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# Westmorland and Furness Design Code Compliance Checklist: Conversion of Larger Buildings to Homes



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Question	Answer
<b>Context</b>	
How does the proposal reflect local distinctiveness and complement or enhance the existing built and natural environment? (Code CLB 1.1)	
What are the constraints and opportunities of the site, and how has the Proposal addressed these? (Code CLB 1.2)	
How has your design considered the site's drainage, and the location(s) of existing water and wastewater assets? (Code CLB 1.2)	
Which landscape, ecological, cultural, and historic sites and designations does the proposal fall within or affect the setting of? (Code CLB 1.3)	
How have you assessed if the existing building is structurally sound and capable of reuse?	
How many buildings and structures on the site are proposed to be retained and reused?	
<b>Climate</b>	
How has the proposal re-used the existing building and minimised demolition and rebuilding? (Code CLB 2.1)	
Which sustainable construction methods and materials are proposed? (Code CLB 2.1)	
Are there any flood risks on the site? If so, how does the proposal respond to these flood risks? (Code CLB 2.2)	
How does the proposal integrate Sustainable Drainage Systems of an appropriate form and scale? What are the SuDS components? (Code CLB 2.3)	
<b>Nature</b>	
How has the proposal identified and considered priority habitats and species, designated sites, protected species and irreplaceable habitats,	

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within the site and its immediate surroundings? (Code CLB 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 CLB 3.2)	
How does the proposal design create or enhance habitats as part of a coherent ecological network? (Code CLB 3.2)	
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, watercourses / waterbodies, and invasive species? (Code CLB 3.1)	
How have the proposals taken the Local Nature Recovery Strategy into consideration (Code CLB 3.1)	
What percentage of the proposed new developments 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 CLB 3.1)	
What potential bird nesting or bat roosting features have been retained in the build? (Code CLB 3.1)	
How will the proposal retain and protect existing hedges and trees, or replace those that must be removed and include a variety of native species in new planting? (Code CLB 3.3)	
What percentage of each type of existing habitats has been retained and lost? (Code CLB 3.3)	
What percentage of proposed new planting utilises native species of local provenance? (Code CLB 3.3)	
Do the proposals avoid the planting of Invasive Non-Native Species and Species of Special Concern? (Code CLB 3.3)	

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<b>Movement</b>	
What sources of light pollution have been identified and how does the lighting in the design preserve dark skies and minimise/avoid light pollution and impacts on biodiversity? (Code CLB 4.1)	
How does proposed external lighting accord with the <a href="#">Cumbria Good Lighting Technical Advice Note</a> ? (Code CLB 4.1)	
How has car parking provision been integrated into the design to ensure attractive, distinctive and well-functioning places? (Code CLB 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 and respect its character? (Code CLB 5.1)	
How has the proposal been informed by the prevailing building heights identified in the context / historic environment assessment? (Code CLB 5.2)	
<b>Identity</b>	
How has the analysis of the site and its context informed the design of the proposal? (Code CLB 6.1)	
How many existing external doors and windows does the proposal re-use?	
How many new windows and glazing are there and are they well-recessed into the wall?	
How much of the traditional roof, with little or no alteration, does the proposal retain?	
How do proposed extensions reflect the character of the existing building and site?	
How does the design of landscaping and boundary features retain the existing or traditional character of the site?	
How does the proposal make suitable provision for discreet bin and cycle storage?	

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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 CLB 6.2)	
Which building materials are proposed for buildings and structures, and how do they positively respond to the site and its context?	