

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_2019141**
Date FOI Received: **12/02/2019**
Department: **Planning**
Title: **NPPF in sustainable development**
Description: **Consideration of noise, air quality and green space for the allocation of land in the local plan for residential developments.**

Request/Response: (As Redacted sent by requestor and service response)

1. Do you take into account the noise maps published by DEFRA when allocating land in your local plan for residential development (Noise maps developed to meet the requirements of Environmental Noise Directive 2002/49/EC and the Environmental Noise Regulations 2006).?
Yes/No/Don't Know

Our Response: The Council's Environmental Health department has the relevant expertise in-house to advise on noise issues affecting land being considered for development.

2. Do you take into account air quality data published by DEFRA when allocating land in your local plan for residential development.?
Yes/No/Don't Know

Our Response: The local authority undertakes air quality monitoring, the results of which are supplied to DEFRA. This data is used as a tool in the decision-making process when considering land use for development.

3. Do you have supplementary planning guides for noise, air quality or green space allocation, please state each one.
Yes/No/Don't Know
If Yes Air Quality: Y/N Noise:Y/N Green Space Y/N

Our Response: This information is contained in the Council's Planning and Design Guide which is published on the Council's website.

4. In your local plan, what percentage do you set for affordable homes on a development site and when would this quota be used (eg 35 % of the total homes built to be affordable where the development is greater than 30 homes).

Our Response: This information is contained in the Council's Local Plan which is published on our website.

5. Does your local plan give advice or specify where affordable homes should be located on a development site (eg affordable homes should be distributed throughout the site)? If so, please provide this advice or specification.
Yes/No/Don't Know

If Yes what is the advice or Specification:

Our Response: This information can be found in the Council's Affordable Housing SPD which is published on our website.

6. Have you refused any residential development on air quality grounds or noise grounds in last 12 months, if so how many on noise, how many for air quality?
Yes/No/Don't Know

If Yes How Many for Noise: How many for Air Quality:

Our Response: Please see information below regarding the Council's planning register.

7. Do you allow the offset of affordable homes from one development site to another development site?

Yes/No/Don't Know

If Yes How Many have been offset in last 12 months:

Our Response: The information can be found in the Council's Affordable Housing SPD which is published on our website.

8. How do you determine the area allocated to green space on a residential development site.

Our Response: The information is contained in the Council's Planning and Design Guide which is published on the Council's website.

9. On planning applications in the last year, If there was a noise source that could affect the amenity of a residential property, did you set noise limits on the façade of the residential development ?

Yes/No/Don't Know

If yes, has the noise limit been assessed following completion of the residential property to see that the limit has not been breached?

Our Response: Please see information below regarding the Council's planning register.

10. On sites that require Radon protection, do you require the developer to provide Radon Monitoring results once homes are built, or do you advise the occupiers to have a test done once they occupy the site?

Yes/No/Don't Know

Our Response: No information is held.

11. How many planning applications in the last 12 months have been referred to the valuation office because the developer has specified the site is not viable to build any affordable homes or a reduced number of affordable homes from the quota requested in your local plan.

Our Response: Please see information below regarding the Council's planning register.

12. Have you approved a residential development in the last 12 months where some or all of the homes require non openable windows as a means of mitigation because of a nearby noise source.?

Yes/No/Don't Know

Our Response: Please see information below regarding the Council's planning register.

13. Have you adopted or do you have regard to the new WHO Environmental Noise Guidelines for the European Region 2018 when considering the impact of road, railway or aircraft noise on new developments.

Our Response: No information is held.

14. In the last 12 months, have you had an appeal for refusing residential development on noise or air quality grounds overturned by the secretary of state? If so how many.

Yes/No/Don't Know.

Our Response: Please see information below regarding the Council's planning register.

The Council's Planning Register

The information requested in questions 6, 9, 11, 12 and 14 is publically available and is contained in the Planning Register on the Council's website, which can be viewed using the advanced search, accessible via the following link:

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Kind regards

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