

Film Here An overview for prospective Local Authority Partners

Introduction

Creative England, funded by the BFI, is the national organisation delivering filming support in England, outside London. We do this by building strong and sustainable ecosystems of connected stakeholders, services and facilities to increase levels of production activity and economic spend across the country and increase employment opportunities for England's crew and freelancers. A key pillar of our work is to enable local authorities to deliver an effective industry-facing service to industry and "Film Here" has been developed to support local authorities to manage filming enquiries.

What is Film Here?

Film Here is a bespoke filming enquiry and application system created by Creative England to streamline the process of managing filming enquiries, and provide Local Authorities with an efficient, film friendly industry-standard application process.

Developed in collaboration with the film industry and with local authorities, the Film Here system is used by Creative England to help local authorities across England to manage filming requests across a broad spectrum of productions.

How does Film Here work?

Film and TV productions enter details of their proposed filming into Creative England's online system. This generates a PDF file which is sent to the designated local authority contact(s) along with supporting documents and an email summarising key details. Based on this information the authority can respond directly to the production to grant or refuse permission. Creative England staff are available throughout to assist the council with guidance and troubleshooting.

For feature films and high end (HETV) drama productions, Creative England offer a fully funded production liaison service. We would always advise speaking directly to these projects, and wherever possible our team will provide whatever is needed by the authority or the production.

Key benefits

- Film & TV industry approved software tailored for needs of local authorities
- Standardises enquiry and application process, making process simpler and quicker
- Clearly displays everything you need to know, tailored to key council departments
- Mapping system ensures authorities only receive enquiries for their own district
- Contact management to ensure the correct colleagues are informed for each enquiry
- Document management helps to ensure you get everything you need upfront
- Dedicated Authority-branded landing page on Creative England's Filming In England website
- Application PDFs co-branded with Local Authority name and logo
- Oversight from Creative England's expert team

How can my authority implement Film Here?

Local authorities who are part of the Filming in England Partnership can implement Film Here as their own enquiry management system free of charge. The service is underwritten by a memorandum of understanding between Creative England and the authority, and implemented via installation of agreed partnership text, logos and signposting on both the authority website and Creative England's Filming in England website.

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