

Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Agricultural or Forestry development

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 6

The relevant application type, as detailed below, should be used for proposals to carry out certain agricultural and/or forestry developments permitted under [Schedule 2, Part 6 of The Town and Country Planning \(General Permitted Development\) \(England\) Order 2015 \(as amended\)](#).

For agricultural units of 5 hectares or more ([Class A](#))

- **Prior Approval: Building for agricultural/forestry use** - Erection, significant extension or significant alteration of a building ([see legislation for what constitutes 'significant'](#)) OR; any extension or alteration of a building on ['Article 2\(4\)' land](#).
- **Prior Approval: Private road for agricultural/forestry use** - Formation or alteration of a private way
- **Prior Approval: Excavation/Deposit waste for agriculture** - Carrying out of excavations and/or deposit of waste material ([subject to additional limits as detailed in the legislation](#))
- **Prior Approval: Tank/Cage/Structure for use in fish farming** - Placing or assembly of a tank (cage) in any waters

For agricultural units of at least 0.4 hectares but smaller than 5 hectares ([Class B](#))

- **Prior Approval: Building for agricultural/forestry use** - Extension or alteration of a building situated on ['Article 2\(4\)' land](#).
- **Prior Approval: Private road for agricultural/forestry use** - Provision, rearrangement or replacement of a private way

On land used for the purposes of forestry, including afforestation ([Class E](#))

- **Prior Approval: Building for agricultural/forestry** - Erection, significant extension or significant alteration of a building ([see legislation for what constitutes 'significant'](#)) OR; any extension or alteration of a building on ['Article 2\(4\)' land](#).
- **Prior Approval: Private road for agricultural/forestry use** - Formation or alteration of a private way

Anyone proposing to carry out such development must apply to the Local Authority for a determination as to whether its prior approval is required.

Please note: It is not possible to undertake the prior approval process retrospectively.

The application must include a written description of the proposed development, the materials to be used and a plan indicating the site together with any fee required to be paid.

The Local Authority has 28 days from receipt of the application let the applicant know of its decision.

No work should begin before the Local Authority's decision has been received, or the 28 period has expired.

It is often helpful to discuss your proposal with your LPA before you start your application - this is known as 'pre-application advice' and may be chargeable. Your LPA will normally have details of how to go about this on its website.