



## **FOI: 42344410 Monitoring Fee - Strategy**

S106 agreements for many developments include a monitoring fee to ensure conditions placed on the development are upheld.

What strategy does Tower Hamlets employ with regard to the monitoring fee charged?

Does the council have a document identifying a strategy for the monitoring fee, if so please provide a copy of that strategy?

How does the council address planning conditions where a monitoring fee isn't charged?

The council charges a monitoring fee on most Section 106 agreements which covers monitoring all aspects of the agreements including maintaining a planning obligations database, logging agreements, checking trigger points, reviewing information that has been submitted, consulting service areas, index linking financial contributions and recording compliance with clauses. You should note that the monitoring fee does not cover the monitoring of conditions on the planning permission.

Monitoring fees are set out in the council's adopted Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (see link below). In short, there is a charge of up to £1000 per non-financial obligation and between 1-3% of any financial obligations. We also review monitoring fees to ensure that they remain proportionate and reasonable and reflect the actual cost of monitoring.

[Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document \(towerhamlets.gov.uk\)](https://towerhamlets.gov.uk)

The council has charged monitoring fees in relation to Section 106 agreements for some time now and those agreements that do not attract a monitoring fee are considered to not require on-going monitoring. Where issues of non-compliance arise, the Council seeks to recover these costs, where possible, through the enforcement process.