

# Hertfordshire County Council

## Countryside & Rights of Way Service

### Public Path Orders: Fees Sheet 2021

Below is a list estimating the fees that will be due to the County Council at each stage of the process. On average, a straightforward application will cost around £3,889 for HCC to process. However, a complex application may cost over £6,464. Please note that the final cost will vary depending on the complexity of the application and the amount of time the County Council is required to spend on the application. These figures are correct as of April 2021 and will be reviewed every April. Applicants will be informed if the fees are increased.

#### **Application stage**

When the applicant first makes the application, we will require a non-refundable fee of £263 to cover the costs involved with opening the file and meeting with a Rights of Way officer to discuss your proposal

#### **Order-making stage**

- An Order requiring one Order Plan, this will cost £348 (+VAT)
- A complex Order requiring more than one Order plan, this will cost £348 (+VAT) + £172 (+VAT) for each additional Order Plan

#### **Consultation report stage**

When you send us your Consultation Report you should send it with payment of £2,879. This should cover our costs for assessing the application and making the decision as to whether or not to make an order. This includes the price of £1,167 for advertising the order twice in the local newspaper. If our costs are greater than this, you will be requested to submit an additional payment.

#### **Determination stage**

At the Determination stage you will be asked for a further payment of the balance of our fees. We will let you know what these are after the order has been advertised, but they may be in the region of £960. There may need to be a fee of £662 if an additional (third) newspaper advertisement is required.

#### **Confirmation stage**

If we confirm the Order and following its advertising no application is made to the high court to challenge it, we can, if requested, supply permanent site notices for you to erect on site. Our fee will depend on the number and complexity of signs required but is likely to be in the region of £86 (+VAT) per sign, plus a further £128 for our work in designing them.

#### **Highways Act Section 25 Agreements**

Producing agreement, plans & works specifications £1,010 (+ VAT).

This does not include the price of £662 for advertising the agreement in the local newspaper.

#### **Hourly Fees for All other processes**

Hourly fees, where chargeable by the County Council, are £85/hour for Officers, £121/hour for Team Leaders, and £180/hour for solicitors for any other processes, meetings, advice, etc.

#### **Making a Payment**

Our preferred method of payment is by telephone to the County Council cashiers on 01992 555407. The cashiers accept payment by credit card. Before telephoning the cashiers, please first contact the Countryside and Rights of Way Service to obtain the correct accounting codes and payment reference for your application.