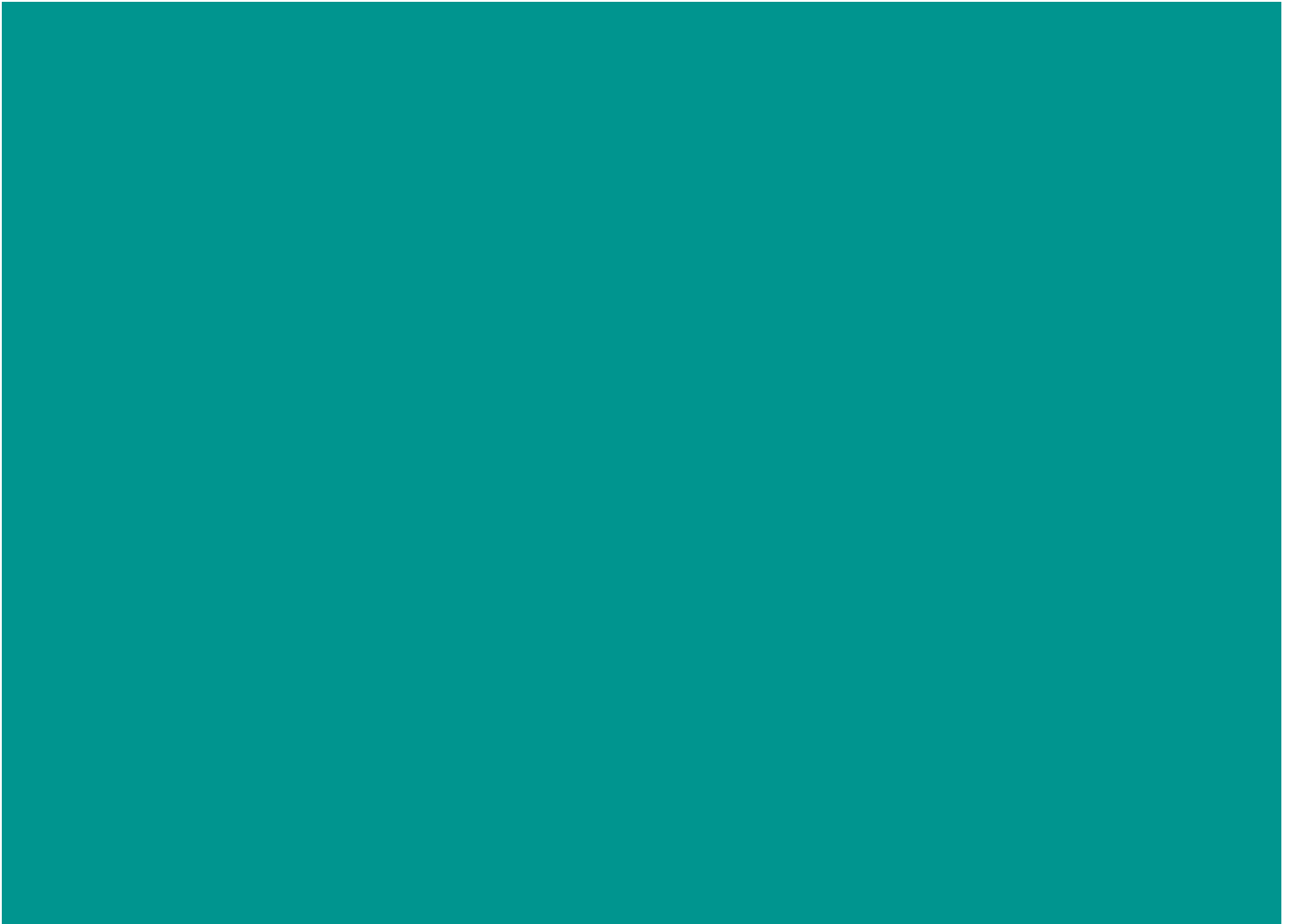




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# Developments of National Significance

## Fees and Finance



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- 7.1 The DNS regime is operated on a full 'cost recovery' basis, and so various stages of the process are associated with the payment of fees. The Developments of National Significance (Fees) (Wales) Regulations 2016 (as amended) sets out the full details.
- 7.2 Applicants should be aware of the costs up front, and any delay in paying the relevant fee could result in a delay to the application process.
- 7.3 The table below outlines the baseline costs associated with a DNS application.

Discretionary Costs	
Pre-Application Services - LPA	£1,500
Pre-Application Services – the Inspectorate	Hourly rate of £55 (plus VAT)
Essential Costs	
Notification Fee	£580
Initial Fee (paid on submission)	£15,350
Fee for LIR (paid on submission)	£7,750 (per relevant LPA)
Fees for Examining the Application	
Written Representation	Daily rate of £870
Hearing or Inquiry	Daily rate of £920
Determination fee (applicable to all DNS projects, except applications for overhead electric lines)	£14,700 (paid directly to Welsh Government)

- 7.4 Additional costs can be accrued throughout the examination of a DNS application, and so the above table is only a guide.
- 7.5 The determination fee is paid directly to Welsh Ministers. Any queries about this element of the fee structure should be directed to the Planning Directorate of Welsh Government. They can be contacted via:

[planning.directorate@gov.wales](mailto:planning.directorate@gov.wales)

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### Cost Estimates

- 7.6 It is not possible for the Inspectorate to provide an estimated cost of the examination in advance of submission.
- 7.7 An estimate of the number of days the Inspector will need to examine the DNS will be provided following the confirmation of procedure. This does not guarantee a cost for the examination and should only be used as a guide.

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#### Refunds and Remissions

- 7.8 Applicants are entitled to a refund in relation to the LIR fee, where one of the following applies:
- the submission of the LIR by the LPA is outside the deadline (further details are set out in the regulations)
  - where the applicant withdraws the application before the LIR is submitted by the LPA
  - where the application is not accepted as valid by the Inspectorate
- 7.9 Applicants should be aware that refunds and remissions do not apply to any other DNS fees or costs in any circumstances.

#### Invoicing

- 7.10 The Inspectorate is able to invoice applicants for certain fees. Applicants are advised that these should be requested in advance of when payments are due.
- 7.11 If applicants require a purchase order, this can be arranged, but requests must be made to the Inspectorate from the outset.
- 7.12 Invoices for the ongoing costs of the examination (daily rates, travel costs, etc) can be issued to applicants once at the end of the process, or monthly. It is up to the applicant to inform the Inspectorate of their preference.

#### Failure to Pay Examination Costs

- 7.13 Any fee relating to the examination must be paid within 21 days of the relevant invoice being sent to the applicant. If the applicant fails to pay any fee within the 21 day period, the Inspectorate may not take any further steps with the application until payment has been received.
- 7.14 A failure to pay any fee due within 12 weeks will result in no further action being taken on the application, and the application will be deemed to be withdrawn.

#### Payment of Fees

- 7.15 DNS Fees to be paid by the applicant can be transferred via BACS, or as detailed above, invoices can be sent directly from the Inspectorate to the applicant.

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7.16 The Inspectorate does not receive automatic notifications of payment, so it is important that applicants contact us when fees have been paid, to avoid delays in processing the application.

### **Terms of Reference**

7.17 A financial terms of reference is available to applicants. Please contact us if you would require a copy.