

Air Source Heat Pump Guidance

Planning Permission and Certificate of Lawfulness



This guidance is an introduction to what Fife Council require for the installation of air source heat pumps in domestic and non-domestic properties

Not every application for air source heat pumps requires planning permission as some installations are covered by permitted development rights.

Further details of Householder Permitted Development rights can be found using this [link](#).

Non-domestic installations are not covered by permitted development rights and will require a full planning application.

Planning Permission

Full Planning Permission for air source heat pumps will only be required where the criteria for Permitted Development are not met or for non-domestic installations.

Certificate of Lawfulness

If your installation is covered by the Permitted Development rights we recommend you submit an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness which is not the same as planning permission but is proof that your installation is lawful. If you apply for a Certificate of Lawfulness and the planning authority decides that the installation is not covered by Permitted Development rights a full planning application and fee will be required.

How to Apply

Applications for Full planning Permission or Certificates of Lawfulness can be made online at eplanning.scotland.gov.uk

To validate your application the following information will be required:

- The appropriate application form fully completed
- The application fee
- Land ownership certificate
- Location plan at a scale of 1:250 or 1:2500 which clearly identifies the site in relation to the neighbouring land. The site boundary must be outlined in red
- Existing elevations at a scale of 1:100 or 1:50
- Proposed elevations at a scale of 1:100 or 1:50
- The manufacturers brochure of the proposed heat pump system with technical specifications

This permission does not exempt you from obtaining a Building Warrant under the Building (Scotland) Acts. For further information visit [Building Standards and Public Safety](#).

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