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Guidance For Sustainable Development (Review Completed in October 2006) Mike Slater / Jonathan Carr	3	<p>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.</p>	<p>This is currently not undertaken. Through the IPS solar gain is not considered for surrounding buildings, only directly for the building under construction.</p>	<p>The Sustainability Officer has been working with the Head of Development Control to agree a Toolkit designed to ensure that the provisions of the IPS adopted by the council in 2007 are considered in relation to all development proposals. However, measures beyond the scope of the IPS need to be further considered by the LDF working group.</p>	<p>The toolkit is nearing completion for roll out in Spring 2010. Officers from the Council's Forward Planning and Sustainability Teams have been working closely together and will continue to do so to agree specific policies as part of the LDF process on the Resources Efficiency Chapter of the Core Strategy and the associated update of the IPS and potential SPD. These will be considered by the LDF Working Group.</p>
	4	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>The Sustainability Officer has been working with the Head of Development Control to agree a Toolkit designed to ensure that the provisions of the IPS adopted by the council in 2007 are considered in relation to all development proposals. However, measures beyond the scope of the IPS need to be further considered by the LDf working group.</p>	<p>Officers from the Council's Forward Planning and Sustainability Teams have been working closely together and will continue to do so to agree specific policies as part of the LDF process on the Resources Efficiency Chapter of the Core Strategy and the associated update of the IPS and potential SPD. These will be considered by the LDF Working Group.</p>
	5	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>The Sustainability Officer has been working with the Head of Development Control to agree a Toolkit designed to ensure that the provisions of the IPS adopted by the council in 2007 are considered in relation to all development proposals. National guidance on drainage provisions may require further improvements to local policies. The IDB is necessarily looking at these in relation to development proposals.</p>	<p>The toolkit is nearing completion for roll out in Spring 2010.</p>

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	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.	It is hoped to agree a statement of ambition in relation to the Historic Environment with English Heritage by Sept 2009 and to work with them on agreeing further specific policies as part of the LDF process.	The Councils Forward Planning Team have been working closely with English Heritage on the LDF and will continue to do so in order to agree an appropriate approach to the strategy and policies as part of the LDF process specifically in relation to Environmental Sustainability. These will be considered by the LDF Working Group.
	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.	It is hoped to agree a statement of ambition in relation to the Historic Environment with English Heritage by Sept 2009 and to work with them on agreeing further specific policies as part of the LDF process.	York's LDF will contain a policy which is appropriate and sensitive to the alteration of historic buildings in the context of sustainable development. This will be considered by the LDF Working Group.
	14	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:	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.	This will be addressed through the completion of the Central Historic Core Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Views analysis which is part of the DCSD work programme for 2009/10.	

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		i Providing good views of architecturally significant build whether this be historic or modern	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.	A programme aimed at raising awareness of design quality facilitated by BEAM (the regional architecture centre) & and supported by CABE - Commission for Architecture & the Built Environment is planned through 2009/10 as part of the process of developing the City Centre AAP	A programme aimed at raising awareness of design quality facilitated by BEAM (the regional architecture centre) & and supported by CABE - Commission for Architecture & the Built Environment is planned through 2009/10 as part of the process of developing the City Centre AAP. The Council have also agreed an approach through the LDF Core Strategy Preferred Options document in York's Special Historic and Built Environment Chapter that the Council will prepare a Conservation Area Appraisal for the Central Historic Core, an assessment of key views, characterisation studies for key strategic sites and support the production of other Conservation Area Appraisals, Parish Plans and Village Design Statements. Any further development of this approach through the Core Strategy Submission document will be considered and taken to the LDF Working Group.
		ii improving biodiversity and green corridors	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.	partly addressed by the open space study - see below	The Council's Forward Planning Team have been working closely with the Council's Ecologist and they have completed the Biodiveristy Audit. Work is still ongoing to complete the Biodiversity Action Plan and Green Infrastructure Strategy which is due to be completed alongside the Core Strategy Submission Document. These will be considered by the LDF Working Group.

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		iii improving air quality and rain water soak away	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.		The Council's City Development Team are currently working closely with the Councils Environmental Protection Unit and Sustainability Team to decide how to incorporate Air Quality in the Core Strategy and discuss the potential of producing an SPD which covers air quality. This will be considered by the LDF Working Group. In relation to rain water soak aways this is currently included within the IPS. The Councils Forward Planning and Sustainability Teams have been working closely on the Core Strategy Resource Efficiency Chapter and the associated update of the IPS and possible SPD. These will be considered by the LDF Working Group.
	14	iv creating a greater percentage of public open space across the city	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.	No Change	No Change
		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			

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		b. The recommendation be referred to Officers for further information and to incorporate the views of the LDF Working Group.			
	15	That green spaces and gardens are preserved, particularly in the city centre, and that new green space and/or sustainably designed water features be incorporated into all major new developments.	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 undertaking as supporting work to the LDF.	No Change	No Change
	16	That new developments should be built on 'Life-long' principles. This recommendation to be referred for consideration by the LDF Working Group.	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.	No Change	Under 'The Code for Sustainable Homes' (Feb 2008) all public sector housing is built to code level 4 and private sector housing to code level 3 as a minimum. This was implemented through changes to the Building Regulations. The Code makes Lifetime Homes Standard mandatory at Code Level 4 (so therefore a requirement for all public sector housing) and will make this mandatory at Code Level 3 (so therefore a requirement for all private sector housing as well) from 2013. This means that all homes will be built to Life Time Homes standard by 2013. In addition the Council have commissioned an Older Person's Accommodation and Support Needs Study which will inform allocating housing for older people.

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	17	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.	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.	No Change	Access to public transport and services is a fundamental part of the Councils Spatial Strategy which is incorporated within the LDF Core Strategy. This is also a key part of York's Core Strategy Transport and Access to Services Chapters. Continued discussions with the Council's Transport Planning Unit will allow further consideration of policies on Access to Public Transport and Services when developing the Submission Core Strategy document. These will be considered by the LDF Working Group.
	19	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.	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.	work on promoting an eco development may offer the opportunity to revisit this request, but lack of staff resources remains as barrier to progress	No Change
	21	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.	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.	work on promoting an eco development may offer the opportunity to revisit this request, but lack of staff resources remains as barrier to progress	No Change

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	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.	work on promoting an eco development may offer the opportunity to revisit this request, but lack of staff resources remains as barrier to progress	The Integrated Regional Strategy (IRS) will promote better standards of plan making. The City Development Team have been heavily involved in the promotion of the York Northwest Eco Town proposal which is part of the Leeds City Region Urban Eco Settlements Delivery Programme. In addition the Council's Forward Planning and Sustainability Teams have commissioned consultants AEA to undertake a Strategic Renewable Energy Viability Study which will inform the Council about local potential, viability and deliverability of the renewable energy options available within York, and identify opportunities for the setting for higher targets for renewable or low carbon energy generation. This study will be considered by the LDF Working Group.
Resolved at SMC as of 18 May 2009					
<p>(ii) That recommendation 8 of the "Guidance for Sustainable Development Review" be signed off</p> <p>(iv) That recommendations 3, 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 21 and 25 of the "Guidance for Sustainable Development Review" be referred to the Economic and City Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee for their implementation to be monitored.</p> <p>(v) That the Director of City Strategy be made aware of the Committee's concerns regarding the delays in implementing some of the recommendations of the "Guidance for Sustainable Development Review"</p>					