

Policy W3

Water Supply and Quality

Water Supply

1. Proposals to increase water supply and wastewater treatment capacity will be supported in principle, subject to compliance with other relevant policies within this Local Plan.
2. Development that results in the construction of new buildings which use mains water and/or generate wastewater must be designed to:
 - a. Minimise the use of mains water; and
 - b. Make the most efficient use of water by incorporating measures such as rainwater harvesting and greywater recycling systems (in both new development and retrofitting existing buildings).
3. Development that results in the creation of one or more new residential dwelling(s), including conversions, changes of use and extensions resulting in a new dwelling unit, must be designed so that water consumption is no greater than 110 litres per person per day.
4. Development that supports the aims of the relevant water service provider's Water Resources Management Plan will be supported in principle, subject to compliance with other relevant policies within this Local Plan.

Water Quality

5. Development will only be permitted where it would not result in the increased pollution of surface and groundwater sources. Where a risk is identified, it must be demonstrated that appropriate measures can be implemented to mitigate that risk. Where relevant, this must include reference to Groundwater Source Protection Zones as defined by the Environment Agency.
6. Development that would maintain or improve the physical state, biodiversity and natural function of surface and groundwater sources will be supported in principle, subject to compliance with other relevant policies within this Local Plan.