

S278 and S38 Fees 2025/26

Worcestershire County Council requires an up-front non-refundable fee of £2,000 for all initial technical submissions. This is to safeguard against developments that use our resources but fail to complete the agreement and we therefore can't recoup our costs. The up-front fee will be deducted from our design check, management and inspection fee.

For all work carried out by Worcestershire County Council, the charges for a Design Check, Management and Inspection Fee is based upon a percentage of the County Council's estimate of the total cost of the works, as set out in the table below:

Section 278 fees

- First £500,000 of the scheme cost = 9.50%
- Remaining cost of the works over £500,000 = 7.00%

Section 38 fees

- First £500,000 of the scheme cost = 9.50%
- Remaining cost of the works over £500,000 = 9.50%

All works carried out separately by a third-party appointed on behalf of Worcestershire County Council will be subject to a separate fee based on the scheme requirements.

The fee for Worcestershire County Council works will cover the following in respect of the proposed Section 38/ Section 278 Works:

- Basic technical approval
- Assessment of Traffic Management proposals and Programme of Works (Section 278 only)
- Calculation of Bond Fees
- Administration
- Site inspections (not supervision) during construction for highways, adoptable highway drainage and street lighting inspections and for provisional and final certificates.

The developer will also be responsible for payment of all additional fees incurred by Worcestershire County Council for additional work such as third-party design checks and audits as considered appropriate for each Section 38/278 proposal. This may include:

- Street lighting design;
- Major junction design;
- Structures design and inspection;
- Traffic signals

All fees above are payable before the Legal Agreement is signed.



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Site Inspections

The developer is responsible for the day to-day supervision and setting out of the Section 38/Section 278. Each and every additional inspection to check compliance with a Defective Works Requirement will be charged at £400 per visit carried out by Worcestershire County Council.