



Westmorland and Furness Design Code Compliance Checklist

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Barn conversions

	Yes	No	N/A	If 'yes', show how . If 'no', justify. Provide evidence.
Context				
Does the proposal reflect local distinctiveness by complementing and enhancing the existing built and natural environment?				
Does the proposal include a site analysis that evaluates the constraints and opportunities of the site?				
Has your design considered the site's drainage, and the location(s) of existing water and wastewater assets?				
Have you identified whether your proposal falls within or affects the setting of any landscape, ecological, cultural, and historic sites and designations?				
Is the barn structurally sound and capable of reuse?				
Are all buildings and structures on the site proposed to be retained and reused?				
Climate				
Does the proposal re-use the existing barn with minimal demolition and rebuilding?				
Does the proposal use sustainable construction methods and materials?				
Does the proposal integrate Sustainable Drainage Systems of an appropriate form and scale?				
Nature				
Does the proposal identify and consider priority habitats and species within the site and its immediate surroundings?				
Does the proposal achieve a minimum of 10% Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)?				
Does the proposal retain and protect existing hedgerows and trees, replace those that must				

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be removed and include a variety of native species in new planting?				
Movement				
Does the lighting in the design preserve dark skies and minimise/avoid light pollution?				
Does proposed external lighting accord with the Cumbria Good Lighting Technical Advice Note ?				
Does the car parking provision integrate into the design of attractive, distinctive and well-functioning places?				
Built Form				
Does the design of the proposal make a positive response to the character of the surroundings or settlement?				
Is the height of the proposal informed by the prevailing building heights identified in the context/historic environment assessment?				
Identity				
Have you demonstrated how the analysis of the site and its context have informed the design of the proposal?				
Does the proposal retain and re-use historic building materials?				
Does the proposal re-use existing openings?				
Are new windows and glazing well-recessed into the wall?				
Does the proposal retain a traditional roof with little or no alteration?				
Do extensions reflect the character of the existing barn and site?				
Do extensions use existing/known former additions or buildings for re-use?				
Do extensions remain subservient to barn or farm buildings by virtue of their				

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scale, height, massing or location?				
Does the design of landscaping and boundary features retain the rural and agricultural character of the site?				
Does the proposal incorporate create and enhance important vistas, viewpoints and sightlines?				
If the proposal impacts a conservation area or historic settlement core, does the design reflect the local vernacular tradition and respond to the historic spatial character?				