

Berkshire Filming Policy 2021

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COVID – 19 Filming: When planning filming please review [UK Government regulations](#). Additional advice and guidance can be found here – TV Production: [PACT/IK Broadcasters](#), Commercials: [Advertising Producers Association](#). Film & High – End TV Drama, [British Film Commission](#). Berkshire Film Office and Resource Productions CIC cannot advise on COVID- safe protocols, but filming is able to continue where safe and legal. Restrictions will vary from council to council.

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Section 1: Definition of Filming

'Filming' as set out in this policy includes (but is not limited to) student & charity productions, commercials & promos, online content, TV, photography and film.

Section 2: Objectives of the Film Office

I. To establish Berkshire as a "film friendly" county;

We aim to accommodate filming needs where possible. We are one of the most connected places in the UK with the M4 motorway running East from London across the county to Oxford in the West. We are also home to Heathrow Terminal 5 and are less than an hour from Leavesden, Pinewood and Shepperton Studios. Berkshire offers a range of locations including urban, rural, canals and riversides.

II. To enable Berkshire based not-for-profit [Resource Productions](#) to act as a film office hub for the six Berkshire unitary authorities;

- [Slough Borough Council](#)
- [Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead](#)
- [Bracknell Forest Council](#)
- [Reading Borough Council](#)
- [Wokingham Borough Council](#)
- [West Berkshire Council](#)

III. To increase Screen Industries investment into the Berkshire economy by;

- Maximising the revenue generated by filming in Berkshire.
- Ensuring filming is conducted in a safe manner with minimal disruption.
- Supporting the growth of film production, suppliers and facilities.
- Promoting tourism and encouraging national and international visitors.
- Enabling local residents to gain creative and digital skills and employment.

Section 3: Purpose of the Policy

I. To set a recommended framework for filming in Berkshire including;

- How a production company makes an application to film.
- The process for assessing whether an application to film should be approved.
- Charges for filming on land owned by local authorities.



Section 4: Application Process

- I. BFO acts as hub for filming requests in Berkshire.
'Apply to Film' (Appendix 1) via www.berkshirefilmoffice.co.uk
- II. BFO is a FREE central signpost and broker.
We support applicants to find and complete the relevant council's paperwork.
We support councils to obtain required documentation from applicants.
- III. Applications should be made at least 10 working days prior to filming.

Section 5: Decision Making Process

- I. Decisions are made as a result of the following questions;
 - 1) Ownership – is the location is owned by the authorising Council?
 - 2) Legal Covenants – do any covenants apply?
 - 3) Insurance – does the applicant have adequate insurances in place (£5m)?
 - 4) Indemnity – is the council is granted indemnity when filming is taking place?
 - 5) Health and Safety – is there any significant health and safety risk to the public?
 - 6) Reputation Management – is their reputational risk to the council or county?
 - 7) Parking Services – is a highway, parking bay or suspension needed?
 - 8) Planning Services – is permission required for a temporary structure?
 - 9) Environmental Health – will there be a lot of noise or filming at night?
 - 10) Informing the Public - are those affected by filming consulted and informed?
 - 11) Emergency Services – have they been notified and access accommodated?
 - 12) Application – is the 'Application to Film' completed fully?
 - 13) Code of Practice – will it conform to the 'CoP & Filming Guidelines'? 14) Failure to pay – has the applicant accepted 'Filming Costs'?
 - 15) Terms and conditions – has the applicant signed a 'Filming Agreement'?
- II. BFO will also help direct enquiries requiring third party involvement.

Section 6: Permission to Film

- I. Permission is granted through a permit or 'Film Agreement' (Appendix 4)

The relevant council has the sole power to authorise filming.
BFO may be able to provide permission to film, if authorised by a Council.
BFO cannot grant permission to film on third party owned property.

Once permission is granted, the production has the responsibility to organize a letter drop to any residents and businesses that could be affected by the filming.

Section 7: Drones for filming purposes

Authorising councils can grant permission to take off and land on council/public property, not to access the airspace. The operator is responsible for proper use of the airspace itself, and it is the responsibility of the operator to ensure compliance with the regulations, the law, and terms of insurance.

The BFO and Council's responsibility is to ensure that the operator is a CAA-registered commercial pilot with up-to-date documentation.

