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| Guidance For Sustainable Development (Review Completed in October 2006) Contact ? | 1 | That sustainability statements submitted by developers must clearly demonstrate that a) 'whole life' costing , have been properly evaluated and accounted for in terms of Best Practice b) 'life-long building principles have been applied to all proposed developments. This to be referred to the LDF Working Group for consideration, in the light of public consultation results and emerging national and regional guidance. | All commercial and residential development is required to be accompanied by a sustainability statement, in line with the criteria listed in draft Local Plan policy GP4a. This includes describing how the proposal would minimise the use of non-renewable resources, re-use materials already on the development site and consider how the 'whole life' costs of materials, their performance and maintenance has been factored in. The IPS explains the level of detailed assessment required (whether BREEAM or CSH) in relation to the scale and type of development proposed, ranging from completion of the domestic extensions questionnaire to full BREEAM submission for large scale commercial development. Other types of development, while not requiring a sustainability statement, should still accord with local plan criteria, and should therefore also have regard to whole life costing. |
| | 2 | That developers are required to incorporate of renewable energy heating or power systems into all future developments - This to be referred to the LDF Working Group for consideration, in the light of public consultation results and emerging national and regional guidance. | The IPS: Sustainable Design and Construction requires all developers to incorporate on-site renewable energy generation. 10% for large commercial (500m2 and over) / residential sites (over 5 dwellings) and 5 % for small scale developments (less than 500m2 or less than 4 dwellings) . |
| | 3 | That Solar Gain will be considered when assessing all planning proposals to ensure that proposed new developments or major refurbishments do not impact upon measures for active or passive solar gain in existing developments that surround them. Developers will be required to evidence assessment of the impact of development proposals on solar gain on neighbouring developments, whether they be existing structures or proposed structures in receipt of prior planning permission. This recommendation to be referred for consideration by the LDF Working Group. | This is currently not undertaken. Through the IPS solar gain is not considered for surrounding buildings, only directly for the building under construction. |
| | 4 | That all new or significantly refurbished developments will give consideration to incorporating sustainable – renewably powered – street lighting. This recommendation to be referred for consideration by the LDF Working Group. | This is currently not undertaken through the IPS. The IPS asks for efficient appliances only. However, the Council are currently considering trials for this under the carbon management programme. |
| | 5 | That developers be required to replace proposals for areas of impermeable hard standing with plans incorporate standing (or forms of pavier) which provides for water to soak away. This recommendation to be referred for consideration by the LDF Working Group. | Through the IPS, developers are required to include a statement on Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) including justifications as to whether or not this can be achieved. |
| | 6 | That all new developments will incorporate the provision of water butts to ensure rainwater harvesting and water recycling from roof run-off - This to be referred for consideration by the LDF Working Group in the light of public consultation results and emerging national and regional guidance, and that it be noted that this proposal is included in the draft SPG that is currently being consulted on. | Through the IPS, residential developments are required to fit water butts with gardens or landscape areas |
| | 7 | That all new developments will incorporate grey water recycling - This to be referred to the LDF Working Group for consideration, in the light of public consultation results and emerging national and regional guidance. | Through the IPS all developments are required to include an evaluation of grey water recycling systems |
| | 8 | The Executive's support for the establishment of new woodland be recorded and the Director of City Strategy be requested to develop options for achieving this and for sustaining existing tree cover in the City - this recommendation to be referred to the LDF Working Group with a request that they consider and advise on establishing a policy that would increase the percentage of tree cover in the City | This will be considered as part of the forth coming Tree strategy |
| | 9 | That all new developments be encouraged to plant a fruit tree for each new property or, if a fruit tree is not suitable, that another small native species be planted. This recommendation to be referred for consideration by the LDF Working Group. | This is carried out where appropriate on an ongoing basis |
| | 10 | That developers are required to show planting plans for all new developments. This recommendation to be referred for consideration by the LDF Working Group. | This is ongoing through the planning process |
