information about 1APP. Or contact the Planning Portal Service Desk on **0117 372 8200** or by email at support@planningportal.gsi.gov.uk for further assistance.

Detailed information about the planning system and the application process can be found on the Planning Portal (www.planningportal.gov.uk).



The biggest change to the planning system in years

Communities and Local Government is launching 1APP, a Standard Planning Application Form to replace all existing types of planning application forms (except minerals) within England.

Currently, Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) produce their own local planning application forms. These often differ creating inconsistencies in the planning process.

1APP will remove the differences in application forms by ensuring the same information will be required for comparable applications by every LPA in England. This standardisation will make the planning system clearer and more efficient for planning professionals and citizens alike.

1APP is primarily designed as an electronic form and will be available online via the Planning Portal www.planningportal.gov.uk – however it is also available as a paper form from LPAs.



How 1APP will affect you



The various planning application forms currently in use by LPAs differ in the questions asked, their style and the number of copies of the form needed for submission.

This inconsistency can create difficulties for applicants, particularly those making multiple applications, sometimes to different LPAs.

1APP will save applicants time and effort completing applications. The new form will make the application process easier by asking standard questions and ending confusion over individual LPA requirements and offering guidance and help at every stage.

1APP in its online form will intelligently determine the planning consent type required, and specify the LPAs additional information requirements, significantly increasing the chances of a valid application being submitted first time. This benefits both the applicant and the LPA staff who process the application, potentially resulting in a faster decision.

If you're a **planning professional:**

You will benefit from

- a simpler, streamlined application process
- familiarising yourself with just one form for all your applications
- saving standard information (e.g your address and contact information) so you needn't re-enter it for every application

If you're a member of the **general public:**

You will benefit from

- a simpler more transparent planning process
- clear online guidance where and when you need it during the application process
- a better chance of submitting a valid planning application

Timescales

1APP will be available from February 2007 and will become the only legal way of submitting a planning application within England on 1st April 2008 (except for minerals).

Some LPAs may even prefer to accept the standard application form as early as February 2007, so check with your LPA before completing your application.

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