# Leicester City Council - Planning Validation Requirements applying from March 2022

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#### Introduction

The purpose of validation requirements is to achieve consistency in the decision making process and to make the process of applying for planning permission more straight forward for developers by providing greater clarity as to the information that needs to be submitted with an application.

The validation of a planning application is essentially a checking process to ensure that the information required to assess a planning application has been submitted at the start of the process. Without the necessary information consideration of the application would be subject to unnecessary delay or refusal on the grounds of insufficient information.

Part 1 of this guidance provides a number of checklists outlining requirements for each application type with a link to Part 2 Document - Types and Definitions. In part 1 of the document the requirements are listed as Essential or Criteria Based. Essential requirements must accompany <u>all</u> applications of that type while Criteria Based requirements are set out in the Part 2 of the list - Document Types and Definitions.

Part 2 – Document Types and Definitions does not form part of the adopted list to allow the guidance to be regularly reviewed and updated to keep in line with changes to national and local website links and documents.

Applications should be made electronically through the Planning Portal (www.planningportal.co.uk) where the appropriate form is available.

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#### 1. Householder Checklists

#### a. Householder - Extensions

#### **Essential**

A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

A completed applicable certificate of ownership (including any relevant press notice)

The relevant fee

A location plan identifying the site

Site Plan – Existing and Proposed

**Elevations – Existing and Proposed** 

Floor Plans - Existing and Proposed

#### Criteria based

<u>Arboricultural Assessment</u> - When there are trees located on the application site or on adjacent sites in close proximity to the boundary

<u>Design and Access Statement</u> - Within a conservation area where the floorspace to be created exceeds 100 square metres

#### Flood Risk Assessment

Sustainable Drainage Assessment – if new building has footprint over 200 square metres

<u>Heritage Statement</u> - Where a development may affect a <u>heritage asset</u>, including its setting (heritage assets include Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, Historic Parks & Gardens, sites within Conservation Areas and local heritage assets)

<u>Roof Plans – Existing and Proposed</u> - If the development proposes a complex roof arrangement you may be asked for these

#### b. Householder - Domestic Outbuildings

#### **Essential**

A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

A completed applicable certificate of ownership (including any relevant press notice)

The relevant fee

A location plan identifying the site

Site Plan – Existing and Proposed

<u>Elevations – Proposed</u>

Floor Plans - Proposed

#### Criteria based

<u>Arboricultural Assessment</u> - When there are trees located on the application site or on adjacent sites in close proximity to the boundary

<u>Design and Access Statement</u> - Within a conservation area where the floorspace to be created exceeds 100 square metres

<u>Flood Risk Assessment</u> - guidance under 'advice for minor extensions' at this link <u>Preparing a flood risk assessment: standing advice - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>

Sustainable Drainage Assessment— if new building has footprint over 200 square metres

Heritage Statement - Where a development may affect a heritage asset, including its setting (heritage assets include Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, Historic Parks & Gardens, sites within Conservation Areas and local heritage assets)

#### c. Householder - Boundary Fences/Walls

#### **Essential**

A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

A completed applicable certificate of ownership (including any relevant press notice)

The relevant fee

A location plan identifying the site

Site Plan – Existing and Proposed

<u>Elevations – Proposed</u>

#### Criteria based

<u>Arboricultural Assessment</u> - When there are trees located on the application site or on adjacent sites in close proximity to the boundary

<u>Heritage Statement</u> - Where a development may affect a <u>heritage asset</u>, including its setting (heritage assets include Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, Historic Parks & Gardens, sites within Conservation Areas and local heritage assets)

#### d. Householder - Doors and Windows

#### **Essential**

A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

A completed applicable certificate of ownership (including any relevant press notice)

The relevant fee

A location plan identifying the site

<u>Cross Section Detail of Proposed Windows and Doors</u>

<u>Elevations – Existing and Proposed</u>

#### Criteria based

<u>Heritage Statement</u> - Where a development may affect a <u>heritage asset</u>, including its setting (heritage assets include Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, Historic Parks & Gardens, sites within Conservation Areas and local heritage assets)

#### e. Householder – Driveway, dropped kerbs and other householder applications

#### **Essential**

A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

A completed applicable certificate of ownership (including any relevant press notice)

The relevant fee

A location plan identifying the site

Site Plan – Existing and Proposed

#### Criteria based

<u>Arboricultural Assessment</u> - When there are trees located on the application site or on adjacent sites in close proximity to the boundary

<u>Heritage Statement</u> - Where a development may affect a <u>heritage asset</u>, including its setting (heritage assets include Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, Historic Parks & Gardens, sites within Conservation Areas and local heritage assets)

Sustainable Drainage Assessment— if development has footprint of new surfacing over 200 square metres or a driveway of over 5 square meters

Further guidance on what is required for each of the above type of application can be found in Part 2 - Document Types and Definitions

#### 2. Non Householder Checklists

## a. Non Householder - Buildings and Extensions (other than dwellings)

#### **Essential**

A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

A completed applicable certificate of ownership (including any relevant press notice)

The relevant fee

A location plan identifying the site

Site Plan – Existing and Proposed

Elevations – Existing and Proposed

Floor Plans - Existing and Proposed

#### Criteria based

<u>Accurate Visual Representations</u> – Where proposals are likely to have an effect on designated and non-designated heritage assets and/or the surrounding townscape

<u>Arboricultural Assessment</u> - When trees are located on the application site or on adjacent sites in close proximity to the boundary

<u>Archaeological Assessment</u> - For development likely to have impact on archaeological assets. (Will be required when the site is: within a conservation area; within the curtilage of a listed building or Scheduled Ancient Monument; within the Archaeological Alert Area; or within an area designated in the Development Plan as of archaeological significance)

<u>Biodiversity Assessment</u> - For development on or which may affect designated sites, protected species and/or priority habitats (see <u>Appendix 1</u> for further criteria and guidance)

<u>Daylight/Sunlight Assessment</u> — Where there is a potential adverse impact upon the current levels of daylight/sunlight enjoyed by adjoining properties or building(s), including

associated gardens or amenity space

<u>Design and Access Statement</u> – For <u>major applications</u> or where any part of the development is within a conservation area and comprises the provision of one or more dwellings or a building(s) where the floorspace created by the development is 100 square metres or more

Ecological Statement – For major applications

**Environmental Impact Assessment** 

Flood Risk Assessment

**Ground Stability Report** - Where issues of ground instability have been identified

<u>Heritage Statement</u> - Where a development may affect a <u>heritage asset</u>, including its setting (heritage assets include Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, Historic Parks & Gardens, sites within Conservation Areas and local heritage assets)

<u>Impact Assessment</u> - For retail, and leisure applications outside the defined town centres, which are not in accordance with an up to date Local Plan.

<u>Lighting Assessment</u> - When floodlighting is proposed

<u>Marketing Information</u> - Where the proposal is for a use not in accordance with the development plan and/or the National Planning Policy Framework

<u>Masterplan</u> – For <u>major applications</u>

Noise Impact Assessment - For 'Noisy Uses'

Noise Levels Assessment - For noise sensitive uses

Odour Attenuation Scheme - For Odour creating schemes

Playing Field Statement – For applications likely to affect playing field land

Roof Plans – Existing and Proposed - If the development proposes a complex roof form you may be asked for these

<u>Sequential Test for Main Town Centre Uses</u> - Required for new or extended main town centre uses proposed in locations that would not be in an existing centre and not in accordance with an up to date Local Plan.

Statement of Community Involvement

<u>Statement of Student Need</u> – For developments proposing student accommodation

<u>Streetscene Drawings</u> - Required for infill developments within an existing street or for major developments where new streets are created

<u>Structural Survey</u> - Will be required for applications involving demolition in a conservation area and the demolition of listed buildings

<u>Sustainable Drainage Strategy</u> - When development proposes over 200 square metres of building footprint

<u>Technical Specification</u> – Relating to any new plant or equipment for <u>'Noisy Uses'</u>

<u>Transport Assessment / Transport Statement</u> – In accordance with Leicester Street Design Guide

**Travel Plan** 

<u>Visual Impact Assessment</u> – Where sites are considered to be particularly sensitive, in landscape or visual terms

#### b. Non householder - Change of Use

Change of use of a property only, with no alterations to the building (where alterations are proposed please also refer to Building & Extensions)

#### **Essential**

A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

A completed applicable certificate of ownership (including any relevant press notice)

The relevant fee

A location plan identifying the site

#### Criteria based

<u>Affordable Housing Statement</u> – On all site of 15 or more dwellings or sites of 0.5 ha or over

Air Quality Assessment - When situated within an Air Quality Management Area

<u>Biodiversity Assessment</u> - For development on or which may affect designated sites, protected species and/or priority habitats (see <u>Appendix 1</u> for further criteria and guidance)

Flood Risk Assessment

<u>Floor Plans</u> - Dependent on the proposed use – will be essential for residential use and others where the layout of the use needs to be considered. A site plan should be included showing access arrangements and parking arrangements

Floorspace Schedule – Where any residential development is proposed.

<u>Impact Assessment</u> - For retail and leisure applications outside the defined town centres, which are not in accordance with an up to date Local Plan.

