

Building for Life Applicant Checklist (to be included within the Design & Access Statement)

Environment and community		Location of evidence in D&A Statement
01.	Does the development provide (or is it close to) community facilities, such as a school, parks, play areas, shops, pubs or cafes?	
02.	Is there an accommodation mix that reflects the needs and aspirations of the local community?	
03.	Is there a tenure mix that reflects the needs of the local community?	
04.	Does the development have easy access to public transport?	
05.	Does the development have any features that reduce its environmental impact?	
Character		
06.	Is the design specific to the scheme?	
07.	Does the scheme exploit existing buildings, landscape or topography?	
08.	Does the scheme feel like a place with distinctive character?	
09.	Do the buildings and layout make it easy to find your way around?	
10.	Are streets defined by a well-structured building layout?	
Streets, parking and pedestrianisation		
11.	Does the building layout take priority over the streets and car parking, so that the highways do not dominate?	
12.	Is the car parking well integrated and situated so it supports the street scene?	
13.	Are the streets pedestrian, cycle and vehicle friendly?	
14.	Does the scheme integrate with existing streets, paths and surrounding development?	
15.	Are public spaces and pedestrian routes overlooked and do they feel safe?	
Design and construction		
16.	Is public space well designed and does it have suitable management arrangements in place?	
17.	Do the buildings exhibit architectural quality?	
18.	Do internal spaces and layout allow for adaptation, conversion or extension?	
19.	Has the scheme made use of advances in construction or technology that enhance its performance, quality and attractiveness?	
20.	Do buildings or spaces outperform statutory minima, such as building regulations?	