

Project Name			
Date of review		Reviewer	

Neighbourhoods compliance checklist: Key design principles

Use this checklist to review how the development meets the neighbourhood design principles. For each question, select one response with 'x' and add comments where Partially or No is selected.

Principle	Checklist question	Yes	Partially	No	N/A	Comments
N1	Does the development connect well into its surroundings?					
N2	Does the development create a clear network of connected routes for all pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles, prioritising active travel to enable healthier lifestyles?					
N3	Does the development provide a clear hierarchy of routes, where each type of route has a specific character and function?					
N4	Does the development address the valuable and sensitive elements of the local townscape and landscape character, minimising any negative impacts on them?					
N5	Does the development establish a character that is urban, semi-rural or rural					
N6	Does the development respect and respond to local heritage, especially heritage assets?					
N7	Does the development integrate well into its immediate setting and landscape and townscape context? Does the application demonstrate how local design and character have influenced design decisions?					
N8	Has the orientation, compactness and arrangement of development blocks and buildings been manipulated to reinforce and contribute to character, and to maximise sustainability?					
N9	Has visual analysis appropriate to the scale of development been carried out to determine the height and scale of new buildings in relation to the existing townscape and surrounding landscape?					

N10	Does the development include a careful selection of housing typologies to achieve an appropriate character or variety of character, at the desired density?					
N11	Does the application and design identify and retain important local views, and create new ones where possible?					
N12	Does the development integrate proposed open space and public realm into nearby existing green and blue infrastructure networks, both on-and off-site?					
N13	Do the proposed open spaces serve multiple purposes, improving the environment for both people and wildlife? Are all parts of the open space and public realm network well defined with a clear use and purpose?					
N14	Does the development's play strategy support opportunities for a range of formal and informal activities, on people's doorstep, and in the public realm?					
N15	Does the development protect and enhance existing retained habitats and meet current Biodiversity Net Gain targets					
N16	Does the development provide localised flood risk management solutions or nature-based flood solutions to improve flood resilience?					
N17	Does the development identify key buildings, groups of buildings or open spaces as focal points within a neighbourhood? Are these designed accordingly to aid with wayfinding?					
N18	Does the development use marker buildings to reinforce key places, where appropriate?					
N19	Does the development integrate affordable housing sensitively to create a place that feels welcoming to all?					
N20	Does the development provide a range of housing, including specialised housing and custom/self-build plots, in line with policy requirements?					

Streets compliance checklist: Key design principles

Use this checklist to review how the development meets the street design principles. For each question, select one response with 'x' and add comments where Partially or No is selected.

Principle	Checklist question	Yes	Partially	No	N/A	Comments
S1	Are the streets designed to be attractive and practical spaces for residents and visitors, as well as supporting wildlife?					
S2	Have the streets been designed to reinforce their position in the wider street hierarchy?					
S3	Are the streets designed to function as high-quality parts of the public realm for social and health benefits?					
S4	Have vehicle speeds been carefully managed through the layout of routes, junctions, and the use of calming measures?					
S5	Does the development integrate functional and well overlooked car parking sensitively within the public realm or dwelling curtilage to avoid car dominance?					
S6	Does the proposed building line and rhythm respond to the pattern of existing development? Has the building line been used to create distinct character for different streets?					
S7	Have the boundary treatments been designed to contribute positively to the character of the area/ street and to the quality of the public realm?					
S8	Has the waste and recycling storage been designed to be safe, accessible and convenient for the intended users and properly integrated into the built design?					
S9	Have the utilities and infrastructure been designed to be accessible and discreetly integrated into the streetscene?					

Homes compliance checklist: Key design principles

Use this checklist to review how the development meets the home design principles. For each question, select one response with 'x' and add comments where Partially or No is selected.

Principle	Checklist question	Yes	Partially	No	N/A	Comments
H1	Does the design for the internal layout of buildings demonstrate adaptability, liveability and comfort?					
H2	Does the design of homes optimise natural daylight and sunlight?					
H3	Are the homes designed to have effective ventilation and acoustic arrangements?					
H4	Does the design ensure that cycle storage is secure, overlooked, and convenient to use?					
H5	Does the proposed layout and design of homes, amenity spaces and boundaries create a sense of safety and security for all users?					
H6	Does the proposed layout and design of homes, amenity spaces and boundaries provide a reasonable level of privacy for residents?					
H7	Does the design provide comfortable outdoor private and communal amenity space, with a reasonable degree of privacy, along with landscaping?					
H8	Do the proposed elevations have good proportions, with windows that are suitably sized and arranged to create well-balanced façades?					
H9	Have entrances been designed to be visible and easy to identify from public spaces and parking spaces, so they provide for safe and attractive arrival?					
H10	Does the roof design respond to the local built and landscape context, and form a harmonious composition?					
H11	Are the proposed roofs multi-functional, contributing to energy generation, and biodiversity gain?					

H12	Are the proposed building materials and features visually appealing, and suitable to the character of the surrounding area?					
H13	Are the proposed materials durable, long-lasting, and easily maintained?					
H14	Does the development use energy efficiently through sustainable design, reducing its environmental impact and lowering energy costs for users?					
H15	Does the development contribute to wider decarbonisation, through the use of low-carbon heating sources and renewable energy generation?					
H16	Does the development conserve water and integrate water harvesting solutions? Does it take any steps to tackle surface water flooding challenges and, when needed, improve the local water quality?					
H17	Have the buildings been designed to consider their whole lifecycle, including both embodied carbon and operational carbon to influence choice of materials and construction techniques?					