<u>Marketing Information</u> - Where the proposal is for a use not in accordance with the development plan and/or the National Planning Policy Framework

Noise Impact Assessment – For 'Noisy Uses'

Noise Levels Assessment – For noise sensitive uses

Odour Attenuation Scheme – For Odour creating schemes

Open Space Assessment – Where development is proposed within open spaces

<u>Planning Obligations (Section 106 Agreement) - Draft Head(s) of Terms</u> — Planning obligations may be sought on developments of 10 units or more and developments which have a maximum combined gross floorspace of no more than 1,000 square metres (gross internal area)

<u>Planning Statement</u> – Where a proposal does not accord with adopted policies and/or is a complex planning application

Playing Field Statement – For applications likely to affect playing field land

<u>Sequential Test for Main Town Centre Uses</u> - Required for new or extended main town centre uses proposed in locations that would not be in an existing centre and not in accordance with an up to date Local Plan.

Statement of Community Involvement

Technical Specification – Relating to any new plant or equipment for 'Noisy Uses'

**Transport Assessment / Transport Statement** 

Travel Plan

#### c. Non householder - Driveways and dropped kerbs (non-residential uses)

#### **Essential**

A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

A completed applicable certificate of ownership (including any relevant press notice)

The relevant fee

A location plan identifying the site

Site Plan – Existing and Proposed

#### Criteria based

<u>Arboricultural Assessment</u> – When trees are located on the application site or on adjacent sites in close proximity to the boundary

<u>Heritage Statement</u> – Where a development may affect a <u>heritage asset</u>, including its setting (heritage assets include Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, Historic Parks & Gardens, sites within Conservation Areas and local heritage assets)

<u>Playing Field Statement</u> – For applications likely to affect playing field land

Sustainable Drainage Assessment— if new hard surfacing has footprint over 200 square metres or a driveway of over 5 square meters

#### d. Non householder - Dwellings (Residential Developments)

#### **Essential**

A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

A completed applicable certificate of ownership (including any relevant press notice)

The relevant fee

A location plan identifying the site

Site Plan – Existing and Proposed

**Elevations – Proposed** 

Floor Plans – Proposed

Landscaping Scheme - Should include level survey of existing and proposed levels

Sustainable Drainage Strategy

Fire Statement

#### Criteria based

<u>Accurate Visual Representations</u> - Where proposals are likely to have an effect on designated and non-designated heritage assets and/or the surrounding townscape

<u>Affordable Housing Statement</u> – On all sites of 15 or more dwellings or sites of 0.5 ha or over

Air Quality Assessment - When situated within an Air Quality Management Area

<u>Arboricultural Assessment</u> – When trees are located on the application site or on adjacent sites in close proximity to the boundary

<u>Archaeological Assessment</u> – For development likely to impact on archaeological assets. (Will be required when the site is: within a conservation area; within the curtilage of a listed building or Scheduled Ancient Monument; within the Archaeological Alert Area; or within an area designated in the Development Plan as of archaeological significance)

<u>Biodiversity Assessment</u> – For development on or which may affect designated sites, protected species and/or priority habitats (see <u>Appendix 1</u> for further criteria and guidance)

<u>Building for Life Assessment</u> – For developments of 10 dwellings or more

Custom and Self-Build

<u>Daylight/Sunlight Assessment</u> – Where there is a potential adverse impact upon the current levels of daylight/sunlight enjoyed by adjoining properties or building(s), including associated gardens or amenity space

<u>Design and Access Statement</u> – For developments of 10 dwellings or more or applications where any part of the development is within a conservation area and comprises the provision of one or more dwelling house or a building(s) providing the creation of floor space of 100 square metres or more

**Elevations – Existing** 

Floor Plans - Existing

**Environmental Impact Assessment** 

Flood Risk Assessment

Floorspace Schedule – Where any residential development is proposed

Ground Stability Report - Where issues of ground instability have been identified

<u>Heritage Statement</u> – Where a development may affect a <u>heritage asset</u>, including its setting (heritage assets include Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, Historic Parks & Gardens, sites within Conservation Areas and local heritage assets)

<u>Marketing Information</u> – Where the proposal is for a use not in accordance with the development plan and/or the National Planning Policy Framework

Masterplan – Major applications proposing 10 dwellings or more

Noise Impact Assessment – For 'Noisy non-residential Uses' in a mixed use scheme

Noise Level Assessment – For noise sensitive uses

Open Space Assessment – Where development is proposed within open spaces

<u>Planning Obligations (Section 106 Agreement) - Draft Head(s) of Terms</u> – Planning obligations may be sought on developments of 10 units or more and developments which have a maximum combined gross floorspace of more than 1,000 square metres (gross internal area)

<u>Playing Field Statement</u> – For applications likely to affect playing field land

Plan - Existing and Proposed

**Statement of Community Involvement** 

<u>Statement of Student Need</u> – For developments proposing student accommodation

<u>Streetscene Drawings</u> – Required for infill developments within an existing street or for major developments where new streets are created

<u>Sustainability Design and Construction Statement</u> – For major applications proposing 10 dwellings or more

Sustainable Drainage Assessment– if one or more new dwellings

**Transport Assessment / Transport Statement** 

Travel Plan

<u>Visual Impact Assessment –</u> Where sites are considered to be particularly sensitive, in landscape or visual terms

#### e. Non householder - Energy generating equipment

#### **Essential**

A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

A completed applicable certificate of ownership (including any relevant press notice)

The relevant fee

A location plan identifying the site

Site Plan – Existing and Proposed

Elevations – Proposed

**Noise Impact Assessment** 

**Technical Specification** 

#### Criteria based

<u>Arboricultural Assessment</u> - When trees are located on the application site or on adjacent sites in close proximity to the boundary

<u>Biodiversity Assessment</u> - For development on or which may affect designated sites, protected species and/or priority habitats

Flood Risk Assessment

<u>Design and Access Statement – For major applications</u>

<u>Elevations – Existing</u> – When attached to a building

<u>Heritage Statement</u> – Where a development may affect a <u>heritage asset</u>, including its setting (heritage assets include Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, Historic Parks & Gardens, sites within Conservation Areas and local heritage assets)

Playing Field Statement – For applications likely to affect playing field land

Roof Plans – Existing and Proposed – When equipment is attached to a roof

<u>Statement of Community Involvement</u> – For wind turbine developments of more than two turbines or where the hub height of any turbine exceed 15 metres

<u>Sustainable Drainage Strategy</u> – Where development proposes over 200 square metres of building footprint

<u>Visual Impact Assessment</u> – Where sites are considered to be particularly sensitive, in landscape or visual terms

#### f. Non householder - Fences, Walls and Enclosures

#### **Essential**

A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

A completed applicable certificate of ownership (including any relevant press notice)

The relevant fee

A location plan identifying the site

Site Plan – Existing and Proposed

<u>Elevations – Existing and Proposed</u>

#### Criteria based

<u>Arboricultural Assessment</u> – When trees are located on the application site or on adjacent sites in close proximity to the boundary

<u>Heritage Statement</u> – When development affects a <u>heritage asset</u> or its setting (such as being within a conservation area and/or in the curtilage of a listed building or Scheduled Ancient Monument)

Playing Field Statement – For applications likely to affect playing field land

#### g. Non householder – Floodlighting

#### **Essential**

A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

A completed applicable certificate of ownership (including any relevant press notice)

The relevant fee

A location plan identifying the site

Site Plan – Existing and Proposed

**Lighting Assessment / Specification** 

**Elevations – Proposed** 

#### Criteria based

<u>Arboricultural Assessment</u> – When works will take place within root protection areas/canopy or result in the removal of trees or hedges within the site or on adjacent sites in close proximity to the boundary

<u>Biodiversity Assessment</u> – For development on or which may affect designated sites, protected species and/or priority habitats

<u>Heritage Statement</u> – Where a development may affect a <u>heritage asset</u>, including its setting (heritage assets include Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, Historic Parks & Gardens, sites within Conservation Areas and local heritage assets)

Playing Field Statement – For applications likely to affect playing field land

#### h. Non householder - Outline and Reserved Matters applications

The requirements for an Outline planning application will be the same as for a full planning application of the same type, whether listed as essential or criteria based for those matters not reserved.

All outstanding information required in relation to the subsequent Reserved Matters application(s) will be clearly listed on the outline planning permission.

The minimum information to be submitted for an Outline planning application is shown below. It is advised that pre-application advice is sought prior to the submission of an Outline application to agree the parameters of information required and the suitability of the proposed reserved matters.

