

6 Sustainability

- 6.1 PPS 1: Delivering Sustainable Development advises that planning should facilitate and promote sustainable and inclusive patterns of urban development by:
- 'making suitable land available for development in line with economic, social and environmental objectives to improve people's quality of life;
 - contributing to sustainable economic development;
 - protecting and enhancing the natural and historic environment, the quality and character of the countryside, and existing communities;
 - ensuring high quality development through good and inclusive design, and the efficient use of resources; and,
 - ensuring that development supports existing communities and contributes to the creation of safe, sustainable, liveable and mixed communities with good access to jobs and key services for all members of the community.'
- 6.2 The Council will therefore encourage proposals which accord with the sustainability tenets of PPS1.
- 6.3 Development proposals within the DBA should seek to achieve the principles established within the Council Sustainability checklist as set out in Appendix 1 of the Local Plan. For ease a copy of this checklist is reproduced at Appendix 4.
- 6.4 The checklist assesses development against the following criteria:
- Land use
 - Minerals and soils
 - Waste
 - Energy
 - Air, water, noise and light
 - Nature
 - Community needs
 - Employment needs
 - Health
 - Access
 - Safety
 - Aesthetics
- 6.5 In line with the Local Plan, development proposals should incorporate appropriate energy efficient measures through building design, site layout and landscaping. Consideration should also be given to the use of renewable energy technology and the water conservation measures. The Council will encourage the use of Sustainable Urban Drainage as part of proposals coming forward within the DBA.
- 6.6 Consideration should be given to the County Council's emerging document 'Building Futures: A Hertfordshire Guide to Promoting Sustainability in Development.'