

Agents/Developers (Roads Consents and Property Addressing) Briefing July 2023

Introduction of Fees for Property Addressing, Street Naming and Numbering Introduction of Fees for Section 56 Consent, Roads (Scotland) Act 1984

The Planning Service (Roads Development) is proposing to introduce discretionary fees for some of its services later this summer. These are as follows:

Property Addressing, Street Naming and Numbering

Aberdeenshire Council has powers under Section 97 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 to create and, when required, change property addresses. A corporate address gazetteer of all properties in Aberdeenshire is maintained by the Council and regularly uploaded to the national One Scotland Gazetteer which provides the definitive address database for all properties across Scotland.

Property developers and Aberdeenshire residents can request new addresses and changes to existing ones when required and the Council provides a service in processing and registering these. The Council will shortly introduce a scheme of charging for these services which will be similar and proportionate to those already used by other Scottish local authorities.

Applications for Section 56 Construction Consent under Roads (Scotland) Act 1984

Aberdeenshire Council, as roads authority, has powers under Roads Scotland (Act) 1984 which include issuing consents for third party organisations to carry out works in public roads to facilitate new development. The process that Aberdeenshire Council uses to assess and issue consents on its road network is closely aligned that used by Transport Scotland, as roads authority for the national trunk road network. Transport Scotland uses existing provisions to recoup reasonable costs for the work required in assessing the proposed changes to the public road network, drafting the necessary documentation, and taking all necessary steps to ensure successful completion of the changes or upgrades. Aberdeenshire Council will shortly introduce a scheme of charging, like that used by Transport Scotland, to recoup a proportion of the costs of funding these services.

Work is proceeding to put these discretionary fees in place in September. Further notification will be provided about the launch date and on the fees applicable and applications may continue to be submitted as normal in the intervening period. Charging will commence for services provided as of the launch date.

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