#### Essential

A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

A completed applicable certificate of ownership (including any relevant press notice)

The relevant fee

A location plan identifying the site

#### i. Non householder – Plant and Machinery

#### **Essential**

A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

A completed applicable certificate of ownership (including any relevant press notice)

The relevant fee

A location plan identifying the site

Site Plan – Existing and Proposed

**Elevations – Existing and Proposed** 

Floor Plans - Existing and Proposed

**Noise Impact Assessment** 

**Technical Specification** 

#### Criteria based

<u>Arboricultural Assessment</u> – When works will take place within root protection areas/canopy or result in the removal of trees or hedges on the site or on adjacent sites in close proximity to the boundary

<u>Biodiversity Assessment</u> – When located within a site that has not been previously developed (see <u>Appendix 1</u> for further criteria and guidance)

Flood Risk Assessment

<u>Sustainable Drainage Strategy</u> – Where development proposes over 200 square metres of building footprint

<u>Design and Access Statement</u> – For <u>major applications</u>

<u>Heritage Statement</u> – Where a development may affect a <u>heritage asset</u>, including its setting (heritage assets include Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, Historic Parks & Gardens, sites within Conservation Areas and local heritage assets)

Playing Field Statement – For applications likely to affect playing field land

Statement of Community Involvement

<u>Visual Impact Assessment</u> – Where sites are considered to be particularly sensitive, in landscape or visual terms

<u>Sustainable Drainage Assessment</u> – if development has footprint over 200 square metres

#### j. Non householder - Shop Fronts

#### **Essential**

A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

A completed applicable certificate of ownership (including any relevant press notice)

The relevant fee

A location plan identifying the site

Site Plan – Existing

**Elevations – Existing and Proposed** 

Floor Plans - Existing and Proposed

#### Criteria based

<u>Heritage Statement</u> – Where a development may affect a <u>heritage asset</u>, including its setting (heritage assets include Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, Historic Parks & Gardens, sites within Conservation Areas and local heritage assets)

#### k. Advertisement Consent

#### **Essential**

A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

A completed applicable certificate of ownership (including any relevant press notice)

The relevant fee

A location plan identifying the site

Colour Drawings / Graphics of Proposed Advertisements / Dimensions of advertisement

<u>Elevations – Existing and Proposed</u>

**Lighting Specification** 

Further guidance on what is required for each of the above type of application can be found in Part 2 - <u>Document Types and Definitions</u>

# 3. Lawful Development Certificates Checklists

a. Lawful Development Certificate - Proposed Development or Use

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A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

The relevant fee

A location plan identifying the site

Site Plan – Existing and Proposed

**Evidence** 

#### Criteria based

<u>Floor Plans – Existing and Proposed</u> – Where development proposes changes to elevations

<u>Floor Plans – Existing and Proposed</u> – Where development proposes changes to floor plans

<u>Roof Plan – Existing and Proposed</u> – Where development proposes changes to the roof

Statement of Interest

#### b. Lawful Development Certificate - Existing Development or Use

#### **Essential**

A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

The relevant fee

A location plan identifying the site

**Evidence** 

#### Criteria based

<u>Elevations – as existing prior to development</u> - Where existing elevations were changed by the development

<u>Floor Plans – as existing prior to development</u> - Where existing floor plans were changed by the development

<u>Roof Plan – as existing prior to development</u> - Where existing roof plan was changed by the development

Roof Plan – as built – Where changes to the roof have been made

<u>Site Plan – as existing prior to development</u> - Where existing site layout was changed by the development

Other plans that comprise evidence to support the application

Statement of Interest

Further guidance on what is required for each of the above type of application can be found in Part 2 - <u>Document Types and Definitions</u>

#### 4. Other Checklists

#### a. Listed Building Consent

#### **Essential**

A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

A completed applicable certificate of ownership (including any relevant press notice)

A location plan identifying the site

Site Plan – Existing and Proposed

Design and Access Statement

**Elevations – Existing and Proposed** 

Floor Plans – Existing and Proposed

Heritage Statement

Photographs – Showing location of proposed extension, alteration or demolition

#### Criteria based

Method Statement & Structural Survey – Where demolition or structural works are proposed, a structural engineer's report outlining the extent of the works is desirable

Roof Plans – Existing and Proposed – Where alterations affecting the roof are proposed

Schedule of Works – Where multiple alterations (internal or external) are proposed

#### b. Non Material Amendment to Planning Permission

#### **Essential**

A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

A completed applicable certificate of ownership (including any relevant press notice)

The relevant fee

#### Criteria based

<u>Elevations – Proposed including clear identification of where amendments are proposed – Where proposals affect the previously approved elevations</u>

Site and <u>Floor Plans – Proposed including clear identification of where amendments are proposed</u> – Where proposals affect the previously approved plans

Roof Plan – Proposed including clear identification of where amendments are proposed – Where proposals affect the previously approved roof plan

#### c. Retrospective Applications

Requirements for retrospective applications for planning permission for something already built will be the same as for those made in advance of the development or change of use. "Existing" and "proposed plans" should be labelled "as existing prior to development" and "as built".

If you are proposing further changes from what has been built this is treated as a new proposal but you should submit plans: "existing prior to development", "as built currently" and "now proposed".

# d. Right of Way Diversion

#### Essential

A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

A completed applicable certificate of ownership (including any relevant press notice)

The relevant fee

A location plan identifying the site

**Justification Statement** 

Site Plan – Showing proposed and existing routes

# e. Variation or Removal of Condition (Section 73 of the *Town and Country Planning Act*)

In addition to the minimum requirements below, any documents and plans submitted with the original application will need updating insofar as that is relevant to the change sought. Additional requirements will apply if the change sought triggers criteria-based requirements in the checklist for the type of development covered by the planning permission.

#### **Essential**

A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

A completed applicable certificate of ownership (including any relevant press notice)

The relevant fee

A location plan identifying the site

<u>Details Specified in Condition(s)</u>

#### f. Works to Trees

#### Essential

A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

The relevant fee

A location plan identifying the site

<u>Site Plan – Existing and Proposed</u> – identifying all trees which are subject of the application

Description of the proposed works

<u>Justification Statement</u>

Further guidance on what is required for each of the above type of application can be found in Part 2 - Document Types and Definitions

#### 5. Prior Notification Checklists

In addition to the requirement set out below there are more specific requirement for the different types of prior approval applications that are set out in The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1955 (as amended) that must be adhered to.

#### a. Prior Notification of Change of Use

#### **Essential**

A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

A completed applicable certificate of ownership (including any relevant press notice)

The relevant fee

A location plan identifying the site

#### Criteria based

Floor Plans - Existing and Proposed - For change of use to residential

<u>Elevations – Existing and Proposed –</u> For change of use to residential

Prior approval for change of use to residential

#### **b. Prior Notification of Demolition**

#### Essential

A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

A completed applicable certificate of ownership (including any relevant press notice)

The relevant fee

A location plan identifying the site

Site Plan identifying building(s) to be demolished

**Method Statement** 

Site Notice

# c. Prior Notification of Larger Home Extensions

#### Essential

A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

A completed applicable certificate of ownership (including any relevant press notice)

The relevant fee

A location plan identifying the site

Site Plan – indicating position of the extension

d. Prior Notification of the Installation of Telecommunications Apparatus

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A completed application form appropriate to the type of application

A completed applicable certificate of ownership (including any relevant press notice)

The relevant fee

A location plan identifying the site

Site Plan – Existing and Proposed

<u>Elevations – Proposed</u>

**ICNIRP** Declaration

**Justification Statement** 

#### Criteria based

<u>Arboricultural Assessment</u> – When trees are located on or neighbouring the application site

Further guidance on what is required for each of the above type of application can be found in Part 2 - Document Types and Definitions

# **Part 2 - Document Types and Definitions**

This guidance must be read in conjunction with Part 1 – Check of Checklist.

#### Accurate Visual Representations

An Accurate Visual Representation (AVR) is a form of computer visualisation that can assist in the assessment of the visual effects of specific proposals on designated views. AVR images are very realistic and should be accurate with respect to height, form, size and location and should be created to a high level of verifiable accuracy using collected survey data and precise photography. The AVRs must be accompanied by a commentary and methodology statement.

AVRs will be required where a proposal is likely to have an effect on designated and non-designated heritage assets; and/or the surrounding townscape.

Early pre-application discussions are encouraged to determine whether AVR images are required to support a proposal and, where necessary, which views are required and the extent to which they should be rendered.

## Affordable Housing Statement

Policy CS7 of Leicester City's adopted *Core Strategy* (<a href="https://www.leicester.gov.uk/media/179023/core-strategy-adopted-july-2014.pdf">https://www.leicester.gov.uk/media/179023/core-strategy-adopted-july-2014.pdf</a>) outlines the requirements for affordable housing provision with the aim of contributing to the creation and enhancement of sustainable mixed communities.

The statement should provide the following information in relation to all proposed affordable and market housing:

- Number of residential units
- Schedule with the mix of units with numbers of habitable rooms and/or bedrooms, or the floor space of habitable areas of residential units
- Plan showing the location of units and their number of habitable rooms and/or bedrooms, and/or the floor space of the units

If different levels or types of affordability or tenure are proposed for different units this should be clearly and fully explained. The affordable housing statement should also include details of any Registered Social Landlords acting as partner in the development.

Where the Affordable Housing Statement proposes to secure provision through a Section 106 planning obligation/agreement, the Council will expect the heads of terms of such an obligation/agreement to be submitted with the application.

In the event that the applicant is seeking to make an exception to the established policies of the Local Plan, Local Development Framework or other SPD guidance on the provision of affordable housing, this will need to be fully justified. Such justification needs to set out what attempts have been made to secure arrangements with possible providers confirming details and responses received from organisations including the City Council's Housing Department. Where the justification is based on a financial case a Viability Assessment must be submitted by the applicant and carried out by a suitably qualified surveyor. The assessment should establish the appropriate level of affordable housing having regard to both financial viability constraints and the expectations of the Council's policies.

#### Agricultural Land Declaration

In accordance with Section 66 of the <u>Town and Country Planning Act 1990</u> all agricultural tenants on a site must be notified prior to the submission of a planning application. Applicants must certify that they have notified any agricultural tenants about their application, or that there are no agricultural tenants on the site. The certificate is required whether or not the site includes an agricultural holding. It is incorporated into the standard application form, and must be signed in order for the application to be valid.

No agricultural land declaration is required if the applicant is making an application for: the approval of reserved matters; renewal of temporary planning permission; discharge or variation of conditions; tree preservation orders; listed building consent; a lawful development certificate; prior notification of proposed agricultural or forestry development; or a non-material amendment.

