

17 STEPS TO BETTER DESIGNED DEVELOPMENTS



ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY

- Community facilities - schools, parks, play areas, shops, pubs or cafés are nearby
- Housing types - a mix of housing types to meet varied local needs
- Public transport - easy access to public transport
- Environmental impact - low carbon footprint

CHARACTER OF THE PLACE

- Architecture – specific and fitting of the location
- Existing and new landscape - makes the most of the landscape and encourages biodiversity
- Character - feels like a place with distinctive character
- Street legibility - buildings and layout make it easy to find your way around
- Street definition - defined by a well - structured building layout

STREETS, PARKING AND PEDESTRIANS

- Highway design - building layout takes priority over roads
- Car parking - parking is well integrated and supports the street scene
- Pedestrian and cycle friendly - streets encourage walking and cycling
- Connectivity - streets connect-up internally and link well with surrounding development
- Safety and security – open spaces, play areas and streets feel safe

DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT

- Public, open and play spaces - well designed with suitable management arrangements
- Architectural quality - buildings have architectural quality
- Storage and bins - spaces are well designed and integrate well within the development

Checklist taken from "A Housing Design Audit for England" report by Place Alliance

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