

Evaluating development proposals against the strategic urban design themes
– *A Guide to using the Urban Design SPD*

- a. Should this development be urban form or landscape-led?
 - Is the design adopting the right approach?

- b. Does the proposal support a successful centre?
 - Is the relationship with the nearest centre positive?

- c. Will the development create an environment that people will aspire to occupy?
 - Will there be any significant deficiencies in the environment created?

- d. Is the development well connected, especially for non-car users?
 - How good are the public transport and pedestrian links?

- e. Does the development have good access to the open space network?
 - How good are the linkages to the open space network?

- f. Will the development contribute to local distinctiveness?
 - Does the development make good use of existing historic assets?

- g. Will the development be environmentally sustainable?
 - What aspects of the development make it sustainable?

- h. Has the design followed a process of good practice?
 - Does the Design and Access Statement explain why the proposal is designed as it is, and not merely rationalise something that was designed previously?