#### Air Quality Assessment

This is a report that assesses the likelihood of there being a deterioration of amenity at nearby premises due to air quality issues. The report should include an assessment of the likely air quality impacts and will require air quality dispersion modelling supported by local air quality monitoring data. This data is required for the purpose of verifying the modelling study and must be collected over a sufficient period of time.

Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA) are areas where issues with air quality have been identified and typically will be around major road junctions. Information regarding AQMAs within Leicester City can be found at: https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council/policies-plans-and-strategies/environment-and-sustainability/air-quality/

National Planning Practice Guidance – Air Quality <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/air-quality--3">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/air-quality--3</a>

# <u>Application Forms</u>

Application forms should be completed through the Planning Portal's online 1APP system <a href="https://www.planningportal.co.uk/applications">https://www.planningportal.co.uk/applications</a>

Application types which are currently not available through the 1APP system are listed here, with instructions of where to download manual forms:

https://www.planningportal.co.uk/info/200126/applications/60/consent\_types

# **Arboricultural Assessment (Trees)**

This assessment should be carried out by a qualified arboriculturalist and include:

- details of the accurate position of all the trees/hedgerows both on the site and those on adjacent land (including canopy spread and root area)
- species of all trees/hedgerows on the site and those on adjacent land and an assessment of their health, vigour and amenity value
- schedule of trees/hedgerows proposed to be retained or removed and why
- tree protection measures during the construction process and life of the development should also be identified.

#### <u>Archaeological Assessment</u>

This desk-based assessment should include a study of the recorded history and archaeology of a site to evaluate its archaeological potential and in order to determine the need for and nature of any archaeological work that may be required in response to the development proposals. Prospective developers are encouraged to enter into pre-application discussions in order to obtain advice on likely requirements.

National Planning Practice Guidance – Conserving and enhancing the historic environment <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/conserving-and-enhancing-the-historic-environment">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/conserving-and-enhancing-the-historic-environment</a>

# **Biodiversity Assessment**

This should include details of any wildlife habitats or features within the site or on other land within the surrounding area which may be affected by the development proposed and, in particular, focus on: designated sites, protected species, and priority habitats.

Where a proposed development is likely to affect a designated site, priority habitat or protected species, an assessment will be required. Surveys should be undertaken and prepared by competent persons with suitable qualifications and experience and must be carried out at an appropriate time and month of year, in suitable weather conditions and using nationally recognised survey guidelines/methods where available. The survey should be undertaken within the last available season before the submission of the application. The survey must be to an appropriate level of scope and detail and must record which habitats and species are present on or around the site; identify the extent/area/length present; and map their distribution.

The assessment should demonstrate how adverse effects will be avoided wherever possible; how unavoidable impacts will be mitigated or reduced; how impacts that cannot be avoided or mitigated will be compensated; and how alternatives designs, or locations have been considered. These measures are necessary to demonstrate that a biodiversity net gain can

be achieved wherever possible and that sufficient mitigation measures are in place to secure the conservation status of protected or priority species.

See the following link for further information and guidance: <a href="http://www.leicester.gov.uk/planning-and-building/conservation/nature-and-biodiversity/nature-conservation-and-planning/">http://www.leicester.gov.uk/planning-and-building/conservation/nature-and-biodiversity/nature-conservation-and-planning/</a>

National Planning Practice Guidance – Natural environment <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/natural-environment">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/natural-environment</a>

## **Building for Life Assessment**

Section 12 (particularly paragraph 133 of the National Planning Policy Framework attaches great importance to design and Building for Life has been updated to follow the framework. All major residential developments in Leicester City areas require an assessment following the Building for Life 12 national standard for well-designed homes and neighbourhoods. Further details on the criteria and assessment requirements can be found on the Design Council's website at:

http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/our-work/CABE/Our-big-projects/Building-for-Life/

This may be included and clearly identified, where appropriate, in the Design and Access Statement.

The National Design Guide is also an important reference: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-design-guide">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-design-guide</a>

# Custom and Self-Build

Proposals for custom and self-build development should be clearly identified on the planning application form. Where provision of custom and self-build plots is proposed as part of a larger development, the plots must be clearly identified on a drawing. An accompanying statement could set out when the plots would become available as serviced plots (i.e when they would have access to a public highway and connections for electricity, water and wastewater) and how these plots would be safeguarded for and made available for custom and self-build.

Relevant government guidance can be found at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/self-build-and-custom-housebuilding">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/self-build-and-custom-housebuilding</a>

# Certificate of Ownership

In accordance with Article 14 of <u>The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)(England) Order 2015 (as amended)</u> the local planning authority must not entertain an application for planning permission unless the relevant certificates concerning the ownership of the application site have been completed. All applications for planning permission must therefore include the appropriate certificate of ownership. An ownership

certificate A, B, C or D must be completed stating the ownership of the property. For this purpose, an 'owner' is anyone with a freehold interest, or leasehold interest the unexpired term of which is not less than seven years. Ownership certificates must also be completed for applications for listed building consent.

These ownership certificates form part of the standard application form.

## Colour drawings/graphics of proposed advertisements

Drawings which show the design of the proposed advertisements including the colours used. These should be at a larger scale than the representation of advertisements within elevations.

## **Contamination Assessment**

Where land is to be newly developed or re-developed, a desktop study is required, which should as a minimum determine if there have been any historically contaminative uses of the site or whether the site has any naturally occupying contamination. This will indicate if an intrusive investigation is required and identify potential remediation strategies.

National Planning Practice Guidance – Land affected by contamination <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/land-affected-by-contamination">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/land-affected-by-contamination</a>

## Cross Section Detail of Proposed Windows and Doors

These details are required in relation to applications where the proposal involved is major new development or where planning permission is required for the alterations/replacement of windows and doors in a listed building or conservation area. These should be drawn to a standardised metric scale preferably 1:50 or 1:20, include critical dimensions and should show a cross section(s) of existing (if to be replaced) and any proposed windows or doors.

# **Daylight/Sunlight Assessment**

The impact of a development upon the sunlight and daylight enjoyed by the occupiers and neighbours of the development is an important material consideration. In most cases, the impact of a development upon sunlight/daylight will be clear from the application drawings and a formal assessment will not be necessary. In exceptional cases (such as proposals for tall buildings on restricted sites where site characteristics indicate a likely concern in relation to this issue) the City Council may require a formal assessment to be carried out. Any such requirement will be highlighted in any pre-application discussions.

# <u>Description of Works Proposed (Tree works)</u>

A description clearly setting out what works are proposed to the tree(s) and how these are to be carried out.

## **Design and Access Statement**

Design and Access Statements are required for the following:

- Applications for Listed Building Consent
- Applications for demolition within a Conservation Area
- All major developments
- All development within a Conservation Area where the floorspace to be created would exceed 100 square metres or provision of one dwelling or more

A Design and Access Statement is a document that explains the design thinking behind a planning application and how access will be provided, including access for disabled people. Statements should avoid jargon or overly technical language and must be written specifically for the application they accompany. They need not be very long, but the amount of detail they contain should reflect the complexity of the application. The statement should:

- Explain the design principles and concepts that have been applied to the development;
- Demonstrate the steps taken to appraise the context of the development and how the design of the development takes that context into account;
- Explain the policy adopted as to access, and how policies relating to access in relevant local development documents have been taken into account;
- State what, if any, consultation has been undertaken on issues relating to access to the development and what account has been taken of the outcome of any such consultation; and
- Explain how any specific issues which might affect access to the development have been addressed.

There is guidance on writing Design and Access Statements which can be viewed at: <a href="http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/sites/default/files/asset/document/design-and-access-statements.pdf">http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/sites/default/files/asset/document/design-and-access-statements.pdf</a>

Design and Access is also covered in the National Planning Practice Guidance at: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-an-application">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-an-application</a>

# **Ecological Statement**

An Ecological Statement in the form of a report should contain details of the methodologies used and results of any surveys undertaken during the Biodiversity Assessment. Evaluation of the results of the survey along with mitigation measures and requirement for further surveys and/or licences should be detailed in the statement.

Where it is not clear that a Biodiversity Net Gain can be achieved on the proposed site, the statement should include an appropriate biodiversity metric to quantify the value of vegetation on the site that will be retained and enhanced, or any new habitat features created or enhanced to demonstrate how a biodiversity net gain can be achieved.

Opportunities to achieve biodiversity enhancement should be linked to landscape schemes and sustainable drainage

National Planning Practice Guidance – Natural Environment <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/natural-environment">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/natural-environment</a>

## <u>Elevations – Existing and Proposed</u>

These should be drawn to a standardised metric scale preferably 1:50 or 1:100, include critical external dimensions in figures (height/width/length, etc.) and clearly show the proposed works in relation to what is already there. Scale bars should be included on the drawing to enable measurements to be taken from electronic versions. All sides of the proposal must be shown, and these should indicate, where possible, the proposed building materials and the style, materials and finish of windows and doors. Blank elevations must also be included; if only to show that this is in fact the case.

Where a proposed elevation adjoins another building or is in close proximity, the drawings should clearly show the relationship between the buildings and detail the positions of the openings on each property. It will not be necessary for an applicant to provide detailed information on elevations of existing buildings on the site if these will not be altered by the development proposal.

Streetscenes will often be required to show the proposed development in context particularly where there are land level differences or an increase in the height of the proposed replacement building/structures.

# **Environmental Impact Assessment**

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is a statutory requirement set out in The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (<a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2017/571/pdfs/uksi/20170571">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2017/571/pdfs/uksi/20170571</a> en.pdf). Schedules 1, 2 and 3 of these regulations set out the circumstances in which EIA is required. Applications which fall into the scope of EIA must be accompanied by an Environmental Statement (ES); schedule 4 of the regulations sets out details of the information to be included in an ES.

