

What are your views on the proposed changes to the validation checklist? - Your Views:	Do you have any other comments on the validation checklist such as things that should be added or changed? - Your comments:	LPA Response
<p>Its hard to exactly see the exact changes between validation requirements form as existing to proposed as there is no direct section that describes the changes. Changes assumed to proposal are the addition of BNG information and photographs of buildings required.</p>	<p>Where scale bar required, it should state that a multiples of scale may be received. I.e. a scale bar of 1:50 used for a block plan of 1:500. As it is a multiple of 10.</p>	<p>A list of the changes made was inserted to the front page of the consultation, however we will take this into consideration when the validation checklist is next updated to make it clearer. A tracked changes copy highlighting the amendments following the public consultation however will be available to view online.</p> <p>The scale bars are acceptable however the scale bar should still clearly show the multiple scales the plans have been drawn to, for the benefit of the public who may not be familiar with scaling plans.</p>
<p>Bio diversity is noted within the planning portal question for planning applications. Not sure what the issue is between the boundary lines of the areas shown in red? Maybe clarification required... Checklist for outline applications is too extensive...</p>	<p>CIL form 1 is not required for every application, no other authority requests this info at the initial application stage, if the application is around 100m2 then fair enough but for small rear or side extensions it is overkill.. Photographs of every site is not necessary, site visits should take place, COVID is no excuse any more and planners also have the use of up to date google maps... Dimensions shown on plans which are written and marked clearly on a plan should not be compared through another source of dimensioning exercise. This is not carried out with any other Essex planning authority. Old fashioned but telephone conversations or emails to deal with simple issues should form part of the validation process....</p>	<p>BNG is a national requirement where developers and land managers will have to show how they will provide a Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG). The Government have set out the minimum requirements which are included in this checklist.</p> <p>The change with regards to boundary lines has been added due to the application site differing between plans and supporting documents. The application site edged in red should be consistent in all documentation in order to keep consistency and avoid confusion.</p> <p>The checklist for Outline applications has been drafted to cover the various development types and scale of developments.</p> <p>CIL Form 1 is required to identify not only the scale of the development but also the nature of the development proposed. This is therefore required for every application at the validation stage.</p> <p>Photographs are requested as they are a useful tool, alongside others, when assessing the site but these do not replace site visits where appropriate.</p> <p>With regards to written dimensions, this is not relevant to the validation stage.</p> <p>The validation process, with regards to communication, was changed in order to create a more reliable audit trail and efficient process. Where appropriate, communication is undertaken.</p>

<p>The PDF for the planning validation checklist is really helpful for myself as an architectural consultant, as it is very clear about what should or shouldn't be included. The notes regarding biodiversity and ecology reports are also helpful as it gives a clearer idea of how Castle Point will be interpreting these elements for future planning submissions.</p> <p>Having regularly submitted planning applications for over 20 years, I have seen substantial changes to what is needed by Planning Departments to validate applications, with different Councils also interpreting the requirements slightly differently. The guidance you have put together is comprehensive, and probably a very good indication of what any Council will be looking for moving forwards, so I'm really pleased to see it - sometimes it has felt that Councils make changes (however subtle) to these requirements and so it's been really frustrating to get letters through saying additional information not previously requested is now part of the validation process!</p>	<p>No comments on changes to the validation checklist, but I would suggest that unless there are significant changes to National Planning Policy, then this checklist should remain as is for the foreseeable future - if the Council changes it's validation checklist in future then it would be appreciated if an updated checklist could be sent out again as it has this time, which I believe would be time saving for all parties.</p>	<p>Any feedback is greatly appreciated. The validation checklist is reviewed regularly and updated where necessary. Any significant changes will be consulted on.</p>
<p>Parking needs to be sufficient, a minimum of one space for every bedroom. Needs to be in keeping with the local area, ie not putting a block of flats in between bungalows</p> <p>Local residents, and the impact of the build, need to be taken into account.</p>		<p>Parking would be based on our policies and the information provided by statutory consultees and assessed by the officers post validation.</p>

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