

# Filming in the Lancaster District Fees and Charges

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## Fees for filming in council land and property

Fees for filming on council land or in one of our properties depends on the size of the production crew, the duration of filming, additional resources in terms of staffing that is required and the type of project.

### Filming on council land and open spaces including Morecambe Promenade and Foreshore

Admin fee per application	£50 inc VAT
Small scale filming - does not require closures (up to 1 day)	£50 inc VAT
Large scale filming (2 days +)	£650 inc VAT per day
Large scale filming plus requiring bespoke use/closure of area	£650 inc VAT per day
SSSI assessment fee for drone flight from council land into Morecambe Bay (see required details below)*	£25 inc VAT

#### Filming by drone into Morecambe Bay

\*Morecambe Bay has a unique coastal ecosystem and provides sanctuary to a diverse array of birds, and at low tide creates an ideal habitat for a wide variety of flora and fauna making it a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

Drones being launched from land belonging to the council for the purpose of filming in Morecambe Bay requires the council to undertake an SSSI assessment before permission can be granted.

To complete an assessment, film production companies are required to confirm the following before permission can be granted:

- it is a one-off activity, e.g. on a single day or a few days
- it will be of short duration, e.g. minutes to a few hours
- if it is at the coast, it will not be carried out in the period 2 hours before high tide to one hour after high tide
- it avoids or minimises activity near the waterline (a priority area for birds to feed)
- any use of a drone includes a 'soft start' with flight activity in a small area well away from birds before any closer approach
- there will be someone present who will keep watch for birds before and during the activity and get it modified if needed to avoid disturbance. If you notice a disturbance, please inform us of details within a week of the filming activity.

## Filming in Council Buildings

### Lancaster Town Hall

Lancaster Town Hall, with its stunning Georgian architecture and historic grandeur, offers a prestigious setting for film and TV productions. Its impressive council chambers, ornate interiors,

and classic façade make it a sought-after location for a variety of filming needs. The building's central location in the heart of the city adds to its appeal, providing a dramatic and iconic backdrop.

Fees and charges for filming are tailored to the specific requirements of each production.

### The Storey, Lancaster

The Storey, a beautifully restored historic building, is a versatile venue that combines elegance with a creative atmosphere. Its striking architecture, including the large open spaces and unique gallery areas, make it an ideal location for film and TV productions looking for a blend of cultural and artistic appeal. Situated in the heart of Lancaster, The Storey offers an accessible and inspiring environment for filmmakers.

Filming fees are set based on the unique needs of each project.

### The Platform, Morecambe

The Platform in Morecambe is a vibrant and flexible venue with a rich history, offering a unique setting for film and TV productions. Situated on Morecambe's iconic promenade, the venue combines classic Victorian architecture with modern event spaces, making it ideal for a wide variety of shoots. Its proximity to the seafront provides additional scenic opportunities, offering both indoor and outdoor filming locations.

Filming fees are customised based on the specific needs of each production.

### Williamson Park

Williamson Park and its stunning Ashton Memorial and Victorian Palm House (Butterfly House) has proved to be popular locations for the film and tv production industry in the past.

Fees and charges relating to filming there are based on individual requirements.

## **Parking charges**

The cost of parking for unit bases and other vehicles on our pay and display car parks which can be found across the Lancaster and Morecambe area are based on the following simple formula.

Car park spaces x days x tariff (usually the full daily rate).

The charge levied for the parking of large numbers of vehicles or unit base over a length of time is open to negotiation.

For more information in the location of our car parks and charges, visit [www.lancaster.gov.uk/parking/car-parks](http://www.lancaster.gov.uk/parking/car-parks)

**Lancaster City Council's Communications is the first port of call for all film enquiries. The team will work with relevant officers across the council to help facilitate and coordinate filming in our area.**

**Simply complete the online film enquiry form at [www.lancaster.gov.uk/filming](http://www.lancaster.gov.uk/filming) and someone will be in touch.**