The regulations also provide mechanisms for developers to formally request advice from the Local Planning Authority (LPA) through the Screening and Scoping Opinion processes.

<u>Screening Opinion</u> – a developer may request an opinion from the LPA to establish whether an EIA in required or not. The request should include details of the location, scale and nature of the proposed development to enable an appropriate opinion to be issued.

<u>Scoping Opinion</u> – once it has been established that EIA is required, the developer can submit a further request to the LPA for advice on the methodology and broad content of the Environmental Statement. This process also enables the developer to gain insight into the main concerns of the LPA and other stakeholders at an early stage in the process.

It should be noted that in cases where full EIA is not required, the LPA may still require environmental information to be provided.

National Planning Practice Guidance – Environmental Impact Assessment <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/environmental-impact-assessment">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/environmental-impact-assessment</a>

## Evidence (Applications for Lawful Development Certificates)

Evidence is required when submitting a Lawful Development Certificate application and should specify the reasons why the development is considered to be lawful. This will either be:

- an explanation of why planning permission is not required due to permitted development rights; or
- evidence of when the development was constructed or the use commenced, if considered to have become lawful due to the passage of time.

## <u>Fee</u>

An application without the correct fee cannot be processed.

Planning applications incur a fee except where exempt by legislation. These are set out in *The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) Regulations 2017* (as amended) (The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (legislation.gov.uk)

The Planning Portal (<a href="https://www.planningportal.co.uk/services/help/making-an-online-application/fees-calculate-fees-for-the-application">https://www.planningportal.co.uk/services/help/making-an-online-application/fees-calculate-fees-for-the-application</a>) includes a fee calculator for applicants.

National Planning Practice Guidance – Fees for planning applications <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/fees-for-planning-applications">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/fees-for-planning-applications</a>

#### Fire Statement

Multi-occupied residential buildings of 18 metres or more in height, or 7 or more storeys will need to be accompanied by a fire statement, completed by an expert and submitted as part of the application for planning permission.

#### Government Guidance:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/fire-safety-and-high-rise-residential-buildings-from-1-august-2021

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment data/file/996391/Fire statement form - dynamic.docx

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment data/file/996387/Fire statement form - static.pdf

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment data/file/997770/Fire statement form - guidance.pdf

#### Flood Risk Assessment

This must cover the whole site and development.

A Flood Risk Assessment is required:

1. If the site is within flood zone 1 and meets one of the following criteria:

The site area exceeds 1 hectare (ha)

The site area is less than 1 ha where the site could be affected by sources of flooding other than rivers and the sea (e.g. surface water drains, reservoirs)

The site is within an area which has critical drainage problems as notified by the Environment Agency or the Lead Local Flood Authority

2. If any part of the site is within flood zones 2 and 3 (including non-major proposals and change of use).

For the purposes of flood risk, "non-major development" means:

Minor non-residential extensions: industrial/commercial/leisure, etc. extensions with a footprint less than 250 square metres

Alterations: development that does not increase the size of building, e.g. alterations to external appearance

Householder development: for example: sheds, garages, games rooms, etc. within the curtilage of the existing dwelling, in addition to physical extensions to the existing dwelling itself. This definition excludes any proposed development that would create

A separate dwelling within the curtilage of the existing dwelling, e.g. subdivision of houses into flats

A Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) is a statement or report that considers the risk of flooding arising from the development from all sources, in addition to the risk of the development being flooded and demonstrates how those risks would be managed. The FRA assesses the impacts of climate change; considers the potential adverse and beneficial effects of flood risk management; considers the vulnerability of those that would occupy and use the development, including securing a safe means of access and egress and defining any areas of refuge; considers the impacts of differing types of flooding (such as from natural or man-made sources and the cumulative effect of both) and identifies flood reduction measures; considers the effects of a range of flooding events; include an assessment of the residual flood risk after

flood reduction measures have been taken into account; considers how the ability of water to soak into the ground may vary and how the development may affect drainage systems and existing surface water flow routes; and is supported by appropriate data and information, including historical data. The FRA should be prepared by a suitably qualified individual. The FRA must include sequential and exception tests, where appropriate.

Any planning application for a proposed development with a Vulnerability Classification of "More Vulnerable", "Highly Vulnerable" or "Essential Infrastructure", that is located within Flood Zones 2 and 3, must consider emergency flood planning procedures as part of their FRA.

#### Government advice:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-assessment-for-planning-applications

National Planning Practice Guidance – Flood risk and coastal change: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-and-coastal-change">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-and-coastal-change</a>

For minor extensions guidance can be found at: <u>Preparing a flood risk assessment: standing advice</u> - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Further information and guidance can be found on Leicester City Council's website at: <a href="https://www.leicester.gov.uk/planning-and-building/urban-design-and-sustainability/flood-risk-management/">https://www.leicester.gov.uk/planning-and-building/urban-design-and-sustainability/flood-risk-management/</a>

# Floor Plans - Existing and Proposed

These should be drawn to a standardised metric scale preferably 1:50 or 1:100, include critical external dimensions in figures (width, length, etc.) and should explain the use of each room/part. A scale bar should be shown on the plans to allow measurements from electronic versions. Where existing buildings or walls are to be demolished these should be clearly shown. The drawings submitted should show details of the existing building(s) as well as those for the proposed development. New buildings should also be shown in context with adjacent buildings (including property numbers where applicable).

Any spaces with reduced head height eg roof spaces should be indicated by both shading on the floor plans and through cross sections.

# Floorspace Schedule

A Floorspace Schedule is required to accompany all applications for the creation of new residential units and should include a schedule of accommodation in table form presenting residential unit types, the number of bedspaces (persons), number of bedrooms and gross internal floor space. A Floorspace Schedule will be needed whether new units are being proposed, or the number of units is being reduced through re-configuration. In the case of reconfiguration of buildings currently divided into small flats, a full schedule of the number, type and size of existing and proposed units should be provided to enable the net change in the number and size of units to be assessed.

Any floor areas with ceiling heights between 1.5 metre and 2.3 metres should be shown separately. Any areas below 1.5 metres should not be included. A template Floorspace Schedule can be found at:

http://www.leicester.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-applications/make-anapplication/

## **Ground Stability Report**

A Ground Stability Report shall be submitted where issues of land instability have been identified to demonstrate that:

- The instability has been assessed
- Mitigation has been identified and a schedule for this is in place
- A programme for monitoring is in place
- The need for environmental assessment arising from stabilisation has been identified

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National Planning Practice Guidance – Land stability https://www.gov.uk/guidance/land-stability

## **Heritage Asset**

A building, monument, site, place, area or landscape identified as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions, because of its heritage interest (NPPF, 2021).

Designated heritage assets are – Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, Historic Parks & Gardens and Conservations Areas. Non-designated heritage assets are – sites on the local heritage asset register.

Information on Listed Buildings and LCC's local heritage asset register can be found at the following links:

https://www.leicester.gov.uk/planning-and-building/conservation/heritage-conservation/listed-buildings/

https://www.leicester.gov.uk/planning-and-building/conservation/heritage-conservation/local-heritage-asset-register/

# Heritage Statement

Applications that may affect a heritage asset should be supported by a written statement which assesses the impact of the proposal upon the significance of the heritage asset, including its setting. The written statement should clearly identify the designation of the heritage asset (eg is it listed?), how the proposed application will affect the significance of the

heritage asset and what considerations have been made by the applicant to minimise this impact.

The scope and degree of detail necessary in a Heritage Statement will vary according to the particular circumstances of each application. Applicants are advised to discuss proposals with either a planning officer or a conservation officer before any application is made. The following is a guide to the sort of information that may be required for different types of application.

For applications for listed building consent, a written statement that includes a schedule of works to the listed building(s), an analysis of the significance of archaeology, history and character of the building/structure, the principles of and justification for the proposed works and their impact on the special character of the listed building or structure, its setting and the setting of adjacent listed buildings may be required. A structural survey may be required in support of an application for listed building consent.

For applications for the demolition of a building within a conservation area, a written statement that includes a structural survey, an analysis of the character and appearance of the building/structure, the principles of and justification for the proposed demolition and its impact on the special character of the area may be required. In cases where the demolition is proposed due to the existing building being 'structurally unstable' a structural engineers report confirming this will be required.

For applications either related to or impacting on the setting of heritage assets a written statement that includes plans showing historic features that may exist on or adjacent to the application site including listed buildings and structures, historic parks and gardens, and scheduled ancient monuments and an analysis of the significance of archaeology, history and character of the building/structure, the principles of and justification for the proposed works and their impact on the special character of the listed building or structure, its setting and the setting of adjacent listed buildings may be required.

For applications within or adjacent to a conservation area, an assessment of the impact of the development on the character and appearance of the area may be required.

For all applications involving the disturbance of ground within an Area of Archaeological Potential as defined in the development plan or in other areas in the case of a major development proposal or significant infrastructure works, an applicant may need to commission an assessment of existing archaeological information and submit the results as part of the Heritage Statement.

For heritage assets, national policy guidance is provided in the National Planning Policy Framework.

