

Topic	Responsibility for use of Guidance	Areas covered by guidance
Advertisements	Development Management	Definitions and where consent required. Application enforcement process. Considerations for public safety and amenity.
Air Quality	Development Management / Planning Policy plus GBC Scientific Officer	The role of planning in air quality and how to deal with proposals. Details of requirements for assessments.
Appeals	Development Management	Appeal process and award of costs.
Before submitting an application	Development Management	Pre-application advice and planning performance agreements
Climate change	Development Management / Planning Policy	Role of planning and the Local Plan in adapting and mitigation. Approaches to adaption and mitigation. National standards for sustainability and zero carbon.
Conserving and enhancing the historic environment	Development Management / Planning Policy	Role of plan making and decision taking. Approaches to designated and non-designated heritage assets. Consent process
Consultation and pre-decision matters	Development Management	Consultation process for planning applications.
Crown development	Development Management	Provisions for Crown development for dealing with security-sensitive information in planning applications.
Design	Development Management	Importance of good design and what 'well designed' means
Determining a planning application	Development Management	Process and expectations on planning performance and decision making in terms of time limits and how decision made.
Duty to cooperate	Planning Policy	Sets out required approach for working with neighbouring councils and a number of other bodies (including CCGs, EA, EH and HCA) and how the Duty can be met.
Ensuring effective enforcement	Development Management	How to respond to suspected breeches of planning control.
Ensuring the vitality of town centres	Planning Policy	Application of sequential and impact assessments.
Environmental Impact Assessment	Development Management	Explanation of requirements of Town and Country Planning (EIA) Regulations 2011.
Flexible options for planning permissions	Development Management	Options for amending proposals that have planning permission.

Flood risk and coastal change	Development Management / Planning Policy	How planning can take account of the risks associated with flooding in plan-making and the application process. Details on application of sequential and exceptions tests.
Hazardous Substances	Development Management	Planning controls for storage of hazardous substances mainly stemming from SEVESO II Directive.
Health and wellbeing	Development Management/ Planning Policy	Role of planning in health and well being
Housing and economic development needs assessments	Planning Policy	How development need assessments should be carried out. Applies to housing and economic development uses.
Housing and economic land availability assessment	Planning Policy	How land supply assessments for housing and economic development should be carried out
Land affected by contamination	Development Management and GBC Scientific Officer	How planning can deal with land affected by contamination.
Land Stability	Development Management	How to address land stability issues including those caused by mine workings.
Lawful development certificates	Development Management	Process for obtaining a lawful development certificate for existing or proposed use.
Light pollution	Development Management	Relevance of light in planning decisions and factors to consider.
Local Plans	Planning Policy	How Local Plans should be produced and implemented.
Making an application	Development Management	Process of validating and handling planning applications
Minerals	County Council	Mineral extraction in plan making and the application process.
Natural Environment	Development Management / Planning Policy	Considering landscape, biodiversity, green infrastructure
Neighbourhood Planning (Includes Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community	Planning Policy	What Neighbourhood Planning is, the key stages, determining appropriate areas, the legal tests and how the examination and referendum will work.

Right to Build Orders)		
Noise	Development Management and Public Protection	Role of planning in managing potential noise impacts
Open space, sports and recreation facilities, public rights of way and local green space	Development Management / Planning Policy and Parks & Street Care	Undertaking open space assessments and how the new local green space designation is to be implemented.
Planning obligations	Development Management	How obligations should be used, implemented and managed.
Renewable and low carbon energy	Development Management / Planning Policy	Guidance in developing policies for renewable energy in their local plans, and identifies the planning considerations for a range of renewable sources
Rural housing	Planning Policy and Housing Strategy	Guidance on preparing rural housing policies
Strategic environmental assessment (SEA) and sustainability appraisal (SA)	Planning Policy	Definitions and requirements of the SEA and SA for Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans. Also refers to the Habitats Regulations Assessment.
Travel plans, transport assessments and statements in decision-taking	Development Management and County Highways	Advice on when transport assessments and transport statements are required, and what they should contain.
Tree Preservation Orders and trees in conservation areas	Development Management	Guidance on making TPOs, determining consent for works and enforcement.
Use of planning conditions	Development Management	Advice on how and why conditions should be used and information on discharge and modifications.
Viability	Development Management / Planning Policy	Key principles in understanding viability in plan making and decision taking.
Water supply,	Planning Policy	Role of planning in ensuring water quality and the delivery of adequate water and

wastewater and water quality		wastewater infrastructure.
When is permission required?	Development Management	Definition of development, when permission is required and information on permitted development rights and local development orders.