

4.9.9 Installations: Food and Drink Sector

The proposed permit categories and baseline charges for the food and drink sector can be found in the tables of charges in the schedule to the charging scheme. Charges relating to permitting applications are in Part 1.7 of the application charges table; annual compliance charges are found in Part 2.7 of the subsistence charges table.

Overall, we do not expect much change from the current income levels and we do not propose any significant shift in the way we regulate this mature sector.

For this very diverse sector we have proposed a 'component approach' with additional components that can apply as well as the base level subsistence. These are needed to cover the additional activities on site that require additional regulatory effort by us, whilst avoiding the need to produce numerous additional charge activity references for these sectors. Please see the charges scheme subsistence tables for further details.

Some existing customers will see a financial benefit as a result of the review especially those previously paying more solely due to their location. Many sites will see a reduction in annual charges.