



# Westmorland and Furness Design Code Compliance Checklist: Rural Replacement Dwellings

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Question	Answer
<b>Context</b>	
How does the proposal reflect local distinctiveness and complement/enhance the existing built and natural environment? (Code RRD 1.2)	
What are the constraints and opportunities of the site, and how has the Proposal addressed these? (Code RRD 1.3)	
How has your design considered the site's drainage, and the location(s) of existing water and wastewater assets? (Code RRD 1.3)	
Which landscape, ecological, cultural, and historic sites and designations does the proposal fall within or affect the setting of? (Code RRD 1.4)	
<b>Climate</b>	
Which sustainable construction methods and materials are proposed? (Code RRD 2.1)	
Are there any flood risks on the site? If so, how does the proposal respond to these flood risks? (Code RRD 2.2)	
How does the proposal integrate Sustainable Drainage Systems of an appropriate form and scale? What are the SuDS components? (Code RRD 2.3)	
<b>Nature</b>	
How has the proposal identified and considered priority habitats and species, designated sites, protected species and irreplaceable habitats, within the site and its immediate surroundings? (Code RRD 3.1)	
Have ecological surveys been undertaken to support the proposals? If so, do the surveys identify and consider the following within the site and immediate surroundings: designated sites, protected / priority species, irreplaceable / priority habitats,	

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watercourses / waterbodies, and invasive species? (Code RRD 3.1)	
How does the proposal conserve, enhance and protect via mitigation priority habitats and species, designated sites, protected species and irreplaceable habitats within the site? What compensation measures are proposed for these where adequate conservation and mitigation cannot be achieved (Code RRD 3.1)	
How have the proposals taken the Local Nature Recovery Strategy into consideration? (Code RRD 3.1)	
What percentage of the proposed new structures include bat, bird, swift, hedgehog, insect habitat enhancement features and how have these features been appropriately placed? Has a plan showing their location been included? (Code RRD 3.1)	
How does the proposal include habitats appropriate to local context and ensure they reflect the natural character and biodiversity priorities of the area? (Code RRD 3.2)	
How the proposal design create or enhance habitats as part of a coherent ecological network? (Code RRD 3.2)	
How will the proposal retain and protect existing hedgerows and trees, or replace those that must be removed and include a variety of native species in new planting? (Code RRD 3.3)	
What percentage of each type of existing habitats has been retained and lost? (Code RRD 3.3)	
What percentage of proposed new planting utilises native species of local provenance? (Code RRD 3.3)	
Do the proposals avoid the planting of Invasive Non-Native Species and Species of Special Concern? (Code RRD 3.3)	
<b>Movement</b>	
Does the lighting in the design preserve dark skies and minimise/avoid light pollution and	

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impacts on biodiversity? (Code RRD 4.1)	
Does proposed external lighting accord with the <a href="#">Cumbria Good Lighting Technical Advice Note</a> ? (Code RRD 4.1)	
Does the car parking provision integrate into the design of attractive, distinctive and well-functioning places? (Code RRD 4.2)	
<b>Built Form</b>	
How does the design of the proposal make a positive response to the urban grain of the surroundings or settlement by respecting its character? (Code RRD 5.1)	
How has the proposal been informed by the prevailing building heights identified in the context/historic environment assessment? (Code RRD 5.3)	
<b>Identity</b>	
How has the analysis of the site and its context informed the design of the proposal? (Code RRD 6.1)	
How has the character of the site been retained through landscaping and boundary features? (Code RRD 6.2)	
Which important vistas, viewpoints and sightlines does the proposal incorporate, create and enhance? (Code RRD 6.3)	
If the proposal impacts a conservation area or historic settlement core, how does the design reflect the local tradition and respond to the historic spatial character? (Code RRD 6.6)	
Which building materials are proposed for buildings and structures, and how do they positively respond to the site and its context? (Code RRD 6.7)	