



Planning & Building Information Note Nine

Tourism Development in Camp



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When considering new facilities for tourists in Camp (both for domestic and international tourists), either by converting existing facilities or by building new ones, then please be aware that both planning permission and a building permit are likely to be required. If you are inviting the public to your property it is important to make sure the correct permissions have been obtained, particularly with regard to building safety.

Planning permission

Some developments in Camp (defined as anywhere over 10km from Christ Church Cathedral) do not require a planning application, however the following types of development for tourism **do** require an application to be made and planning permission to be granted before the works are started:

- The change of use of a building to tourist accommodation;
- Installation of a mobile home for tourist accommodation;
- Building of new accommodation for tourists; and
- Building of any other facility for tourists.

If you have already started (or even completed) works which need permission please contact us for advice. Tourism uses are supported in principle and, as with all planning applications, will be considered with regard to the policies of the Falkland Islands Development Plan 2015. The design and layout of a building and its impact on the surroundings and the environment will be important considerations.

For further advice on whether or not you need to make a planning application and if there are likely to be any concerns about your proposal please contact the Planning Officer – telephone 28480 or email planningofficer@planning.gov.fk. We are here to help.

Building permits

Building permits are required for development in Camp, the same as they are in Stanley. This means that all building works and

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changes of use of buildings will usually require a permit, with some minor exceptions (such as some conservatories or porches which are under 20sqm in floor area and some caravans and mobile homes).

It is important that you obtain a building permit for any works which do need approval. The permit application and occupation certificate (when needed) help show that the development has been completed to the required standard and is safe for use. If you are letting out the facilities to tourists or inviting them in to a building you are responsible for their well-being and for ensuring that the building is safe to use.

In order to obtain an occupation certificate, to certify that the building is suitable for occupation once built, copies of all relevant certificates for works to electrical and fire alarm and detection systems would need to be provided.

For further advice on building permits please contact the Building Advisor on 28484 or email [**buildingadvisor@planning.gov.fk**](mailto:buildingadvisor@planning.gov.fk). We are happy to provide informal advice, including if you have already undertaken works without having made an application.

Making an Application

You will need to complete a form, provide drawings and pay the application fee. We can assist with printing and payment methods if you are located in Camp. For forms and assistance please contact us.

Building permits in Camp are dealt with on a 'case by case' basis and the process relies on a visit and discussion with the Building Adviser. The level of information required will be appropriate to the scale of the project.

Forms can be obtained by telephoning 28480, emailing [**clerk@planning.gov.fk**](mailto:clerk@planning.gov.fk) or through the Falkland Islands Government Planning and Building Services **Facebook** page.

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Note 1: Applying for Planning Permission and Building Permits provides information on how to apply and what happens when you do.

Note 2: How Planning Applications are Decided provides information on what will be taken in to account when a decision is made on a planning application.

Note 3: Permitted Development: Residential provides information on permitted development rights (development which does not require a planning application) for residential properties in Stanley and in Camp.

Note 4: Listed Buildings and Structures provides a list of designated (listed) buildings with associated advice.

Note 5: Listed Buildings and Structures: An Owner's Guide provides more detailed advice for owners of designated (listed) buildings.

Note 6: Stanley Conservation Area: A Guide to Development provides advice on what is taken in to account and is likely to be acceptable in the Conservation Area.

Note 7: Application Fees sets out the fees for different application types.

Note 8: Fire Appliance Access for Dwellings provides information on achieving suitable fire service access to dwellings.

Building Information Note One: Building Regulations 1999 (as amended) provides information on the building permit process and how to make an application.

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