

Northamptonshire County Council: Charging policy for the provision of archaeological information and advice

Charging relates to the following categories of development:

Category 1 Strategic

For development greater than that below charging fees will be on application but will be commensurate with their scale.

Category 2 Major

- 1,000-2,500 residential units
- 25,000m²+50,000m² commercial floorspace
- Mixed use residential/commercial development equating to the above
- Other development* of 25ha-50ha in scale
- New roads 1-2.5 km in length

Category 3 Significant

- 250-999 residential units
- 5,000-24,999m² commercial floorspace
- Mixed use residential/commercial development equating to the above
- Other development* of 5-25ha in scale
- New roads of less than 1km in length

Category 4 Large

- 100-249 residential units
- 2,000-4,999m² commercial floorspace
- Mixed use residential/commercial development equating to the above
- Other development* of 2-5 ha in scale

Category 5 Medium

- 50-99 residential units
- 1,000-1,999m² commercial floorspace
- Mixed use residential/commercial development equating to the above
- Other development* of 1-2 ha in scale

There are no charges for development below the category 5 thresholds.

*other development includes:

- Mineral extraction and waste management
- Solar parks and wind farms/turbines
- Parking facilities
- Tourism development e.g. marina development
- Utilities

Charging schedule

These charges would apply to prospective developers, their agents and also archaeological organisations acting on behalf of developers.

Charges for pre-application archaeological advice

This will consist of a formal view of the archaeological implications by the officer sent in e-mail form and will be subject regardless of size to a charge of £70 per hour +VAT.

Utility and agri-environment consultations regardless of size will be subject to a charge of £70 per hour.

Utility consultations which require evaluation and mitigation will be charged in line with the schedule below.

Charges for evaluation

This comprises production of an archaeological Brief and /or approval of a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI), site visits, approval of report.

Category	Price
Category 5: Medium	£600 + VAT
Category 4: Large	£900 + VAT
Category 3: Significant	£1,400 + VAT
Category 2: Major	£2,200 + VAT
Category 1: Strategic	By Negotiation

Charges for mitigation

This comprises production of a bespoke archaeological Brief covering: archaeological excavation, preservation in situ, scheme of archaeological resource management, archaeological management plans as appropriate, site visits, approval of post excavation assessments (if required) and the final report.

Category	Price
Category 5: Medium	£900 + VAT
Category 4: Large	£1,400 + VAT
Category 3: Significant	£2,000 + VAT
Category 2: Major	£3,250 + VAT
Category 1: Strategic	By Negotiation

Historic Building Recording

This is applied where a programme of work is deemed to require detailed recording of standing fabric. This can be a piece of work by itself or an additional requirement on a programme of archaeological work.

Where Historic Building Recording is required alongside wider archaeological work, this will be included in the above documentation and costs. Where the recording is standalone the following service and monitoring charges will be assessed on a case by case basis using the levels set out in '[Understanding Historic Buildings: a Guide to Good Recording Practice](#)' (Historic England, 2016) incurring a charge of £75 per hour of staff time.