

Policy CC1

Mitigating and Adapting to the Impacts of Climate Change

1. The Council will seek to ensure that development in the District contributes to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change by:

Mitigation

- a. In accordance with the Development Strategy and national policy, being in sustainable locations which are well supported by, or capable of delivering improved local services and facilities, minimising the need to travel for day-to-day needs;
- b. In accordance with the Movement Hierarchy, maximising opportunities for active and sustainable modes of transport and, where applicable, contributing to the delivery of walking, wheeling and cycling routes;
- c. Delivering sustainable new buildings which adopt a fabric first design approach and minimise energy consumption;
- d. Utilising sustainable construction techniques, making the most efficient use of resources and minimising waste;
- e. Delivering renewable and low carbon energy generation and storage (including opportunities for decentralised energy and heating where appropriate); and
- f. Maximising blue green infrastructure, including protecting existing carbon sinks and seeking nature-based opportunities for carbon sequestration.

Adaption

- g. In accordance with the Council's Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, avoiding inappropriate development in areas at risk of flooding from all sources, both now and in the future, avoiding any increase in risk where development does occur and, where possible, reducing that risk;
 - h. Being resilient and adaptable to the impacts of climate change, ensuring that buildings can be easily modified to meet future needs;
 - i. Minimising mains water consumption, making the most efficient use of water, and protecting water resources from increased pollution; and
 - j. Incorporating multi-functional blue green infrastructure which assists in managing flood risk, enhancing biodiversity and addressing overheating.
2. Compliance with Strategic Policy CC1 (Mitigating and Adapting to the Impacts of Climate Change) and its relevant supporting development management policies should be demonstrated through the submission of a proportionate Sustainability Strategy.