

SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT & SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT

As part of the Council's commitment to sustainability and to ensure the provision of social infrastructure in tandem with developments, a sustainability statement and social infrastructure assessment (SSSIA) will be required with planning applications as set out below.

- Residential developments of 5 or more dwellings
- Commercial/industrial developments over 1,000sqm to assess compliance with the principles of sustainable development.
- In certain cases development under the thresholds outlined above may, at the discretion of the Planning Authority, require the submission of a SSSIA.

CHECKLIST

For Administration purposes only:

Planning File number allocated: _____

Note to the applicant:

Below please find a checklist of information to be contained in your submission.

Please note that this checklist must be submitted together with the information requested below i.e. maps and text where issues are to be elaborated on. Please ensure that additional information provided on separate sheets has the correct reference to the corresponding sections in this document. Please ensure that all the issues are comprehensively addressed as omissions may delay progress on the application.

Applicant: _____

Development Description: _____

Location: _____

1 TRANSPORTATION

<p><i>Please include a map with supporting text where necessary to demonstrate the following & tick the corresponding box to indicate the inclusion of information in this regard:</i></p>	<p><i>Tick box to indicate whether demonstrated by map or text</i></p>		<p><i>Not Applicable</i></p>
	<p><i>Map</i></p>	<p><i>Text</i></p>	
<p>1) How will the site encourage access by non –car modes? Please give details of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) proximity and access to public transport; Please give details of service and route. b) proximity to cycle and pedestrian routes; c) proposals for provision of cycle ways, d) proposals for provision of bus stops; e) proposals for traffic calming measures; f) proposals for pedestrian lights and pedestrian crossings g) on site cycle parking and facilities for cyclists such as showers and lockers 			
<p>2) Will the site include measures to reduce travel demand? Please give details.</p>			
<p>3) Demonstrate pedestrian and cycle permeability and connectivity within the proposal and with existing community facilities and public transport facilities.</p>			
<p>4) Demonstrate provision for inclusive access to cater for people who are mobility impaired.</p>			
<p>5) Demonstrate how given the location of the development vis a vis work, school and shopping facilities, and given existing and proposed transport infrastructure and services, the development would minimise dependence on the car.</p>			

2 AIR QUALITY

<i>Please include a map with supporting text where necessary to demonstrate the following & tick the corresponding box to indicate the inclusion of information in this regard:</i>	<i>Tick box to indicate whether demonstrated by map or text</i>		<i>Not Applicable</i>
	<i>Map</i>	<i>Text</i>	
1) How significantly will the development increase road traffic? What mitigation measures will be put in place to minimize the negative impacts on air quality from increased traffic?			
2) What mitigation measures will be put in place to reduce the impact on air quality during the construction phase, for example dust?			

3 NOISE

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	<i>Map</i>	<i>Text</i>	
1) How will the development be designed to reduce the impacts of noise?			

4 WATER RESOURCES

<i>Please include a map with supporting text where necessary to demonstrate the following & tick the corresponding box to indicate the inclusion of information in this regard:</i>	<i>Tick box to indicate whether demonstrated by map or text</i>		<i>Not Applicable</i>
	<i>Map</i>	<i>Text</i>	
1) State which Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS) techniques will be used and give details of same.			
2) Outline any proposals for water conservation.			

5 ENERGY

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	<p><i>Map</i></p>	<p><i>Text</i></p>	
<p>1) Demonstrate how the building design will limit primary energy use and CO₂ emissions as far as practicable, as required by Part L of the Building Regulations.</p>			
<p>2) Details of how the proposal will minimise energy demand and levels and optimize natural light in building design, location and orientation.</p>			
<p>3) Indicate any re-use / renovation of existing buildings.</p>			
<p>4) Details of other sustainable design approaches/renewable energy technologies.</p>			
<p>5) Use of sustainable materials in construction. - Give details.</p>			
<p>6) Proposals to minimise construction waste. - Give details.</p>			
<p>7) Proposals to recycle waste – Give details.</p>			
<p>8) Can the development through both design and layout make use of a municipal or district heating system?</p>			
<p>9) Indicate the location of the nearest recycling facility to the proposed development.</p>			

6 ECOLOGY

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<p>1) Indicate retention, protection and integration in the proposal of any natural features, including trees, shrubs, water courses, topography within and adjoining the site.</p>			
<p>2) Will the development protect bio-diversity and use native species? Please specify.</p>			
<p>3) Provide details of a management scheme for on-going ecological conservation.</p>			
<p>4) Develop a green framework inter linking urban areas and also the surrounding countryside.</p>			
<p>5) Demonstrate that green areas are provided where they will provide maximum enjoyment and form an integrated part of the building design.</p>			
<p>6) Show how water quality will be protected during construction and after completion of the development.</p>			
<p>7) Does the location, orientation and design of external lighting in particular minimise light spill into nearby habitats.</p>			

7 SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

For applications for housing developments of 5 or more houses or mixed applications with a housing element developers will be required to conduct a survey of the broad range of services/facilities currently provided in the vicinity of the development site and identify any deficiencies in same. The result of the survey should serve to assist developers in identifying appropriate measures to be put in place within development schemes in order to provide for social infrastructure that is found to be deficient.

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1) Demonstrate how the proposed development contributes to social integration.			
2) Demonstrate how the development has provided a housing mix to cater for different household types and age groups and caters for affordability.			
3) Identify on a map the location of the nearest schools, crèches, community and recreational facilities, medical and health care services. If there is no such facility, identify the location of the nearest such facility and the distance (in miles/km) from the subject site.			
4) Details of community facilities / social infrastructure proposed as part of the development or any facilities proposed as part of other schemes.			
5) Calculate the number of additional crèche/school places required as a result of the proposed development.*			
6) Demonstrate that sufficient capacity exists within local crèches and schools serving the area in line with appropriate guidelines i.e. the numbers of children/students enrolled in the crèche / school in the current academic year vis a vis the maximum numbers capable of being accommodated – contact with crèches/ schools / Department of Education will be required. If enrolment is close to or exceeding capacity please identify if the crèche/school has any plans to overcome capacity issues.			
7) Outline how you propose to address the deficiency if there is insufficient capacity within local crèches / schools.			

*In this regard you are advised to refer to the document 'The Provision of Schools and the Planning System: - A code of Practice for Planning Authorities, the Department of Education and Science and the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government' 2008 and 'Childcare Facilities, Guidelines for Planning Authorities' 2001.

