

Design Code Checklist: New Houses	Yes	No	N/A
Context			
Has the context study identified features or characteristics of the site to be retained and incorporated in the new development?			
How or Why?			
Does the proposed development make a positive response to the existing site context, including landscape, townscape and street scene?			
How or Why?			
Does the proposed development identify and make a positive response to heritage assets within the site and/or its setting?			
How or Why?			
Have all relevant natural environment designations and protected species been identified and responded to by the proposed development?			
How or Why?			
Character and Identity			
Does the proposed development conform with the code in relation to building density, built form, set back distances and building height?			
How or Why?			
Has the development made a positive response to the topography of the site and its context? Are changes in ground level addressed by the design in an acceptable manner?			
How or Why?			
Do buildings present active frontages to streets / waterfronts / important spaces?			
How or Why?			
Does the design maintain or enhance the character of the area? This can be by reinforcing the established character or through deliberate contrast.			
How or Why?			
Have appropriate materials been proposed for all aspects of the development including walling, roofing, and other built components?			
How or Why?			

Are the boundary features appropriate to the site and its context in terms of their locations, heights, materials and appearance?			
How or Why?			
Resources / Sustainability			
Does the proposed development effectively meet energy and water efficiency standards?			
How or Why?			
Do the orientation and layout of rooms and openings promote solar gain to reduce energy consumption?			
How or Why?			
Has built form been considered and implemented where possible and appropriate to reduce heat loss?			
How or Why?			
Are building and landscaping materials sustainably and locally sourced (including reclaimed / recycled materials)? Can building materials feasibly be reclaimed or recycled?			
How or Why?			
Nature			
Will the proposed development effectively retain habitats and features that support biodiversity?			
How or Why?			
Does the proposal introduce any new habitats or features that encourage biodiversity?			
How or Why?			
Will the proposed development implement a 10% biodiversity net-gain on the site?			
How or Why?			
Have Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) been incorporated into the design of the proposed development? Do these SuDS provide habitats or support biodiversity?			
How or Why?			
Is sufficient green space provided on site or in an agreed alternative location?			
How or Why?			

Are planting schemes appropriate to the locality and likely to withstand future climate change?			
How or Why?			
Does the development minimise light pollution and glare from glazing and exterior lighting?			
How or Why?			
Street Design / Movement			
Has the proposed development prioritised walking and other active forms of travel in its design?			
How or Why?			
Does the proposed development effectively provide equal accessibility opportunities for people of all abilities?			
How or Why?			
Does the proposal keep the proportion of the site used for vehicle circulation and parking to a safe minimum?			
How or Why?			
Does the design make it clear where the public highway and public spaces end, and private spaces begin?			
How or Why?			
Where street trees are proposed, does the choice of species conform with the code?			
How or Why?			
Has the proposed development provided suitable bin storage and collection locations?			
How or Why?			
Has sufficient and appropriate cycle and car parking been provided in accordance with the proposed development's requirements?			
How or Why?			