

### **4.3.1. Discretionary enhanced pre-application advice service**

As described in Section 4.2.1, an element of advice would be provided as part of our application charges for Standard Rules and Bespoke permits. If an operator would like further advice on their application, we have proposed a discretionary time and materials charged service for our permitting pre-application advice across all regimes and sectors. The benefit of gaining an enhanced service from us would be to improve the quality of the application and gain advice on technical issues that might arise during the application process.

This discretionary enhanced service will be charged at £100 per hour.

The enhanced service could include face-to-face meetings and providing advice on the following, for example:

- complex modelling
- risk assessment preparation
- parallel tracking complex permits and models
- hazardous substances assessments or indicative limits up front
- monitoring requirements (including baseline)