

Proposed amended Paragraph 39:

39. Sustainability checklist and statement

When it's required

For full planning applications, including outline and reserved matter applications, and applications for technical details consent, a completed check list and sustainability statement is required for the following types of development:

- new residential including change of use/conversion, replacement dwellings and holiday accommodation including hotels
- new commercial, office, storage and distribution, retail, industrial, waste, community or leisure and educational development including extensions of over 10% additional gross internal floorspace.
- new or replacement agricultural buildings
- mixed use development

The checklist and statement should demonstrate how sustainable design and construction have been considered, including:

- reducing energy consumption and carbon emissions
- minimising waste
- increasing recycling
- conserving water resources
- incorporating green infrastructure
- sustainable drainage, minimising pollution
- maximising the use of sustainable materials
- adaptation to climate change

Consideration of the checklist at an early stage can inform the design process by highlighting matters that are best considered at

the outset of the process. This will be more cost effective and time efficient than addressing such matters later. The checklist should be completed as fully as practicable at outline stage. Where further detail will be provided at the reserved matters stage, this should be noted and explained.

Applicants for householder development are also encouraged to consider relevant parts of the checklist and submit either a completed checklist or include within their planning statement information to demonstrate how climate change has been taken into consideration.

What is required?

A completed checklist to indicate which sustainability standards your development complies with - answering the Yes/No column as well as the reasoning column where relevant.

A sustainability statement detailing the required information in relation to each of the checklist questions, cross referencing other assessments and documents where appropriate.

The level of information required will be proportionate to the scale and nature of development proposed.

Why it's required

National Planning Policy Framework Section 14 – Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coast change

The Council's adopted development plans and Dorset Local Plan (draft)

Dorset Council Planning for Climate Change - Interim Guidance and Position Statement

Dorset Council Interim Guidance Note - Sustainability statement and checklist for planning applications