Climate Emergency DPD G1 - Green Infrastructure - Minor developments

Policy G1 of the CEDPD expects development proposals, where appropriate to the scale and nature of the development, to meet the Green Infrastructure (GI) design principles set out within the policy. This form is not mandatory but may be submitted to satisfy the validation requirement in respect GI for minor developments.

1 Multifunctional networks

Are existing assets (trees, hedgerows, planting etc) identified on landscaping plan?

Yes – plan reference Yes no trees are situated on the proposed site, Hedges are indicated on site plan.

Do the landscaping plans show that these assets are retained? Yes/No Yes

What is the justification for the loss of any assets that are not retained? No losses are proposed

What proposals are there to enhance the existing assets?

The portion of land is maintained better than the existing as the existing area is partially overgrown and unmanageable

Are there existing assets outside of the site that the development can link to? Yes/No If yes, how does the landscaping scheme link to these.

Is the application informed by appropriate ecological surveys? Yes/No No – The portion of land in question is domestic garden space

How has the development incorporated the recommendations within the survey work? All green elements that are currently on the site are retained and where there is planting better management of the planting will be undertaken

Accessibility, promotion of health and wellbeing and active travel

Does the development connect to existing footways, footpaths, and cycle paths where they adjoin the boundary of the site?
Yes

Are there new links that can be provided outside of the boundary of the site which would increase accessibility?

Are any public spaces well overlooked by habitable windows?

3 Sustainable drainage and water

No

What are the arrangements for surface water disposal? Soakaway

Are the drainage and water management features incorporated into the design of green spaces and landscaping?

Yes

Is some of surface water captured for reuse?

No

Are permeable paving/other measures incorporated to slow water run-off? Yes

4 Climate change, pollution, and environmental impact

Are the gardens/any GI (Green Instructure) designed to be drought resistant. What measures have been incorporated for the retention and reuse of rainwater?

No the land will be maintained as existing

Are fruit and nut bearing varieties of trees used in public space/private gardens?

Not proposed but could be incorporated in any future planting.

Has the need for external lighting been minimised? Yes

How have the construction plans for the site ensure that waste is minimised? The annexe is of a good size allowing for space for recyclable bins. Given that the annexe is a small property with minimal occupancy the elements of recycling will be manageable and adaptable.

How have natural and lower maintenance solutions been employed in public spaces?

No Public spaces proposed

5 Pollinator friendly planting and native species

Do the landscaping plans demonstrate natural planting of at least 50% pollinator friendly planting of predominantly native species?

Yes/No Reference planting schedule

No landscaping proposed other than to maintain the current hedges and planting that is on the site.

What is the justification if the 50% is not met?

The current land that is to be built on is a mixture of rough mud areas, bramble areas partially cut back and kept from overgrowing, grass patches and with planting to the boundaries of hedge and small plants. The boundaries are not changing but being maintained and the rough garden area is to be lawned to make maintenance easier for the occupant. Due to the existing planting no further planting would be required as the existing planting is planting that would be acceptable under a new build landscaping plan.

6 Street trees

Are street trees incorporated into the street design/public spaces? Yes/NO If not, why not?

No

It is not wise to plant trees on a site that would not be able to cater for trees, planting trees close to buildings can present issues even when correct safeguarding is in place. The area to be built on is part of a much bigger area attributed to the main house which already has trees and planting that for a well established garden.

The property is not situated in a street setting but a culdesac and as such the planting of trees would not benefit the area due to there being sufficient planting already in existence.

Are the street trees of a suitable species and specification for the area and planted in appropriate pit structures to avoid future conflicts with services and hard surfaces in the long term?

No Street Trees are proposed

7 Historic Environment

Is the GI considered in any required heritage reports? If so, have the recommendations been incorporated within the development? NA

8 Gardens and communal spaces

Are the gardens sizes equal to the size of the footprint of the house? Are the gardens well-proportioned and not excessively shaded? Yes the Garden size is bigger than the proposed footprint of the proposed annexe.

Is there sufficient space for clothes drying, relaxation and play and food growing?

Yes

Is storage incorporated for cycle storage and other leisure activities? (If the cycle space is communal, is it safe?)

Yes there is suitable space.

Have the storage requirements for recycling and refuse been incorporated into the design?

Not incorporated but allowed for and factored into the overall space.

If the development incorporated flats, do they have a communal space and a separate useable private space?

NA

9 Long-term management of spaces

Are there any public areas of green infrastructure? If so, how will the long-term management of those spaces work?

NA

Bird and bat boxes and bee bricks

Has the application been accompanied by ecological survey work? Yes/No NA

Does the scheme for the provision of bird and bat boxes and bee bricks accord with the recommendations of any ecological survey work? Yes/No/N/A

N/A – however the applicant is not adverse to installing bird boxes etc.

Have the boxes/bricks been detailed on the submitted plan? Yes/No No

Why are these the most suitable locations? N/A