

OTHER BUILDING CONTROL CHARGES



Supplementary charges

These charges relate to the actual costs of providing the service and are intended to achieve full cost recovery, so that service users pay the full cost of service they receive.

The charge payable at the time an application is deposited is determined on the basis that the design and construction is carried out by a person or company that is competent to undertake such work. Where that proves not to be the case and we spend more time than the original charge allowed for; for example dealing with poor quality building plans or builders, inspecting sub-standard work, work that is not ready for inspection and carrying out more site visits than allocated, then supplementary charges may be incurred.

The following table sets out supplementary and other charges in respect of the building regulation and other discretionary services.

Supplementary Charge	£
Hourly rate for provision of building regulation service	78
Archived Applications	
Process request to re-open archived building regulation file for purposes of issuing completion certificate	65
Visit to site in connection with resolving archived building regulation case	65 per site visit
Withdraw full plans application and refund fees paid	
Process request and refund any monies owed	Individually determined charge
Withdraw building notice and refund fees paid	
Process request and refund any monies owed	Individually determined charge
Re-direct inspection fee invoice	
Process request to re-direct invoice	52

Charges include VAT at current rate.

In cases where a supplementary charge is payable the Council will provide a statement setting out the basis of the charge and how it has been calculated.

If your request involves an individual charge assessment please email Building Control at buildingcontrol@solihull.gov.uk. We will contact you within 24 hours. Alternatively, you can request

an individual charge assessment via our Contact Centre on telephone No 0121 704 8008.

Archived building regulation applications

Despite the best efforts of our Building Control Surveyor's many homeowner's and builders fail to ensure that all building standards (set in the interests of the wider public good) have been complied with at completion or occupation of building work.

With the exception of minor non-compliances that are addressed on a conditional completion certificate, you have three months from the date of the inspection to correct any outstanding work and have it re-inspected and signed-off.

After three months, the case file is archived (unless the non-compliances are so serious that they warrant enforcement action) and a fee is payable to re-open it for the purposes of issuing a completion certificate.

Completion certificates

If you are selling a property that had building work carried out, you will need building regulation approval documents and a completion certificate to prove that the work has been approved and inspected by a Building Control Body. Delays and additional costs are often caused where a Completion Certificate is not available.

Legal entitlement to a completion certificate is subject to conditions. In cases where charges are outstanding, we are not told building work has been completed/occupied, or outstanding building regulation work has not been addressed within the agreed timescale, a completion certificate may be withheld.

Payment

Credit/Debit card payments can be made over the telephone (0121 704 8008). Cheques should be made payable to SMBC and crossed A/C payee. You can make payment (including cash) at any of the following Solihull Connect Walk-in Centers:

- Solihull Connect, Ground Floor, Library Square, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 3RG
- Solihull Connect at Shirley Police Station, 285 Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands, B90 3AR
- Solihull Connect at The Bluebell Centre, Ground Floor West Mall, Chelmsley Wood, Solihull, B37 5TN

Solihull Connect at Balsall Common Library, 283 Kenilworth Road, Balsall Common, West Midlands, CV7 7EL. (Thursdays 10am - 2pm only)

Invoicing of fees against a purchase order can be arranged by agreement. Solihull MBC may agree to payment by instalment for building work where the total charge exceeds £500.