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# Westmorland and Furness Design Code Compliance Checklist: Other Development



## ‘Other’ Development

This category is for applications that do not readily fall into any of the development type categories in the Westmorland and Furness Design Code.

The possible scales and types of development that may be classed as ‘other’ mean that this checklist is deliberately as broad as possible in its scope. As a consequence, there may be rows that do not apply to your proposal.

Question	Answer
<b>Context</b>	
How has the proposal's design been informed by established characteristics and qualities of the surrounding environment? (Code OD 1.1)	
How does the proposal reflect local distinctiveness and complement or enhance the existing built and natural environment? (Code OD 1.2)	
What are the constraints and opportunities of the site, and how has the Proposal addressed these? (Code OD 1.3)	
How has your design considered the site's drainage, and the location(s) of existing water and wastewater assets? (Code OD 1.3)	
Which landscape, ecological, cultural, and historic sites and designations does the proposal fall within or affect the setting of? (Code OD 1.4)	
How does the proposal respond to and make a positive contribution to the existing historic landscape and cultural and townscape context? (Code OD 1.5)	
How does the proposal minimise impacts on heritage assets and avoid harm to their significance? (Code OD 1.5)	
<b>Climate</b>	
Which sustainable construction methods and materials are proposed? (Code OD 2.1)	

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<p>Are there any flood risks on the site? If so, how does the proposal respond to these flood risks? (Code HE 2.2)</p>	
<p>How does the proposal contribute towards a reduction in flood risks elsewhere and the potential impacts of flooding elsewhere? (Code HE 2.2)</p>	
<p>How does the proposal integrate Sustainable Drainage Systems of an appropriate form and scale? What are the SuDS components? (Code HE 2.3)</p>	
<p>How does the proposed design reduce the urban heat island effect, manage stormwater effectively, and enhance the natural environment? (Code HE 2.4)</p>	
<p>How are building form and layout optimised to maximise daylight and passive solar gains for internal spaces? (Code HE 2.5)</p>	
<p>Nature</p>	
<p>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 OD 3.1)</p>	
<p>How has the proposal integrated new and existing Green and Blue Infrastructure on the site with the wider Green and Blue Infrastructure network in the surroundings of the site (Code OD 3.1)</p>	
<p>List the different types of interlinked Green and Blue Infrastructure that have been included so that the network is multifunctional (Code OD 3.1)</p>	
<p>How does the proposal's habitat creation and enhancement sustain and complement priority</p>	

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habitats and protected sites in the wider landscape? (Code OD 3.1)	
How has the proposal ensured the delivery of good quality open space? (Code OD 3.2)	
How has the proposal enhanced or maintained safe, direct and inclusive access to nature? (Code OD 3.3)	
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 OD 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 OD 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 mitigation cannot be achieved (Code OD 3.4)	
How have the proposals taken the Local Nature Recovery Strategy into consideration? (Code OD 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 OD 3.4)	
How does the proposal include habitats appropriate to local context and ensure they reflect the natural character and	

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biodiversity priorities of the area? (Code OD 3.5)	
How does the proposal design create or enhance habitats as part of a coherent ecological network? (Code OD 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 OD 3.6)	
What percentage of each type of existing habitats has been retained and lost? (Code OD 3.6)	
What percentage of the proposed new planting utilises native species of local provenance? (Code OD 3.6)	
Do the proposals avoid the planting of Invasive Non-Native Species and Species of Special Concern? (Code OD 3.6)	
<b>Movement</b>	
Explain how the proposal has a clear hierarchy of routes and how these have been integrated with the surrounding network? (Code OD 4.1)	
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 OD 4.2)	
How do the proposed public spaces respond to the context of the place in a positive manner in terms of landscaping, material choices and durability? (Code OD 4.4)	
How are the proposed public spaces inclusive, attractive, adaptable and encourage community interaction and social cohesion? (Code OD 4.5)	
How is the proposed public realm lighting designed to ensure safety, visibility and inclusiveness for all users? (Code OD 4.5)	

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What sources of light pollution have been identified and how does the proposed lighting preserve dark skies and minimise or avoid light pollution and impacts on biodiversity? (Code OD 4.6 & OD 4.7)	
How does proposed external lighting accord with the <a href="#">Cumbria Good Lighting Technical Advice Note</a> ? (Code OD 4.7)	
How has car parking provision been integrated into the design of attractive, distinctive and well-functioning places? (Code OD 4.8)	
<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 OD 5.1)	
How does the proposal respond positively to the uniform or varied character of the existing building line and building heights, and reinforce existing plot widths in the surrounding context? (Code OD 5.2 and 5.3)	
How does the proposal ensure that public and communal spaces, buildings, streets and paths are directly overlooked through natural surveillance? (Code OD 5.5)	
Has consultation with Cumbria Police Designing Out Crime Officer been undertaken where appropriate, and have any recommendations been addressed? (Code OD 5.5)	
Which proposed new physical boundary treatments or landscaping elements ensure there is clear and obvious demarcation between public and private spaces? (Code OD 5.5)	
<b>Identity</b>	
How has the analysis of the site and its context informed the	

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design of the proposal? (Code OD 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? (Code OD 6.2)	
Which important vistas, viewpoints and sightlines does the proposal incorporate, create and enhance? (Code OD 6.3)	
How does the proposal ensure a sympathetic transition between built up areas and the countryside at settlement edges? (Code OD 6.4)	
How does the proposal respect the context and prevailing scale of existing traditional buildings? (Code OD 6.5)	
If the proposal impacts a conservation area or historic settlement core, in what ways does the design reflect the local tradition and respond to the historic spatial character? (Code OD 6.5)	
How have the colours and textures of materials been used in the proposal to be harmonious with local character and the landscape? (Code OD 6.6)	
Which building materials are proposed for buildings and structures, and how do they positively respond to the site and its context? (Code OD 6.6)	