

Technical Sheet

What is it?

Sustainability statements are used to support planning applications and respond to sustainability policy requirements. The statements are tailored to address specific policies or Supplementary Planning Guidance affecting a development. As such the topics covered within a sustainability statement can vary depending on planning policy requirements and site specific issues.

Typical topic headings cover:

- Site and Operational Management
- Health and Wellbeing
- Energy and Climate Change
- Landscape and Ecology
- Water
- Transport
- Materials and Waste
- Community Involvement

Why do it?

Sustainability statements are increasingly expected by Local Planning Authorities for planning applications in a response to emerging Government policies on sustainability. The statement ensures that all sustainability related policies are addressed, providing a route for promoting a scheme through its sustainability inclusions. It also enables benefits to be highlighted such as green spaces acting as a heat sink, or a balancing pond for flood attenuation, recreation and biodiversity.

Our expertise

DPP Sustainability carries out sustainability statements for a wide range of different schemes spanning from small scale individual retail units to large scale mixed use master planning schemes.

Our sustainability statements involve a detailed examination of planning policy requirements at the national, regional and local levels ensuring that the policies are sufficiently addressed.

Local Planning Authorities are increasingly producing sustainability checklists as part of Supplementary Planning Guidance, which set out criteria concerning sustainability and energy. Our sustainability statements can be tailored to ensure that all elements within these checklists are included and sufficiently addressed.

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