| | 11 | That all new developments shall require developers to plant native species hedging in preference to fencing or walls - the Executive has reservations about whether this form of boundary treatment would be appropriate in every case and requests the LDF Working Group to consider carefully the implications of adopting such a blanket policy of this nature. | This is considered where appropriate |
| | 12 | That environmental sustainability be specifically referred to within the context of the 'Historic Environment'. This recommendation to be referred for consideration by the LDF Working Group. | The Core Strategy will cover strategic policy issues concerning the historic environment. We will make sure this is cross referenced with considerations of sustainable design and construction. |
| | 13 | That efforts are made to ensure that historic buildings, including the space above shops, incorporate high quality insulation and double glazing, where it is possible to do so without compromising the appearance of the building. This recommendation to be referred for consideration by the LDF Working Group. | The design of buildings within the historic environment is an issue considered as part of the Core Strategy Issues and Options document (Sept 2007). The document encouraged the preservation and enhancement of York's historic environment and explores options of how this can be done. |

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| Guidance For Sustainable Development (Review Completed in October 2006) | 14 | <p>That overdevelopment should be avoided. In particular the LDF core strategy should prevent the construction of excessively high buildings, and seek to enhance the historic environment by, where possible, incorporating buildings and traffic-free public green space with the mutual aims of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i Providing good views of architecturally significant build whether this be historic or modern ii improving biodiversity and green corridors iii improving air quality and rain water soak away iv creating a greater percentage of public open space across the city <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Executive recognises merits in the general approach of Recommendation 14 but in the absence of agreed definitions finds it impossible to understand the practicality of implementing the suggestion, and b. The recommendation be referred to Officers for further information and to incorporate the views of the LDF Working Group. | <p>The Core Strategy Issues and Options document's (Sept 2007) vision stipulates that York's historical and archaeological wealth and setting should be recognised, preserved and enhanced; in particular its historic centre, skyline, street patterns, views of the Minster, Medieval and Roman walls and valued open spaces, including the Strays and its 34 conservation areas.</p> <p>In addition to the Core Strategy, the Council are also preparing a City Centre Area Action Plan (AAP) which will eventually become the 20 year vision for the city centre. This document is currently at the Issues and Options stage. It considers design issues related to the city centre, including consideration of views and tall buildings.</p> <p>As part of the LDF evidence base, work is currently ongoing on the Biodiversity Audit and Action Plan for the city. It is anticipated that this will be completed by the end of the year. This work along with other work on open space and green infrastructure will form the basis of the Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy. It is anticipated that this will be produced as a Supplementary Planning Document in support of the LDF Core Strategy.</p> <p>Guidance on air quality is currently being developed by the Council's Environmental Protection section. The issue of rain water soak away is included within the IPS.</p> <p>In August 2008, the Council approved an open space study which assesses current open space and makes recommendations for future provisions. This will now form part of LDF's evidence base. It will inform our future approach to writing policies and also setting targets for different areas of the City and for different typologies of open space.</p> |
| | 15 | <p>That green spaces and gardens are preserved, particularly in the city centre, and that new green space and/or sustainable designed water features be incorporated into all major new developments.</p> | <p>The IPS stipulates that relevant large scale commercial and residential developments should incorporate sustainable urban drainage, in practice allowing for sustainable water features. In addition the Council's recent open space study which will support the LDF process will allow added protection to be given to green spaces. This will be supported by ongoing work on green infrastructure, also being undertaken as supporting work to the LDF.</p> |
| | 16 | <p>That new developments should be built on 'Life-long' principles. This recommendation to be referred for consideration by the LDF Working Group.</p> | <p>Within the Core Strategy Issues and Options document (Sept 2007) (which is a part of the Local Development Framework – LDF), information regarding Lifetime Homes is included. This promotes 'life-long' buildings which are able to adapt to people's changing needs throughout their lifetimes.</p> |
| | 17 | <p>That access to public transport be a material consideration when evaluating planning proposals for health service provision, such as dentists' or doctors' surgeries. This recommendation to be referred for consideration by the LDF Working Group.</p> | <p>Through the IPS, sustainability statements should include a detailed account of accessibility issues via sustainable means. i.e. walking, cycling, public transport (access to be within 400m). BREEAM also takes these issues into account. The Core Strategy Issues and Options document (Sept 2007) also looks at sustainable transport initiatives. Access to transport is a key indicator when looking at the development of existing settlements and deciding where future development should go. Again, further policy guidance will be produced through the production of an SPD.</p> |
