

TITLE OF REPORT: Validation of Planning Applications

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Purpose of the Report

1. To inform members of the review of the guidance on the information requirements and validation of planning applications document - Validation of Planning Applications in Tyne and Wear - 2024.

Background

2. As part of the drive to provide a quicker, more predictable and efficient planning service, the Government introduced new information requirements for the validation of planning applications by Local Planning Authorities in 2007.
3. The first Tyne & Wear Validation List was adopted in 2008. In March 2010 The Government produced “guidance on information requirements and validation” and in response to this the Tyne & Wear Authorities worked together to update their requirements lists and the list has since been updated every 2 years.
4. Local lists can be a very useful guide, helping applicants establish the information the local authority will require to validate a planning application. An up-to-date local list can give applicants certainty about what information is necessary at an early stage in the design process, reducing delays at the validation stage.
5. Paragraph 44 of the National Planning Policy Framework makes it clear that local planning authorities should publish a list of their information requirements for applications for planning permission. These requirements should be kept to the minimum needed to make decisions, and should be reviewed at least every 2 years. Local planning authorities should only request supporting information that is relevant, necessary and material to the application in question.

Changes between the 2019 and the 2024 versions

6. This new version includes amendments requested by statutory and local consultees and to include updates to reflect changes to planning policy, either nationally due to the publication/update of the National Planning Policy Framework and the National Planning Policy Guidance, or locally where there have been advances in each council’s local development plan. Also, there have been some general revisions to the text to improve its clarity.
7. As with previous versions of this document, Tyne & Wear authorities worked together to review the validation list and have consulted regular service users (agents) and statutory consultees. Comments were received from Sport England,

Highways England, Natural England, Northumbrian Water and the Coal Authority.(their comments are summarised in Appendix 3)

8. It is anticipated to review the guidance every 2 years or earlier should legislation change to an extent that would require a significant change to the guidance.
9. A copy of the revised guidance can be found in Appendix 2.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of this report and accept the revised Validation of Planning Applications in Tyne and Wear - 2024 to replace the previous 2019 guidance.

1. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

2. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

3. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

Nil

4. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

5. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

Nil

6. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

7. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

8. WARD IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

CLG: Guidance on information requirements and validation (March 2010)

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/validationguidance>

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/1505012.pdf>

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APPENDIX 2 the 2024 checklist

