

Building for life criteria

1 - Connections

Does the scheme integrate into its surroundings by reinforcing existing connections and creating new ones, while also respecting existing buildings and land uses around the development site?

2 - Facilities and services

Does the development provide (or is it close to) community facilities, such as shops, schools, workplaces, parks, play areas, pubs or cafes?

3 - Public transport

Does the scheme have good access to public transport to help reduce car dependency?

4 - Meeting local housing requirements

Does the development have a mix of housing types and tenures that suit local requirements?

5 - Character

Does the scheme create a place with a locally inspired or otherwise distinctive character?

6 - Working with the site and its context

Does the scheme take advantage of existing topography, landscape features (including water courses), wildlife habitats, existing buildings, site orientation and microclimates?

7 Creating well defined streets and spaces

Are buildings designed and positioned with landscaping to define and enhance streets and spaces and are buildings designed to turn street corners well?

8 - Easy to find your way around

Is the scheme designed to make it easy to find your way around?

9 - Streets for all

Are streets designed in a way that encourage low vehicle speeds and allow them to function as social spaces?

10 - Car parking

Is resident and visitor parking sufficient and well integrated so that it does not dominate the street?

11 - Public and private spaces

Will public and private spaces be clearly defined and designed to be attractive, well managed and safe?

12 - External storage and amenity space

Is there adequate external storage space for bins and recycling as well as vehicles and cycles?

13 - Pedestrian Access

Is there adequate and safe pedestrian access for the development to connect to local services?