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## "DataSpace Live - Technology Online"

Today we live in a modern world where we have become reliant on both technology and the web for carrying out many of our services. Gradually this also seems to be becoming true for building regulation submission and approval with more authorities having their own online submission systems or subscribing to portals such as Submit-a-Plan than ever before. Here at Submit-a-Plan we are welcoming more and more unitary and partnership authorities to the portal every year while we also have over 70,000 registered applicant and agent users. This attests not only to the solutions that online building control systems can provide to the many administrative and financial pressures Local Authorities constantly find themselves under but also the increasing demand of applicants and agents to submit their applications online.

Submit-a-Plan and DataSpace Live are designed to improve the efficiency and speed of building control submission and approval for all parties involved. Electronic 24/7 online submission means that not only are applications and any additional or revised documents received instantly by the authority at any hour of the day, but that their processing and approval are also quicker due to its inbuilt tools which we have developed to both simplify and speed up tasks as well as reduce workloads.



In addition our specialist electronic web solutions such as our Inspections App, Site Manager's App and PlanShare, which are some of the most advanced building control solutions in the industry and are produced exclusively for local authorities, are likewise aimed at modernising and improving the efficiency of building control consultation and inspection.

With building control steadily moving online, the recent development of our new DSLive 'Office' package for authorities is dedicated now to moving the administrative and management tasks of building control departments online into DSLive too. This includes being able to create documents, correspondence or certificates, define workflows for your team and create reports on all applications, inspections and invoices coming into your department. Essentially we see this elevate DSLive from a processing and approval solution for applications and inspections to a complete business tool for managing your department. Similarly for our applicant and agents, the accounts we provide these users are also more than simply a portal for submission, acting as secure working environments where they can store, track and make payment for all their applications as well as correspond with authorities and make use of additional services.

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Key to our Submit-a-Plan and DataSpace Live technology is its operation online in the Cloud. We all know that the benefit to having any data in the Cloud is that it can be accessed at any time, from anywhere with cabled, wifi, 3G or 4G internet connection. Applicants and agents can log on to submit or track their applications 24/7 on their computer, tablet or mobile as well as receiving email notification updates and electronic payment requests. Likewise authorities can access applications in DSLive in the office, on site, at home or on the move on any device, facilitating the much needed ability to work remotely. Aware of how essential "access" is to Local Authorities, we have even designed our Inspections App for mobiles and tablets to work offline at the remotest of work sites if needed.

In recent years a great deal of DataSpace Live development has been dedicated to the areas of access, connectivity and device compatibility and the flexibility and versatility of the system that has resulted shows that these projects have paid off. As we continue to combine our specialist technology with working online in the Cloud, we move ever closer towards a more modern, technological efficient and virtually connected Local Authority building control.

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