

Climate Change and Innovation Board comments and responses

Comment	Response
Retrofit of buildings should be preferable to demolition and rebuilding and would be in line with the waste hierarchy. Can this be strengthened?	The SPD must be aligned with adopted policy which does not specifically prioritise the reuse of buildings over demolition and rebuilding, so the SPD cannot include this as a requirement. However, the practice is supported by the waste hierarchy which forms a part of Policy D2 so reference to the reuse of buildings has been added to the first paragraph of the section 'Resources, materials and waste' in section 5 and a section on retrofitting has been added to section 6 (non-major development).
Will there be a design guide with focus on transport?	This is beyond the scope of this SPD.
Request for introduction or foreword to set out the Council's ambition or aspiration on climate change or an overview of climate change agenda.	A foreword has been added to the SPD that sets out the Council's ambition and provides information about the climate change agenda.
Can the questionnaire use open questions (e.g. how will you)? More information should be collected.	Major developments and non-major developments cannot be required to submit the same level of information. The questionnaire is for non-major developments while major developments must submit sustainability statements and energy statements. The questionnaire covers all the key topics in the SPD and if it is rewritten as a series of open questions, the level of information submitted by applicants could approach the level of information within energy and sustainability statements. The questions are mainly closed questions but do ask for further details.
Need to add that content of energy and sustainability statements will be conditioned	This has been added to the SPD at the end of section 3.
New homes should be adaptable to allow future residents to achieve zero carbon	Text supporting adaptability for future energy retrofit measures has been added to "Building design" in section 5.