National Planning Practice Guidance – Conserving and enhancing the historic environment <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/conserving-and-enhancing-the-historic-environment">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/conserving-and-enhancing-the-historic-environment</a>

The framework for the statement is set out in Historic England Advice 12

<u>Statements of Heritage Significance: Analysing Significance in Heritage Assets</u> (historicengland.org.uk)

#### **ICNIRP** Declaration

A declaration would confirm that the proposed development complies with the requirements of the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation.

## <u>Impact Assessment (retail and leisure uses)</u>

The purpose of the test is to ensure that the impact over time (up to 5 years – 10 for major schemes) of certain out of centre and edge of centre proposals on existing town centres is not significantly adverse. The test relates to retail and leisure development (not all main town centre uses) which are not in accordance with an up to date Local Plan and outside of existing town centres.

National Planning Practice Guidance –Town Centres and Retail sets out the key steps which should be undertaken when carrying out an impact test in decision taking. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ensuring-the-vitality-of-town-centres">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ensuring-the-vitality-of-town-centres</a>

The impact test only applies to proposals exceeding 2,500 square metres gross floorspace unless a different locally appropriate threshold is set by the local planning authority.

## **Justification Statement**

This should outline the reasons or need for the development/amendment/works, including plans where relevant.

# Landscaping

For the purposes of validation, it will normally be sufficient for the landscaping details to be limited to the location of existing and proposed trees and a general indication of the type of planting proposed in all landscaped areas of the site (e.g. low shrubs, grass). More detailed specification will usually be secured through the imposition of conditions, although the submission of a more comprehensive scheme as part of the application may reduce or eliminate the need for more details to be approved later. The landscaping details should indicate that they have had regard to the location of existing and proposed services and should indicate the arrangements to be made for the protection of existing trees during the course of construction. Where areas of landscaping fall outside the boundaries of individual properties, the landscaping details must include a statement indicating the proposed arrangements for their long-term maintenance and management.

National Planning Practice Guidance – Natural environment <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/natural-environment">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/natural-environment</a>

## **Lighting Assessment**

An assessment for applications involving lighting should be carried out in accordance with CIE guidance or suitable equivalent and include:

- A statement setting out why a lighting scheme is required, the proposed users, and the frequency and length of use in terms of hours of illumination;
- A site survey showing the area to be lit relative to the surrounding area, the existing landscape features together with proposed landscaping features to mitigate the impacts of the proposed lighting;
- A technical report prepared by a qualified competent person (e.g. Lighting Engineer) setting out the type of lights, performance, height and spacing of lighting columns.
   The light levels to be achieved over the intended area, at the site boundaries and, for large schemes, 50m outside of the boundary of the site should be superimposed on a map of the site and its surrounding area.

For illuminated advertisements the assessment can be confined to technical details of the means of illumination.

National Planning Practice Guidance – Light pollution <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/light-pollution">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/light-pollution</a>

## Location Plan

All applications must include copies of a location plan based on an up-to-date map. This should be to a standardised metric scale preferably 1:1250 or 1:2500 and normally on A4 or A5 sized paper. In exceptional circumstances plans of other scales may also be required. Plans should wherever possible show at least two named roads and surrounding buildings. The properties shown should be numbered or named to ensure that the exact location of the application site is clear.

The application site should be edged clearly with a red line. It should include all land necessary to carry out the proposed development – for example, land required for access to the site from a public highway, visibility splays, landscaping, car parking and open areas around buildings. A blue line should be drawn around any other land owned by the applicant, close to or adjoining the application site.

# Major Planning Application

The planning definition of major development relates to applications for:

- Residential development for 10 or more dwellings
- Residential development on a site of 0.5 hectares or more where the number of dwellings is unknown
- Development involving building(s) with a floorspace of 1,000 square metres or more

- Any development on a site of 1 hectare or more
- Waste management development

## Marketing Information

In support of a change of use – this should set out the period over which the property has been unsuccessfully marketed and include estate agents' literature and a commentary from the agent regarding why the inquiries received (if any) have not resulted in a sale/let.

## **Method Statement**

The statement should clearly identify the works that are to be carried out, the order in which they are to be undertaken and the techniques that are to be used. Further information as to materials proposed are also likely to be required.

## Noise Impact Assessment

A Noise Impact Assessment is used to assess the change in the acoustic environment that will be brought about by the proposed development and the impacts existing nearby developments and uses may have on the proposed development. Once the impacts have been identified, a mitigation strategy should also be included in the report and demonstrate how these measures will minimise the impacts of the development, or of existing features in the environment on future occupants of the development, to within acceptable levels. The report should describe any equipment to be installed with noise emission data.

Noise mitigation should be considered holistically alongside ventilation/air quality and aesthetic design.

Further information and guidance on producing a Noise Impact Assessment can be found at: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/noise-impact-assessment-information-requirements">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/noise-impact-assessment-information-requirements</a>

National Planning Practice Guidance – Noise https://www.gov.uk/guidance/noise--2

#### Noise Levels Assessment

The report should provide an assessment of the existing/potential noise levels within the vicinity of the site; for example, those generated from nearby commercial premises, roads or railways.

National Planning Practice Guidance – Noise <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/noise--2">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/noise--2</a>

# **Noisy Uses**

#### Defined noisy uses include:

- Development involving uses falling within Classes B2 and B8 of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended)
- External plant
- The playing of music where this is a significant element of the proposal (e.g. drinking establishments, entertainment uses and places of worship)
- Wind turbines, wind farms
- Motor sport activities
- The accommodation of numbers of animals

## Odour Attenuation Scheme

Such a report would assess the likelihood of deterioration of amenity at nearby premises due to emissions to the atmosphere, together with detailed information on any proposed abatement system. The technical specification of any extraction equipment should be provided.

## **Odour Creating Uses**

Defined odour creating uses include:

- Cooking of food food factory, restaurant, takeaway
- Paint spraying or coating processes
- Any activity that requires the air within the workplace to be exhausted to atmosphere (other than simple office-type ventilation)
- The installation of a furnace/incinerator
- Processing/storage/disposal of waste
- Processing of liquids
- Composting
- Storage and handling of dusty materials
- Manufacture of perfumes, flavourings, etc.
- Slaughterhouses
- The accommodation of animals
- In-situ or on-site land remediation

# Open Space Assessment

For major residential developments a contribution from developers towards the cost of providing necessary publicly accessible open space is required. Alternatively, provision may be made on site if appropriate. An open space assessment should set out the details of any on site provision, or the details of any proposed financial contribution in line with the Council's Green Space Supplementary Planning Document, and should include the heads of terms of a Section 106 planning obligation if a payment is to be made. If development of a site within the open space network is proposed, the open space assessment should provide

information on the need for open space, and set out any proposals for alternative provision, including (if necessary) a draft planning obligation.

National Planning Practice Guidance – Open space, sports and recreation facilities, public rights of way and local green space

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities-public-rights-of-way-and-local-green-space

## Parking Provision

Applications may be required to provide details of existing and proposed parking provision. These details should be shown on a site layout plan. Where appropriate, provision should be made for parking spaces for the disabled and visitors. Where parking provision is above or below the guidance recommended by the Local Highway Authority (or where there are no standards), the level of provision may need to be justified, taking account of the particular circumstances relating to the proposed development and site. The methodology for assessing the level of parking to be provided should be clearly explained.

## Photographs and Photomontages

These should clearly show the current condition and appearance of any part of the building for which permission is sought to alter or demolish.

These may be included as part of the Design and Access Statement. The superimposition of an accurate image of the proposed development upon photographs of the site taken from key viewpoints is considered to be essential in the assessment of major development proposals or smaller developments in sensitive locations. As far as possible these should be based on standard focal length photographs, not telephoto or wide-angle views (unless essential to demonstrate a particular viewpoint). Photomontages are particularly useful as an aid to public understanding of a proposed development, and are therefore an important part of the process of community involvement.

# Planning Obligations (Section 106 Agreement) - Draft Head(s) of Terms

Residential developments of 10 or more dwellings will be expected to either provide open space on site. Alternatively, if justified a contribution towards alternative provision elsewhere may be appropriate. Residential developments of 15 dwellings or more, will be expected to provide affordable housing on site, or, exceptionally, a contribution in lieu of provision. These matters will normally need to be addressed through planning obligations, (often referred to as Section 106 agreements). A planning obligation may also be sought where a requirement is identified that cannot be met by the imposition of conditions or other means.

Where non-residential development has a combined gross floorspace of no more than 1,000 square metres (gross internal area), developer contributions may also be sought towards infrastructure improvements.

Where a planning obligation is necessary, the application must be accompanied by either a draft obligation or a document setting out the heads of terms. This will consist of a summary of the main points the agreement will cover, such as the amount of any financial contribution(s). Where an obligation is required by policy, but it is not proposed to meet the requirements of that policy in full, the heads of terms should be accompanied by a statement explaining the reasons for any shortfall or non-provision. If the reason relates to the financial viability of the development, the application must be accompanied by an 'open book' financial appraisal setting out the projected costs, and expected income from the development. Where appropriate, the Council will seek independent assessment of the appraisal. The administrative costs associated with planning obligations, including the cost of independent assessment of appraisals and the subsequent monitoring and implementation of the obligation, will be met by the developers.

If an application is made to vary conditions attached to a permission granted with a Section 106 agreement, a Deed of Variation may be needed.

National Planning Practice Guidance – Planning obligations <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/planning-obligations">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/planning-obligations</a>

A model S106 agreement is available at:

http://www.leicester.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-applications/make-anapplication

## Planning Statement

This should outline the reasons or need for the development/amendment/works.

