Sustainability Checklist

Checking the proposal against each of the relevant priorities listed will help improve the sustainability of the proposal and avoid delays while additional information is requested to support the application.

Layout and Design	Yes	No	N/A	Justification
Does the location of the proposed development				
minimise distances to the main employment				
centres, shops, recreation and community facilities,				
and schools?				
Has the local context been addressed in the				
application and does the building arrangement				
consider the existing streetscape?				
Has the visual interest of the street layout been				
considered in the application?				
Have daylight, sunlight and privacy been considered				
in the application				
Has outdoor space been considered in the				
application?				
Is there sufficient space for bin storage which				
protects visual amenity and prevents risk of				
hazards?				
Does the design conform to the Technical Housing				
Standards - Nationally Described Space Standard?				
Does the design have regard for characteristics of				
the area?				
Is the overall design in accordance with the				
principles of Passive Solar Design e.g. natural				
heating and light through solar gain, passive				
ventilation?				
Are the materials chosen appropriate for thermal				
massed has appropriate insulation and				

airtightness been considered in the design of			
buildings, whilst balancing against the needs to			
avoid over-heating?			
For larger development schemes – does the layout			
utilise design to minimise shadowing, and gain			
heating efficiencies? Will the development make the			
best use of existing landform, to protect against			
hotter or wetter weather conditions, and utilise			
thermal buffering?			
Does the proposal deliver measurable			
improvements for biodiversity by preserving or			
enhancing habitats?			
Sustainable Transport			
Do the designs support sustainable transport		<u> </u>	
options?			
Does the scheme facilitate active/healthy travel			
choices and reduce private car dependency?			
Do pedestrian and cycle routes link comfortably to			
surrounding areas/facilities, and to other transport			
networks.			
Does the proposal provide appropriate levels and			
standards of car parking (as set out in Appendix 5 of			
the local plan)?			
Will the development incorporate electric vehicle			
charging points?			
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Does the proposal provide appropriate levels of, and			
Does the proposal provide appropriate levels of, and secure facilities for, cycle parking/storage?			
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proposal, including measures such as carclubs/smart		
travel?		
Energy Efficiency		
Has the development been designed in accordance		
with the Energy Hierarchy (Reduce energy		
demand>Supply energy efficiently>Utilise		
renewable technology)?		
Has an Energy Statement been prepared for the		
application?		
Does the development utilise energy efficient design		
techniques such as the passive design concept and		
high-level insulation?		
Have efficient means of supplying energy been		
included in the proposal including efficient		
mechanical and electric systems, heat pumps,		
'smart' appliances and heat recovery systems?		
For energy generation have renewable technologies		
been utilised such as solar panels, micro turbines		
and ground source heat pumps?		
Has the scope for connection of larger		
developments schemes to an existing District Heat		
and Cooling System, or CHP system been		
considered?		
In terms of water-use efficiency, does the proposal		
comply with Building Regulations limit of 110 litres		
per day?		
Have measures been included into the scheme to		
recycle water, for example water-butts for housing		
developments, or underground tanks?		
Will the development require water-intensive		
processes for construction and, if so, are there any		

water-saving measures that can be used to reduce		
this?		
BREEAM Assessment (Non-residential buildings		
over 1000sqm)		
Has a BREEAM assessment, which achieves at least a		
"Very Good" rating been submitted?		
Has provision been made to submit post		
construction certificates to achieve a minimum		
"Very Good" rating?		
Flood Risk and Drainage		
Has the development been located away from areas		
more at risk from flooding (Floods Zone 2 and 3)?		
Has the Environment Agency Surface Water		
Flooding Map been checked to identify localised		
flooding issues?		
Have Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) been		
incorporated into the development proposal? For		
example infiltration basins, soakaways, permeable		
paving?		
Have maintenance responsibilities been identified		
for any proposed SuDS?		
Heritage Assets		
Has the impact of proposals upon heritage assets,		
such as conservation areas and listed buildings been		
considered? (Works to listed buildings may also		
require Listed Building Consent in addition to		
planning permission. Please check with the planning		
office).		
Where possible, can materials be re-used in the		
proposal that are in keeping with the heritage asset?		
Demolition and Construction		

Has consideration been given to the amount of		
embodied carbon (the CO2 used in producing		
materials), including how it will be reduced in the	\square	
development and how waste will be reduced and		
diverted from landfill?		
Has a Construction Management Plan been		
prepared for the proposal?		
Where site demolition will be necessary, have		
procedures for the salvage of building part and/or	_	
materials been put in place (including any natural		
materials on site)?		
Biodiversity Net Gain		
Is 10% Biodiversity Net Gain required?		
If Yes please comment if this will be provided on	\square	
site, off site or both.		
If No please explain why this is not applicable		