



# Westmorland and Furness Design Code Compliance Checklist

**LUC**

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## Brownfield Homes Large (10 or more homes)

|                                                                                                                                                            | Yes | No | N/A | If 'yes', show <b>how</b> . If 'no', justify. Provide evidence. |
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| <b>Context</b>                                                                                                                                             |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Does the proposal demonstrate how the design has been informed by established characteristics and qualities of the surrounding environment?                |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| 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? |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Does the proposal respond to and make a positive contribution to the existing historic landscape and cultural and townscape context?                       |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Does the proposal consider impacts on heritage assets and avoid harm to the significance of them?                                                          |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| <b>Climate</b>                                                                                                                                             |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Does the proposal use sustainable construction methods and materials?                                                                                      |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Does the proposal respond to any flood risks on the site?                                                                                                  |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Does the proposal contribute towards a reduction in flood risks and the potential impacts of flooding?                                                     |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Does the proposal integrate Sustainable Drainage Systems                                                                                                   |     |    |     |                                                                 |

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| of an appropriate form and scale?                                                                                                                                                                          |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Does the strategy for the proposal focus on reducing the impact of urban heat island effect, managing stormwater effectively, and enhancing the natural environment?                                       |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Is the proposal designed so that the building form and layout are optimised to maximise daylight and passive solar gains for internal spaces?                                                              |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| <b>Nature</b>                                                                                                                                                                                              |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Does the proposal adopt a landscape first approach to green and blue infrastructure?                                                                                                                       |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Does the proposal deliver good quality open space and enhance or maintain safe, direct and inclusive access to 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 be removed and include a variety of native species in new planting?                                             |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| <b>Movement</b>                                                                                                                                                                                            |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Does the proposal prioritise sustainable healthy modes of travel, cater to all users, ensure a permeable and well connected street network with direct routes for pedestrians, and create green corridors? |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Do the proposed public spaces respond to the context of the place in a positive manner in terms of landscaping, material choices and durability?                                                           |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Are the proposed public spaces inclusive, attractive, adaptable                                                                                                                                            |     |    |     |                                                                 |

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| and encourage community interaction and social cohesion?                                                                                                                                    |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Is the proposed public realm lighting designed to ensure safety, visibility and inclusiveness for all users?                                                                                |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Does the proposed lighting preserve dark skies and minimise/avoid light pollution?                                                                                                          |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Does proposed external lighting accord with the <a href="#">Cumbria Good Lighting Technical Advice Note</a> ?                                                                               |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Does the car parking provision integrate into the design of attractive, distinctive and well-functioning places?                                                                            |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| <b>Built Form</b>                                                                                                                                                                           |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Does the design of the proposal make a positive response to the urban grain of the surroundings or settlement by respecting its character?                                                  |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Does the proposal respond positively to the uniform or variance of the existing building line and building heights, and reinforce existing plot widths in the surrounding context?          |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Does the proposal ensure that public and communal spaces, buildings, streets and paths are directly overlooked through natural surveillance?                                                |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Does the design of the proposal ensure there is clear and obvious demarcation between public and private spaces utilising appropriate physical boundary treatments or landscaping elements? |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| <b>Identity</b>                                                                                                                                                                             |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Have you demonstrated how the analysis of the site and its context have informed the design of the proposal?                                                                                |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Does the proposal retain existing dry stone wall or native                                                                                                                                  |     |    |     |                                                                 |

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| hedges and use appropriate new boundary features?                                                                                                                              |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Does the proposal incorporate create and enhance important vistas, viewpoints and sightlines?                                                                                  |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Does the proposal ensure a sympathetic transition between built up areas and the countryside at settlement edges?                                                              |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Does the proposal respect the context and prevailing scale of existing traditional buildings?                                                                                  |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| 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? |     |    |     |                                                                 |
| Do the colours and textures of materials in the proposal harmonise with local character and landscape?                                                                         |     |    |     |                                                                 |