

What are Local Land Charges?

The Local Land Charges Register and searches of the Registers were introduced by the Land Charges Act 1925. The Register and the ability to search it was designed to ensure that anyone purchasing land or property would not be caught out by the existence of any obligations or restrictions (known as charges), which are binding, against successive owners, by the local authority. Local Land Charges are outstanding charges that local or central government can demand from successive owners or occupiers of property or land, or restrictions on the use of property or land. These include charges for services such as roads, or restrictions upon land such as Tree Preservation Orders. Also included are non-financial charges for example relating to planning decisions.

It is a statutory requirement within England and Wales for all Local Authorities to generate, maintain and regularly update a Local Land Charges Register and to facilitate local searches. The Land Charges Register holds details of land and property within the Borough of Scarborough. The statutory register is updated daily with information from other Council departments to ensure up to date details affecting the property are held on the register so it can be disclosed on the Local Search result.

The 12 parts of the Local Land Charges Register are as follows:-

Part	Title
1	General Financial Charges
2	Specific Financial Charges
3	Planning Charges
4	Miscellaneous Charges
5	Fenland Ways Maintenance Charges
6	Land Compensation Notices
7	New Towns Charges
8	Civil Aviation Charges
9	Opencast Coal Charges
10	Listed Building Charges
11	Light Obstruction Notices
12	Drainage Scheme Charges