

	Compliance (Yes/ No/ Not Relevant)	Comments
Process		
Has a design team been assembled with appropriate qualifications, experience and accreditation? This should include a team of landscape architects and, where possible, include an approved Building with Nature assessor on the team.		
Has a site appraisal been carried out to an appropriate level, including the required ecological assessments?		
Has pre-application engagement with relevant stakeholders been undertaken, including going further than just the 'statutory consultees', where appropriate?		
Have pre-application discussions regarding conceptual design carried out?		
Has the landscape 'led' the production of the masterplan? This means features such as SuDS and open space guiding the earliest design stages of the plan, rather than being an after-thought to built form. The GI should also be context-driven by the surrounding landscape character and form.		
Has the planning application been submitted with the necessary supporting information to prove high quality GI will be delivered as part of the scheme?		
Open Space		
Has appropriate and multifunctional open space been incorporated into the design?		
Has open space been properly integrated into the layout? Has it been placed appropriately for use, including for natural surveillance?		
Have the recreational needs of the new and existing communities been provided for in terms of play, parks, sports and natural greenspace?		
Has any loss in open space been compensated properly?		
Has adequate space for private growing, community growing, and allotments been provided? This should meet the rising demand of growing spaces and enhance opportunities to connect with nature on your doorstep.		
Active Travel		
Has active travel provision been integrated into the development and provides access to the wider network and local facilities?		
Are active travel links safe, convenient and direct, discouraging private vehicle use for shorter journeys?		
Has the storage of bikes and other equipment used for active travel been thought through within the masterplan and made easily available for all plots?		
Do active travel link cater for different types of users, including the disabled, elderly and children?		

Has severance to existing active travel routes been avoided and resolved?		
Is the specification of the route appropriate to the desired users and location?		
Has an access plan been produced and submitted?		
Landscaping		
Has a landscape-led approach been taken which utilises appropriate use of vegetation and design for the local context?		
Has a landscape plan been produced which is consistent with the other plans?		
Has sufficient space been made for trees and other planting within the proposals and designed to achieve multiple benefits? For example, providing shade in open spaces, helping flood attenuation and contributing positively to the landscape character.		
Is the species choice appropriate and is there species diversity to promote resilience against climate change and disease? This should include species choices which are likely to survive in their setting and should reflect the recommendations made within the Pembrokeshire Urban Tree Planting Strategy.		
Sustainable Drainage		
Has surface water management and flood risk been considered at the outset of the design process, this includes consideration for the downstream impacts of increased impervious surfaces on flooding?		
Have opportunities for rainwater harvesting been maximised? Has the design of street-facing private spaces been well considered to avoid the large-scale 'paving over' of front gardens?		
Has water been used creatively and positively within the layout?		
Have the appropriate SuDS requirements been incorporated, and guidance followed? Assessor should consider the CIRIA SuDS Manual checklist ¹ and the Sustainable Drainage Regulations ² .		
Has consideration been taken for how SuDS can help to enhance water quality?		
The Water Environment		
Has the riparian environment been considered within the design process and safeguarded/ enhanced where opportunities arise?		
Have appropriate buffers been put in place between development and waterbodies, taking into account management needs as well as riparian / coastal habitats?		
Have unnecessary engineering works in the water environment been avoided, included any obstacles to the migration of wildlife?		

¹ CIRIA (2015). The SuDS Manual (C753). Available at: https://www.susdrain.org/resources/SuDS_Manual.html

² Pembrokeshire County Council. Available at: <https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/planning-contacts/sustainable-drainage-approving-body-sab>

Has enhanced access for the public to waterbodies been provided, where appropriate? This could also include the exploration of water-based recreation.		
For coastal locations, has consideration been given to species choice in relation to tolerating harsh and salty conditions?		
For coastal locations, has consideration been given to the risks posed by coastal flooding and storms?		
Wildlife		
Has the approach to biodiversity been directly informed by site audits, survey work and consultation with relevant stakeholders?		
Does the development mitigate for the loss of biodiversity? Has the development increased on-site biodiversity provisions?		
Have existing habitats within and adjoining the site been integrated into the landscape design where they have been protected and enhanced?		
Have the opportunities to create new habitat been maximised and are these new habitats appropriate to the setting?		
Have opportunities to enhance education and interpretation of biodiversity been explored?		
Have green and blue corridors been provided to ensure the safe movement of wildlife and connectivity to the wider ecological network?		
Does the site include 'micro-greening' features to support wildlife, including quick wins such as integrated bat and bird boxes, insect hotels, hedgehog highways and pollinator planting?		
Climate Change		
Will development help contribute towards climate change ambitions set out by the Welsh Government, Natural Resources Wales, Pembrokeshire County Council and Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority? Will the development contribute towards the achieving of net zero by 2030?		
Has tree expanded on site?		
Are all new streets tree-lined?		
Have opportunities for carbon sequestration been explored within tree planting?		
Management and Maintenance		
Have common areas, such as play space, parks, connecting paths and landscaped areas been designed to be well managed and maintained?		
Has a Landscape Management and Maintenance Plan (LMMP) been submitted with all the required information? This should preferably be ecologically led, for example a Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (LEMP).		

Have SuDS maintenance arrangements been set out within the drainage strategy and cross-referenced with the LMPP where appropriate?		
Has the long-term stewardship of the site been discussed and secured?		