A planning statement identifies the context and need for the proposed development and includes an assessment of how the proposed development accords with relevant national and local planning policies. It may also include details of consultations with the local planning authority and wider community/statutory consultees undertaken prior to submission.

# Playing Field Statement

A Playing Field Statement will be required where development is likely to affect playing field land. The statement should be informed by Sport England's 'Information Requirements Checklist' and their policy exceptions which can be found at: http://www.sportengland.org/playingfieldspolicy

Checklist of Recommended Information Requirements

In addition to the national validation requirements set out within the Government's Planning Practice Guidance, Sport England recommends that planning applications affecting playing field land should provide sport specific information in line with the below checklist. This information will enable Sport England to provide a substantive response to applications on which it is consulted. It will also aid the LPA to assess an application in light of the requirement set out in NPPF 2021 and relevant Local Plan policies.

The checklist presents the recommended requirements for all applications. It also indicates the information that Sport England recommends should be submitted where an applicant feels their development may meet with one of the exceptions to Sport England's Playing Fields Policy.

# **Required for all Applications**

Consultation Notice	1 The development proposed (description), timescales, case officer contact details and how information can be viewed.			
Existing site plan	2 Extent of the playing field as defined by The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015.			
	3 Location and nature of existing buildings.			
	4 Location and nature of existing facilities for sport (including the layout of summer and winter playing pitches).			
	5 Significant features (e.g. trees, slopes, paths, fences, sewers) 1.			
	6 Existing levels across the site <sup>1</sup>			
Proposed site plan	7 Location and nature of the proposed development.			
	8 Extent of playing field area to be lost (including the area covered by the proposed development and any associated works, e.g. landscaping).			
	9 Location and nature of all existing facilities for sport (clearly showing any revised locations from the existing plan).			
	10 Any changes to existing features and levels <sup>1</sup> .			
Supporting Statements	11 Extent of playing field area to be lost (area in hectares and see point 8 above).			
	12 Reason for the chosen location and alternatives considered.			
	13 Any proposed changes in the provision of indoor and outdoor facilities for sport on the site (including ancillary facilities).			

#### Required in relation to specific playing fields policy exceptions

Drawings	14 Internal layouts and elevations for proposed new, extended or enhanced facilities for sport (including relevant ancillary facilities) <sup>1</sup> .	Exceptions
Supporting Statements	15 Current and recent users of the playing field and the nature and extent of their use.	1,4 & 5
	16 How the development fits with the findings of any relevant assessment of need and/or sports related strategy (a copy of, or a web link to, the assessment or strategy should be provided) <sup>1 2</sup> .	1, 4 & 5
	17 How the development will be of benefit to sport (including benefit to existing and potential users) <sup>2</sup> .	2, 4 & 5
	18 The specification of any ancillary facilities e.g. sports lighting <sup>1</sup> .	
	19 The specification of any Artificial Grass Pitch and reason for the chosen surface type <sup>2</sup> .	2, 4 & 5

20 How any replacement area of playing field and ancillary facilities will be delivered (including to what timescale).	4 & 5
21 How, for any replacement area of playing field, equivalent or better quality will be achieved and maintained, including <sup>3</sup> :	
a An assessment of the performance of the existing area;	
b The programme of works (including pitch construction) for the creation of the proposed replacement area;	
c A management and monitoring plan for the replacement area	

1 Level of detail proportionate to the nature of the development and its impact on the playing field.

2 Relevant for Exception 4 where the loss of an area of playing field with a natural grass surface is proposed to be replaced elsewhere by a new area of playing field with an artificial surface.

3 Details should be undertaken and developed by a suitably qualified and experienced sports turf consultant, satisfy appropriate Sport England and National Governing Bodies of sport design guidance, and have regard to Sport England's 'Equivalent Quality Assessment of Natural Turf Playing Fields' briefing note.

Note: As set out within the Government's Planning Practice Guidance, any plans or drawings must be drawn to an identified scale, and in the case of plans, must show the direction of north. Although not a requirement of legislation, the inclusion of a linear scale bar is also useful, particularly in the case of electronic submissions

.An assessment of the demand and supply of sports facilities within the authority area has been prepared as part of Leicester City Council's planning policy evidence base. This can be found at: <a href="https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council/policies-plans-and-strategies/planning-and-development/planning-policy-evidence-base/">https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council/policies-plans-and-strategies/planning-and-development/planning-policy-evidence-base/</a>

# **Prior Approval**

There are different types of prior approval applications and the requirement for each of the individual types are varied.

For a change of use to residential, the application will need to demonstrate either by an accompanying statement and/or plans how the following criteria can be meet:

- Nationally Described Space Standard
- Transport and highway impacts of the development
- Contamination risks on the site
- Flood Risk Assessment
- Impacts of noise from commercial premises on the intended occupiers of the development
- The design and external appearance of the building
- Provision of adequate natural light in all habitable rooms of the dwelling/s
- Impact on the amenity of the existing building and neighbouring premises including overlooking, privacy and the loss of light
- Whether because of the siting of the building, the development will impact on a protected view identified in the Direction Relating to Protected Vistas dated 15 March 2012 issued by Secretary of State

- where the existing building is 18 metres or more in height, the fire safety of the external wall construction of the existing building (for more information see link to <u>Fire Statement)</u>
- development meets the fire risk condition, the fire safety impacts on the intended occupants of the building.

The above is not an exhausted list and may change.

## Roller Shutter Curtain Details

Sectional drawing to show the proposed roller shutter housing and any projection from the face of the building. Also elevational drawing to show the roller shutter curtain in position on the building, and confirmation of the type of curtain you are proposing to install.

## Roof Plans - Existing and Proposed

This should be drawn to a standardised metric scale preferably 1:50 or 1:100 include critical dimensions and is used to show the shape of the roof. A scale bar should be included to allow measurement from electronic versions. Details such as the roofing material, vents and their location are typically specified on the roof plan.

## Schedule of Works (listed buildings)

A schedule of works is a document which specifies the details of each element of the proposed works to a Listed Building. For larger applications, a room-by-room schedule may be needed.

# Sequential Test for Main Town Centre Uses

The sequential test guides main town centre uses towards town centre locations first, then, if no town centre locations are available, to edge of centre locations, and if neither is available, to out of town centre locations, with preference for accessible sites which are well connected to the town centre. It supports the viability and vitality of town centres.

Details of the availability of other sites closer to a centre for the development will also be required together with reasons these sites were discounted. Evidence should be provided to show that there are no sequentially preferable sites.

National Planning Practice Guidance —Town Centres and Retail <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ensuring-the-vitality-of-town-centres">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ensuring-the-vitality-of-town-centres</a>

Main town centre uses are defined in the annex to the NPPF. They include uses such as retail, restaurants, hotels and leisure, etc. This test applies to proposals of any size. The application of the test should be proportionate and appropriate to the given proposal.

## Site Notice for Prior Notification of Demolition

The site notice should be dated and include details of the applicant, identify the building to be demolished (including location on larger sites) and contact details of Leicester City Council. A template site notice can be found at:

https://www.leicester.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-applications/make-an-application/

N.B. The site notice must be posted on the site by the applicant – a copy of this and confirmation that this has been done must be provided with the application.

## <u>Site Plan – Existing and Proposed</u>

The site/block plan should be drawn to a standardised metric scale preferably 1:100 or 1:200 with a scale bar on the drawing to allow measurement from electronic versions. On larger sites a master plan may be submitted at a scale of 1:500 or similar. All such plans should accurately show:

- a) The direction of North;
- b) The proposed development in relation to the site boundaries and other existing buildings on the site, with written dimensions including those to the boundaries;
- c) All the buildings, roads and footpaths on land adjoining the site including access arrangements;
- d) All Public Rights of Way crossing or adjoining the site;
- e) The position of all trees on the site, and those on adjacent land that could influence or be affected by the development;
- f) The extent and type of any hard surfacing;
- g) Boundary treatment including the type and height of walls or fencing where this is proposed;
- h) The position of any river, pond or other water feature on or adjacent to the site.

# <u>Site Sections, Finished Floor and Site Level Plans – Existing and Proposed</u>

These should be drawn to a standardised metric scale preferably 1:50 or 1:100, include critical dimensions and should show a cross section(s) through the proposed building(s). A scale bar should be shown on each plan to allow measurement from electronic versions. In all cases where a proposal involves a change in ground levels, illustrative drawings should be submitted to show both existing and finished levels to include details of foundations and eaves and how encroachment onto adjoining land is to be avoided. Levels should also be taken into account in the formulation of design and access statements. Sections should also demonstrate how access to the building would be affected by level differences and how level access will be achieved to meet the relevant building regulation requirement.

Full information should also be submitted to demonstrate how proposed buildings relate to existing site levels and neighbouring development. Such plans should show existing site levels

and finished floor levels (with levels related to a fixed datum point off site) and also show the proposals in relation to adjoining buildings. This will be required for all applications involving new buildings.

In the case of extensions to existing buildings, the levels may be evident from floor plans and elevations, but particularly in the case of sloping sites it will be necessary to show how proposals relate to existing ground levels or where ground levels outside would be modified. Levels should also be taken into account in the formulation of Design and Access Statements.

## Statement of Community Involvement

A Statement of Community Involvement is required where proposals include:

- Industrial or commercial development in or adjacent to residential areas of 1500 square metres or more
- Residential development of 100 dwellings or more or on a site of 3 hectares or more
- Major infrastructure proposals
- New educational or institutional sites or extensions of 1000 square metres or more

Large-scale major applications require a statement setting out how the applicant has complied with the requirements for pre-application consultation set out at:https://www.leicester.gov.uk/media/186291/statement-of-community-involvement-2019.pdf

The statement should demonstrate that the views of the local community have been sought and taken into account in the formulation of development proposals.

