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Westmorland and Furness Design Code Compliance Checklist: Greenfield Business



Greenfield Business Uses

Question	Answer
Context	
How has the proposal's design been informed by established characteristics and qualities of the surrounding environment? (Code BG 1.1)	
How does the proposal reflect local distinctiveness and complement or enhance the existing built and natural environment? (Code BG 1.2)	
What are the constraints and opportunities of the site, and how has the Proposal addressed these? (Code BG 1.3)	
How has your design considered the site's drainage, and the location(s) of existing water and wastewater assets? (Code BG 1.)	
Which landscape, ecological, cultural, and historic sites and designations does the proposal fall within or affect the setting of? (Code BG 1.4)	
How does the proposal respond to and make a positive contribution to the existing historic landscape and cultural and townscape context? (Code BG 1.5)	
How does the proposal minimise impacts on heritage assets and avoid harm to their significance? (Code BG 1.5)	
Climate	
Are there any flood risks on the site? If so, how does the proposal respond to these flood risks? (Code BG 2.1)	
How does the proposal contribute towards a reduction in flood risks elsewhere and the potential impacts of flooding elsewhere? (Code BG 2.1)	
How does the proposal integrate Sustainable Drainage Systems of an appropriate form and scale?	

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What are the SuDS components? (Code BG 2.2)	
How does the proposed design manage stormwater effectively, and enhance the natural environment?	
Nature	
How has the proposal adopted a landscape first approach to green and blue infrastructure? For example, by retaining and improving existing green and blue infrastructure improving accessibility to the green and blue infrastructure network, or creating new green or blue infrastructure. (Code BG 3.1)	
How has the proposal integrated new and existing Green and Blue Infrastructure network in the surroundings of the site? (Code BG 3.1)	
List the different types of interlinked Green and Blue Infrastructure that have been included so that the network is multifunctional (Code BG 3.1)	
How has the proposal identified and considered priority habitats and species, designated sites, protected species and irreplaceable habitats, and veteran trees within the site and its immediate surroundings? (Code BG 3.4)	
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 BG 3.4)	
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	

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mitigation cannot be achieved (Code BG 3.4)	
How have the proposals taken the Local Nature Recovery Strategy into consideration? (Code BG 3.4)	
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 BG 3.4)	
How does the proposal include habitats appropriate to local context and ensure they reflect the natural character and biodiversity priorities of the area? (Code BG 3.5)	
How does the proposal design create or enhance habitats as part of a coherent ecological network? (Code BG 3.5)	
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 BG 3.6)	
What percentage of each type of existing habitats has been retained and lost? (Code BG 3.6)	
What percentage of proposed new planting utilises native species of local provenance? (Code BG 3.6)	
Do the proposals avoid the planting of Invasive Non-Native Species and Species of Special Concern? (Code BG 3.6)	
Movement	
How 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? (Code BG 4.2)	
How is the proposed public realm lighting designed to ensure safety, visibility and inclusiveness for all users? (Code BG 4.4)	
What sources of light pollution have been identified and how does the	

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proposed lighting preserve dark skies and minimise/avoid light pollution and impacts on biodiversity? (Code BG 4.4 & BG 4.5)	
How does proposed external lighting accord with the Cumbria Good Lighting Technical Advice Note ? (Code BG 4.5)	
How has car parking provision been integrated into the design of attractive, distinctive and well-functioning places? (Code BG 4.6)	
Built Form	
How does the proposal ensure that public and communal spaces, buildings, streets and paths are directly overlooked through natural surveillance? (Code BG 5.3)	
Has consultation with Cumbria Police Designing Out Crime Officer been undertaken where appropriate, and have any recommendations been addressed? (Code BG 5.3)	
Which proposed new physical boundary treatments or landscaping elements ensure there is clear and obvious demarcation between public and private spaces? (Code BG 5.3)	
Identity	
How has the analysis of the site and its context informed the design of the proposal? (Code BG 6.1)	
What percentage of existing dry stone wall or native hedges does the proposal retain? Which appropriate new boundary features does the proposal include?	
Which important vistas, viewpoints and sightlines does the proposal incorporate, create and enhance? (Code BG 6.2)	
How does the proposal ensure a sympathetic transition between built up areas and the countryside at settlement edges? (Code BG 6.3)	
How have the colours and textures of materials been used in the proposal to be harmonious with	

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local character and the landscape? (Code BG 6.4)	
Which building materials are proposed for buildings and structures, and how do they positively respond to the site and its context? (Code BG 6.4)	