



Westmorland and Furness Design Code Compliance Checklist

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House extensions and alterations

	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?				
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?				
Identity				
Have you demonstrated how the analysis of the site and its context have informed the design of the proposal?				
Does the design of landscaping and boundary features retain the character of the site?				
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?				
Climate				
Does the proposal use sustainable construction methods and materials?				
Does the proposal respond to any flood risks on the site?				
Does the proposal integrate Sustainable Drainage Systems of an appropriate form and scale?				
Nature				
Does the proposal achieve a minimum of 10% Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)?				

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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?				
Built Form and Scale				
Is the extension subservient to the existing house in terms of its location, height, footprint, size and scale?				
Do the roof shape and pitch respond positively to the roof shape and pitch of the existing house?				
Do the proportions and massing of the proposal harmonise with the proportions and massing of the existing house?				
Do dormers or rooflights complement the character of the roof and the existing house in terms of their shape, size, scale, number or location?				
Materials and Details				
Do the proposed roofing and walling materials relate well to the existing building and its surroundings?				
Are the colours and textures appropriate in relation to the existing house and its surroundings?				
Are windows and doors suitably recessed in the wall and appropriate in their number, layout sizes and shapes?				
Light, Aspect and Privacy				
Is there an unacceptable impact on neighbouring homes and gardens in terms of the proposal's location, scale, size or height?				
Does the proposal pass the '45 degree' test?				
Do the design and location of windows adequately maintain				

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the privacy of neighbouring homes and gardens?				
Is the proposal 2m or more from the property boundary?				
Are there adequate separation distances between rooms in the proposal and the rooms of neighbouring homes?				
Do the separation distances between rooms take account in any changes in level between the proposal and neighbouring homes and gardens?				
Are there any sources of light pollution or lighting that may be nuisance to neighbours?				
Does proposed external lighting accord with the Cumbria Good Lighting Technical Advice Note ?				
Does the proposal make best use of passive solar gain and daylighting?				