Applications should be made well in advance and should detail:

- Nature of the proposed activity (e.g. filming, event, structural survey etc);
- PfCO number
- OSC permission
- Take-off and landing site(s), minimum distance from persons not directly under the operator's control, whether the drone will fly above any people including pedestrians, roads and buildings;
- Category and weight of UAS and CAA paperwork;
- Public Liability Insurance and appropriate UAS insurance compliant to EC 785/2004
- Risk Assessment and Method Statement which must be specific to the operation in question and include the maximum height, flight plan and control measures

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Section 8: Refusing Permission to Film

- I. Berkshire Film Office aims to accommodate filming requests that do not unduly disrupt or inhibit public use of an area; conflict or be likely to conflict with other uses of the land/property; or endanger the public.
- II. The decision to refuse an application will be taken by the council's appointed film officer and/or BFO. Local authorities reserve the right to refuse an application to film if one or more of the checks listed at [SECTION 5](#), raises any concerns.

Section 9: Charges

- I. For indicative charges see 'Guide to Filming Costs' (Appendix 2). Charging is applicable for filming on all local authority owned/managed sites and is dependent on the type and size of crew. Purchase Orders and/or payments may be requested upfront by the local authority. Charges will vary from council to council.
- II. Additional charges are applicable for;
 - a. Specialist Fixer Services
 - b. Temporary Traffic Notices (TTN)
 - c. Temporary Traffic (Regulation) Order (TTO/TTRO)
 - d. Pay & Display bay suspensions & Parking permits
 - e. Unit Base Facilities
 - f. Temporary Structures
 - g. Crane Licences
 - h. Street Lighting Amendments
 - i. Amendments to Street Furniture
 - j. Wet down the street
 - k. Refuse Collection
 - l. Removal of Street Furniture or Signage
 - m. Damage caused by production company
 - n. Over-running of any production
- III. News and Current Affairs reports
No charge to broadcasters or organisations filming brief reports or news items. However you should still 'Apply to Film' (Appendix 1) and notify council PR.



Section 10 : Cancellation

- I. Each council and location has its own cancellation policy, however for cancellation less than three working days before the agreed shoot date, a cancellation fee of £50 (excluding VAT) plus all other fees incurred will be charged.
- II. If filming has to be rescheduled, we will attempt to accommodate. However, where costs have or will be incurred regardless of cancellation or reschedule, e.g. staff overtime, additional charges etc. these will be charged at full cost.

Section 11: Credits

- I. Anyone carrying out commercial filming or photography on local authority land or property without permission will not own the copyright of their films and photographs which will pass to the council.
- II. It is expected that a credit or acknowledgement will be given when filming on council land or property. By agreement, these may include the name of the council, Berkshire Film Office, and/or words relating to the location.

For example: "Filmed on location at [NAME OF FILM LOCATION] ", or "Shot on location in Berkshire", or "Location courtesy of [NAME OF LOCAL AUTHORITY] & Berkshire Film Office "or "Berkshire Film Office logo" (available on request)

Section 12: Data Protection

- I. Under the Data Protection Act 2018, we are required to gain your permission to keep personal details for you. For further information please visit: <https://www.resource-productions.co.uk/corporate-privacy>
- II. Completing the "Apply to Film" Form and signing it gives us your informed consent. If you are unable to access the provided links or wish to submit a query in relation to fair processing, please contact Resource Productions data protection officer dom@resource-productions.co.uk

Section 13: Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually.

Section 14: References

Film London – Filming in London Code of Practice

http://core.filmlondon.org.uk/library/documents/Film-London-Code-of-Practice_2018_web.pdf



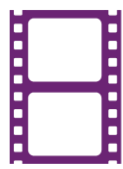
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Section 15: Appendices

- Appendix 1 Apply to Film (example)
- Appendix 2 Code of Practice & Filming Guidelines
- Appendix 3 Guide to Film Charges
- Appendix 4 Filming Agreement (example)

For more information go to
www.berkshirefilmoffice.co.uk



GUIDE TO FILMING COSTS

*This is just a guide and pricing may vary depending on the Local Authority.

