

There are a number of points you should consider if you want to install satellite television in the Peak District National Park:

Planning permission may or may not be needed to install a satellite dish on dwelling houses and on other buildings which are less than 15 metres high (see the next section). Planning permission is always needed if you live in a block of flats and there is already one dish on the building. It is also always needed if the building is more than 15 metres high. Please check with us if you are in any doubt.

If your property is a listed building, installing a dish will in most cases affect the character or appearance of the building. If this is the case you will need to apply for listed building consent. We can advise you if your property is listed.

The most obvious position for your dish may not necessarily be the best because of the impact it will have on the environment, the public and your neighbours. The Authority can require you to move any badly sited dish even if planning permission/listed building consent is not needed. Careful consideration of siting beforehand will save time and expense.

The law

The Town and Country Planning Act (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 states that you should install a dish where it has the least damaging effect on the outside appearance of a building. This is irrespective of whether planning permission is needed or not. It also states that you will need planning permission to install, alter or replace a satellite dish within the National Park if it is on a dwelling house, or in its grounds, or on any other building which is less than 15 metres high in the following cases:

- **If the dish is facing a road or a footpath.**
- **If the satellite dish is larger than 70 cm when it is measured in any direction.**
- **If it is positioned above the highest part of the roof.**
- **If it is on a chimney.**
- **If there is already a dish on the building or in its grounds.**
- **If the building upon which it is placed is taller than 15 metres.**

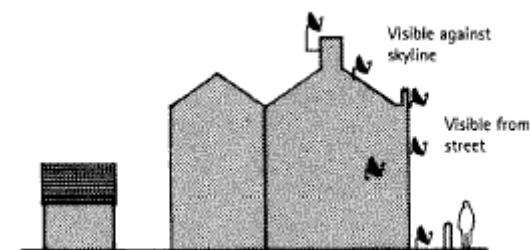
If none of the above apply then planning permission is not needed.

A satellite dish must be removed when it is no longer in use.

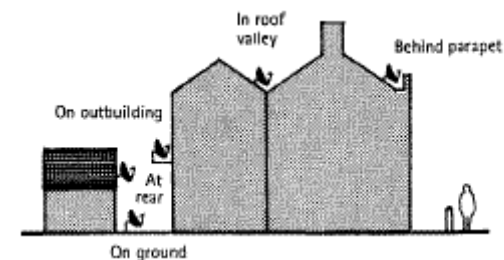
Siting your dish

When choosing a place for your satellite dish, remember permission is most likely to be granted for a dish that is well screened and which blends in with its background.

The cheapest option may not be the most environmentally friendly. Please shop around and avoid large and unsightly dishes. Always choose the smallest dish available for good reception.



Generally unsuitable locations



Generally preferable locations

Minimising the impact

Ensure that your installer is familiar with the planning and environmental aspects of installation. A useful guideline is to check for membership of the Confederation of Aerial Industries (CAI). A good installer will be able to advise you on careful siting and will know that:

- **Planning permission and/or listed building consent will be needed in some cases.**
- **The performance of a dish is not affected by its height. For the best reception, a dish must face 13° east of south east. It should have a clear line of sight into the sky at an angle of 27°.**
- **A dish can be painted any colour to blend in with its background.**
- **A mesh dish may be less obtrusive than a solid one.**
- **Dishes can work just as well on outbuildings and in gardens. Cables can easily be run underground.**
- **Dishes can work through glass and can be put in greenhouses, conservatories or under loft rooflights.**
- **A chimney is not a good location for a satellite dish due to the wind loading this puts on a stack. In a high wind structural damage can occur.**

If you get it wrong

In those cases where you poorly site a satellite dish you will be asked to resite it at your own expense to a position agreed with the Authority. If you refuse to do this you will be asked to make a planning application, for which a charge is payable. In the case of listed buildings, listed building consent will also be required (no fee is payable for this).

If you fail to apply for permission, or it is refused then you may be served with an 'Enforcement Notice' requiring you to move the dish.

You have the right to appeal to the Secretary of State against the refusal of planning permission or the issue of an enforcement notice if you think your dish is correctly sited.

Unless you have successfully appealed against it, failure to comply with an enforcement notice is an offence which may lead to a fine.

We want to help you to get it right

Please remember in almost every case there is a solution to suit everyone. Don't hesitate to contact the Authority's Development Control Section on 01629 816200 if you have any queries.

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Installing a Satellite Dish in the Peak District National Park

If you are thinking of installing satellite television this leaflet will help you to get the planning aspects right first time.

