

APPENDIX 2: GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE CHECKLIST FOR DEVELOPERS

TOPIC	YES/NO	COMMENT (e.g. where can this information be found. If the answer to the question is no, justify why not)
General		
Has the West Devon Green Infrastructure Framework been reviewed to identify any specific opportunities in the vicinity of the development?		
Has a plan showing the existing green infrastructure assets on and adjacent to the development site and green infrastructure opportunities and constraints for the proposed development been provided within the planning application?		
Has a statement detailing the way in which green infrastructure has been incorporated into the proposed development layout, drawing on the constraints and opportunities information above, been provided within the planning application?		
Has a final development layout (for detailed applications) and a parameters plan (for outline applications) showing the proposed green infrastructure to be incorporated into the development proposals been provided within the planning application?		
Have details regarding the on-going management and maintenance of the proposed green infrastructure been provided?		
Biodiversity, Landscape and Heritage		
Have the relevant surveys been provided with the planning application e.g. Preliminary Ecological Appraisal, Landscape and Visual Appraisal, Heritage Statement ¹		
Has the mitigation hierarchy of avoid, mitigate, compensate, enhance been followed?		
Does the application provide evidence that a net gain for biodiversity has been achieved, with a focus on provision of habitats of principal importance, incorporation of native species planting and provision of features for roosting bats and nesting birds within the built environment? Note biodiversity offsetting may be appropriate to deliver compensation and enhancement ² .		

¹ See the West Devon planning application validation list for further details <http://www.westdevon.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=10830&p=0>

² More information on biodiversity offsetting can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/biodiversity-offsetting>. Biodiversity offsetting in relation to development will not be appropriate in all cases and is not supported for designated sites such as Sites of Special Scientific Interest and European sites. Early discussions with Council officers and Natural England will be necessary to agree any offsetting proposals.

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If the site is likely to impact on a European site, is sufficient information provided to enable the Local Authority to undertake a Habitats Regulations Assessment?		
Have important biodiversity, landscape and heritage features been retained and incorporated into the green infrastructure proposals?		
Health, Access & Recreation		
Have the West Devon standards for play provision been met or will an off-site contribution be made?		
Have the West Devon standards for outdoor sports provision been met or will an off-site contribution be made?		
Have the West Devon standards for Accessible Natural Greenspace been met or will an off-site contribution be made?		
Have sustainable transport and recreational links within the development site been considered?		
Have sustainable transport and recreational links between the new development and important community assets, including green and blue spaces, been considered?		
Sustainable Drainage, Flood Alleviation and Water Quality		
Have Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) been incorporated into the scheme?		
Have SUDS been designed to be multi-functional taking into account opportunities for biodiversity enhancement and recreation?		
Have buffers between new development and watercourses been provided to manage flood risk, geomorphology, water quality and biodiversity?		
Local Food and Fuel		
Have the West Devon standards for allotment provision been met or will an off-site contribution be made?		
Has provision of new orchard areas or restoration of existing orchards been considered?		