## Statement of Interest

Applications for Lawful Development Certificates require a statement explaining the applicant's interest in the land/site. Details of any other parties with an interest in the land and whether they have been notified of the application should also be provided.

#### Statement of Student Need

Applications including the provision of student accommodation require a statement to identify how the proposals accord with the criteria set out in the Council's *Student Housing SPD* (June 2012) - <a href="http://www.leicester.gov.uk/media/179115/student-housing-spd-june-2012.pdf">http://www.leicester.gov.uk/media/179115/student-housing-spd-june-2012.pdf</a>.

# Streetscene Drawings

These should be drawn to scale and provide an illustration as to how the proposed development relates to its context, including other buildings. These drawings should be

drawn from the street or other public viewpoint (in all relevant directions) and include existing and proposed scenes.

## Structural Survey

A survey of the structural integrity of the building or structure and should focus on the elements of the building or structure affected by such proposals.

## Sustainability Design and Construction Statement

All major planning applications must be accompanied by a Sustainability Design and Construction Statement. This will be expected to address current local plan policy and requirements of the NPPF and must demonstrate:

- How energy efficiency has been taken into account in the design and layout of the scheme and how the proposal would meet or exceed the CO2 emission standards required under current Building Regulations including fabric energy efficiency standards, decentralised energy and on site renewable/low carbon technologies.
- How the development will maximise an efficient use of resources, including
  minimising waste and maximising recycling/re-use of materials through both
  construction and occupation. Reuse/adaptation of viable existing building should be
  considered. The details may refer to the application drawings, which should show
  plans and elevations of refuse/recyclables container storage structures, collection
  points and access arrangements for collection vehicles.
- How the risks associated with future climate change have been planned for as part of the layout of the scheme and design of its buildings to ensure its longer term resilience specifically in terms of:
- a) The water environment (use of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS), flood proofing measures and the design of new buildings to minimise water demand)
- b) Energy (future adaptability including passive solar design and mitigating the risk of over-heating).

Details of the requirements for the water environment can be found on the Council's website at:

http://www.leicester.gov.uk/planning-and-building/urban-design-and-sustainability/flood-risk-management

National Planning Practice Guidance – Design <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/design">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/design</a>

Details of the requirements for addressing climate change can be found on the Council's website at:

http://www.leicester.gov.uk/media/179107/climate-change-spd-january-2011.pdf

#### **Sustainable Drainage Assessment:**

A Sustainable Drainage Assessment (which may form part of a Flood Risk Assessment) should accompany all planning applications for householder development, which include areas new hard surfacing with a footprint over 200 square metres. A Sustainable Drainage Assessment should be undertaken in accordance with the CIRIA C753F The SuDS Manual

A Sustainable Drainage Assessment evaluates the suitability of integrating SuDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems) within a proposed development. It defines which of those suitable SuDS are to be integrated within the development and provides written justification of any SuDS which are to be omitted from a development. In addition, this document should provide the associated maintenance and design information associated with any SuDS that are to be integrated.

<u>Maintenance</u> - A SuDS maintenance plan in accordance with <u>CIRIA C753F The SuDS Manual</u>, which outlines the weekly, monthly, annual and as required maintenance activities for each SuDS and the responsible person and/or organisation. Example maintenance plans can be found in the CIRIA C753 The SuDS Manual, Appendix B, pages 867-882.

<u>Design</u> - For each SuDS proposed, a product specification or design drawing is required.

With respect to applications concerning the paving over of front and back gardens for the installation of driveways, a Sustainable Drainage Assessment must accompany any planning application with more than 5sq.m of hard surfacing. Further <u>Guidance on the permeable</u> surfacing of front gardens is available online.

#### **Sustainable Drainage Strategy:**

A Sustainable Drainage Strategy should accompany all planning applications for new built development that involves one or more new dwellings or over 200 square metres of building footprint for all other types of development with exception to householder developments.

A Sustainable Drainage Strategy sets out how the development will be drained to minimise the risk of flooding, considering the surface water runoff produced within the site as well as the surface water runoff entering the site, interactions with other forms of flood risk and the impacts of changing climate using the appropriate climate change allowance.

The required percentage of climate change allowance is calculated using the operational lifetime and the Vulnerability Classification of the proposed development.

The Sustainable Drainage Strategy demonstrates how Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) will be incorporated into the development and this must be based on the type of site proposed to be developed:

<u>Greenfield</u> – being an area of land that has not been developed previously. On these sites it is expected that surface water runoff/discharge rates are restricted to the Greenfield runoff rate of 5l/s/ha.

<u>Brownfield</u> – being an old industrial, inner-city or previously developed site that is cleared for a new building development. On these sites a 50% reduction of existing surface water runoff/discharge rates is required.

<u>Change of use</u> – being the change of use from one use class order to another. On these sites it is expected that a reduction of existing surface water runoff/discharge rates is achieved, wherever practically possible. With the aim to with the aim to achieve Greenfield runoff rate of 5l/s/ha, where practically possible.

The drainage network of the proposed development must be presented on a layout plan of the development. This must include the foul and surface water systems (proposed and existing), any connections into the public sewer systems, the location of and attenuation capacities of all SuDS and soakaways, and any flow control devices.

SuDS should be designed in accordance with the CIRIA C753F The SuDS Manual.

The Sustainable Drainage Strategy should be prepared in line with LCC's Surface Water Management Plan and Sustainable Drainage Guide, available at the following links:

- http://www.leicester.gov.uk/media/178251/swmp-main-report.pdf.
- http://www.leicester.gov.uk/media/179759/suds-guidance-april-2015.pdf
- https://www.leicester.gov.uk/media/n2rlkbi1/sustainable-drainage-systemstechnical-guidance.pdf (2021)

The Sustainable Drainage Strategy may form part of a Flood Risk Assessment, or an Environmental Statement where one is required.

Further guidance can be found on LCC's website, at: <a href="https://www.leicester.gov.uk/planning-and-building/urban-design-and-sustainability/flood-risk-management/">https://www.leicester.gov.uk/planning-and-building/urban-design-and-sustainability/flood-risk-management/</a>

# **Technical Specification (Plant)**

When applying for plant equipment, the specification should include details of the position of the equipment and its appearance. Further details of the noise levels from this equipment should also be submitted.

## Telecommunications Development - Supplementary Information

Planning applications for mast and antenna development by mobile phone network operators should be accompanied by a range of supplementary information including the area of search, details of any consultation undertaken, details of the proposed structure, and technical justification and information about the proposed development.

Planning applications should also be accompanied by a signed declaration that the equipment and installation has been designed to be in full compliance with the requirements of the radio frequency (RF) public exposure guidelines of the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP). Further guidance on the information that may be required is set out in the *Code of Best Practice on Mobile Network Development in England (2016)*, available at: <a href="https://www.mobileuk.org/codes-of-practice">https://www.mobileuk.org/codes-of-practice</a>

## **Town Centre Uses**

Defined Town Centre uses are set out at:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/annex-2-glossary

# <u>Transport Assessment / Transport Statement</u>

The *National Planning Policy Framework* requires a Transport Assessment (TA) to be submitted where the proposed development has significant transport implications and should be proportionate to the proposal. The TA should provide appropriate data relating to the existing situation of the highway network surrounding the application site. This will form the baseline data by which an assessment can determine the predicted impacts of the proposed development. Additionally, a TA should address the following issues:

- Reducing the need to travel, particularly by car
- Sustainable accessibility
- Dealing with residual trips
- Mitigation measures

The extent of the information required for a TA will vary depending upon the nature of the proposed development, however, the aims of the National and Local Plan policies shall be considered in all cases. For smaller scale developments where the traffic impact is limited in both volume and area impact a Transport Statement may be sufficient.

The need for, scale, scope and level of detail required of a Transport Assessment or Statement should be established as early in the development management process as possible.

Further, more general, advice is available on the government website, at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-plans-transport-assessments-and-statements

https://www.leicester.gov.uk/media/186708/leicester-street-design-guide-first-edition.pdf

#### Travel Plan

Travel Plans (TP) are used to identify the specific required outcomes, targets and measures aimed at promoting more environmentally friendly travel choices. A TP should also set out clear future monitoring and management arrangements and additional measures which may be required should the outlined targets not be met.

Advice is available on the government website, at:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-plans-transport-assessments-and-statements

http://www.leicester.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/travel-plans-in-leicester

Travel Plan Essential Guidance (leicester.gov.uk)

## <u>Variation or removal of conditions (Section 73 applications)</u>

When applying for the variation or removal of planning conditions under Section 73 of the *Town and Country Planning Act 1990*, the original and proposed wording of all relevant conditions should be clearly provided within the submitted supporting statement along with written justification for the change(s) being sought.

New plans submitted must clearly show any amendments to the approved plan by way of annotation.

#### Ventilation Flue Details

For proposals including the installation of a ventilation flue detailed plans should be provided. These should include a layout plan showing the route of the flue from the cooking area through the building and elevational drawings to show external siting of the exhaust; and details of odour abatement techniques and acoustic noise characteristics.

# Visual Impact Assessment

The assessment will highlight the areas and viewpoints from which the proposed development would be visible and the impact on the landscape.

3D models using sketchup showing the development and its surroundings should be used to illustrate major development proposals.