

Planning Permission in France

Generally speaking, any changes to the external appearance of your gite (no matter how small!), and renovations, conversions, extensions, etc., will require some form of permit. No matter what your neighbour, or the man you met in the bar last night might say to the contrary, you **cannot** alter your property without the appropriate consent. The Mairie can help guide you through this process, but you will need specialist help in most cases. The Mairie cannot prepare anything for you, their role is limited to supplying advice.



Employ someone who understands the planning system in France and who offers a bi-lingual service. Planning applications here require very specific documents and drawings and if anything is missing from the dossier, your application will be automatically rejected. By employing professionals at the outset you will save a lot of time and hassle. It is money well spent!

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