| | 18 | <p>That work involving engagement with local architects to assess interest, familiarity with and use of sustainable construction methods be conducted by officers in Buildings Control. Following consideration by the LDF Working Group, officers to report back on the operational, workload and financial implications.</p> | <p>The previous sustainability officer (KP) was trying to arrange a series of workshops for local architects/developers to gauge interest. The original workshops were cancelled due to what is now the Sustainability IPS being withdrawn for further consultation, and it was not possible to reschedule due to resource issues. It is anticipated that this be now be reactivated with the current Sustainability officer.</p> |
| | 19 | <p>That Buildings Control investigate the sourcing and availability of materials for sustainable development in York and make that information readily available to the public. Following consideration by the LDF Working Group, officers to report back on the operational, workload and financial implications.</p> | <p>Due to the factors identified above and lack of staff resource (CYC BC officers currently operate at double the national officer caseload) this has not been possible.</p> |
| | 20 | <p>That City of York Council produce its own Sustainable Developers Guide. Following consideration by the LDF Working Group, officers to report back on the operational, workload and financial implications.</p> | <p>Completed. The new IPS: Sustainable Design and Construction was adopted in Nov 2007. Training has been implemented across the Development Control teams, with more to follow in 2008/09.</p> |
| | 21 | <p>That a feasibility study be carried out to explore the viability of Building Control acting as the Council's promoter of sustainable construction. Following consideration by the LDF Working Group, officers to report back on the operational, workload and financial implications.</p> | <p>The previous sustainability officer (KP) was trying to arrange a series of workshops for local architects/developers to gauge interest. The original workshops were cancelled due to what is now the Sustainability IPS being withdrawn for further consultation, and it was not possible to</p> |

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| Guidance For Sustainable Development (Review Completed in October 2006) | 22 | That a single unified web portal be created with a direct link from the City of York council's Homepage, providing centrally linked information regarding recommendations (i) to (xi). Officers to report back on the financial implications as part of the budget build exercise for next year and, in the meantime, that such information as is readily and economically available be posted on the existing Council website. | This has not been possible however the IPS: Sustainable Design and Construction is available on the council's website and covers key aspects to sustainable design and construction. Other pages on this site also cover aspects as outlined above. |
| | 23 | That City of York Council, in consultation with the Local Strategic Partnership and steering group of LA21, adopt and monitor the following Local Quality of Life Indicators, with a particular bearing on energy and environmental impact: i levels of key air pollutants ii carbon dioxide emissions, by sector and per capita emissions iii average annual domestic consumption of gas and electricity (kWh) Officers to report back on the implications of this recommendation. | The national indicator set requires council to monitor I and ii. Iii is harder to achieve but Defra issues a figure per capita emissions in local area. The council will also continue to report on the carbon and ecological footprint of York and its own carbon emissions from estates and transport. |
| | 24 | That the improving reputation of the authority related to the standards of sustainable construction applied to the ecoDepot be maintained through the adoption of a policy requiring equal or higher standards of sustainable construction for all future commissioned properties, or the refurbishment of properties within the authority's portfolio and that this policy be applied whether the property is public amenity, business or domestic – eg: schools, leisure facilities and office environments. This to be referred for consideration by the LDF Working Group in the light of public consultation results and emerging national and regional guidance, and that Officers report back on the financial and practical implications of adopting a blanket policy of this sort, but that the attention of the Working Group dealing with the new City Hall project be drawn to this important issue. | The IPS and Intrim Sustainable Construction & Design Policy - Property Services ensure this achieved. |
| | 25 | That the executive support proposals to formally request the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly to endorse the development of recognised voluntary standards above the minimum promoting lower energy usage and emissions. Officers to provide additional information in the light of existing regional and emerging national policies and, in respect of ITT applications, resource, capacity and financing issues. | This has not been possible due to resource issues. |
| Scrutiny Comment as of ?: | | | |