

DataSpace Live Articles

"DataSpace Live - Technology Online"

Here at Submit-a-Plan we have a long-term vision. To create a more efficient, electronic Building Control application process for Local Authorities, their clients and their partners and consultees. To achieve this we first designed Submit-a-Plan to offer a single online location where applicants and agents could easily submit applications to different authorities all in one place. We also created DataSpace Live to offer an electronic online solution where authorities could then easily process and approve them. After thirty years of extensive development however, both of these solutions have surpassed their original purpose considerably, with advanced functionality, tools and specialist modules that are not only intuitive of the processes, requirements and conditions related to the application submission and approval process but also help significantly improve the efficiency and spending of entire local authority building control departments.

How do we do this?

Online electronic applications through Submit-a-Plan not only means quicker application submission and processing with applications received instantly by the authority, but the step-by-step design of our electronic forms and their compatibility with over with 250+ document file formats, including CAD drawings and scanned hand-crafted drawings mean the applications authorities receive are also more accurate and more complete. With applications stored electronically, space is freed up from those cumbersome boxes of paper applications and staff spend less time scanning, copying and printing numerous copies.



In DataSpace Live we have tools and modules to accommodate every task involved in processing, approving, inspecting and consulting on applications and which are also easy to use, making the processing and approving applications not only quicker but simpler also. It doesn't matter how many users you have or where they are located, DSLive's different connectivity options and compatibility with a range of devices mean they can log in and access applications and inspections whether in the office, out on site, at home or on the move while our 'Workflow' facility lets you to define how an application moves from one individual or group's 'to do list' in your department to the next. This also applies to building control partnerships, with our specialised partnership configurations here to assist you in managing and approving all your departments' combined applications.

One of the main attractions of Submit-a-Plan is that all of this advanced and specialist functionality comes at great value. The prices of our authority accounts are justified by the cost of paper, ink, postage, scanning and staff labour used in creating multiple paper copies of applications that will be removed when subscribing to Submit-a-Plan. For authorities we charge under £3 for applications and often at as little as 75p, a huge contrast to some other industry providers who charge a lot more and we never charge applicants and agents to submit an application through the Submit-a-Plan portal. Finally, with Submit-a-Plan and DSLive hosted and updated by us for free, you need not pay for expensive servers or costly onsite upgrades and the intuitive design of our systems mean training can always be kept to a minimum.

If you'd like more details on how Submit-a-Plan can improve efficiency for your department in many areas, download a full guide at:

Submit-a-Plan & Efficiency Guide
<http://www.screencast.com/t/pwnhgBJs>



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