Street Filming

e.g. Highways, Parks and Open Spaces

Item	Per Day
Small Production (up to 5 people incl. cast & crew)	£300 – £500
Medium Production (6 to 29 people incl. cast & crew)	£600 - £2,500
Large Production (over 30 people incl. cast & crew)	£3,000 - £5,000
Student & Not for Profit (at the discretion of each local authority)	Negotiable
Variations to “Application to Film”	<i>At cost only as incurred</i>

Local Authority Properties

e.g. Town Halls, Leisure Centres, Schools, Community Centres etc.

Production type	Per Day	Lead Time
Hire of Facilities	£500 - £5,000	10 working days (subject to availability)

Highways & Parking

Item	Cost	Lead Time
Temporary Traffic Notice (TTN)	£500 - £1,500	10 working days
Temporary Traffic Order (TTO)	£3,000	3 months
Parking Permits, Waivers & Dispensations	£25-£100 per bay per day	Depending on notice period given

Other

Item	Cost	Lead Time
BFO representative on set as and when required by location owner	£250 per day	n/a
Talent & Crew listed on Berkshire Film Office website	£100 - £250 per day	Subject to Availability
Unit Base Facilities	£500 - £5,000 per day	Subject to Availability
Temporary Structures Crane Licences Street Lighting Amendments Amendments to Street Furniture	POA	As available



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Berkshire Film Office - Apply to Film

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Ref No: BFO -	Contact Name:
Date of Enquiry:	Local Authority:
Enquiry Taken by:	Date Referred:

LOCATION MANAGER CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Contact Number	Email
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PRODUCER CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Contact Number	Email
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PRODUCTION ACCOUNTANT CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Contact Number	Email
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PRODUCTION COMPANY DETAILS

Production Company Name	Office No:
Address	Postcode

PRODUCTION DETAILS

Title of Production

Type of Production

Feature Film
 HETV
 Outside Broadcast
 Commercial/ Promo / Corporate
 Student/ Charity
 Other (Please specify)

Local Authority for proposed location

Slough
 Windsor & Maidenhead (RBWM)
 Wokingham
 Bracknell Forest
 Reading
 West Berkshire
 Don't Know

Estimated production spend in the county

£0
 £1 - £499
 £500 - £4,999
 £5000+

Number of cast & crew

Proposed Filming Dates, Times and Locations

Start Date	End Date	Start Time	End Time	Location <small>(please list all correct street names or addresses where appropriate - exact locations are required for street-work checks)</small>
Example - 01/10/2018	02/10/2018	09:00:00	17:00:00	Greenham Common, Newbury

Please list the type of equipment (e.g. Drone cameras, Cranes, Towers, Tracking vehicle and Camera track)

Where will you be filming?

Exterior
 Interior
 Both

Any additional requirements for filming?

Specialist Fixer Services
 Temporary Traffic Notices (TTN)
 Temporary Traffic (Regulation) Order (TTO/TTRO)
 Pay and Display bay suspensions & Parking Permits
 Child Licence Application
 Unit Base Facilities
 Temporary Structures
 Crane Licences
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Outline nature of scenes being filmed

Please indicate if filming any of the following:

Scenes of offensive Nature
 Violence or sex scenes
 Scene of a crime
 Loud Noises
 Actors in emergency service uniform
 Firearms
 Marked Police Car
 Other emergency service vehicle
 Stunts
 Children & Animals
 Alterations & Set Dressing
 Pre-Lighting
 Traffic Mgt/ Road Closure

Unit base required for facilities and crew?

Yes
 No
 If yes, please provide Unit base address & postcode
 Contact name & Number

Would you like to work with local Berkshire based facility and service providers?

Fixer Services
 Crew & Talent
 Production Facilities
 Funding
 Training
 Recycling
 Waste Collection
 Other (please specify)

How did you hear about the Berkshire Film Office?

Social Media
 Online Listing
 Council Website
 Resource Productions Website
 Word Of Mouth
 Council Staff member
 College/ University
 Event
 Other (please specify)

Company Disclosure:

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You can agree to be contacted for other purposes by ticking any of the following boxes:

By post

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By email

I declare that all the information I have provided is accurate and that I have read and understood the statement relating to Data Protection.

SIGNATURE

DATE

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Once completed please email this form to - film@berkshirefilloffice.co.uk



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