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Dear Ms Ogilvie

I am writing to consult you on a proposed update to Oxfordshire County Council's Local List of Information Requirements for validation of planning and related applications.

It is a statutory requirement to update this list at least every two years. No major changes are proposed to the items which feature on the list. The changes and updates relate to the supporting text. Annex 1 to this letter sets out what the proposed changes are.

The draft updated Local List can be viewed on the County Council's planning applications website at the link below. The consultation period will run until **8 July 2021**.

<https://myeplanning2.oxfordshire.gov.uk/Planning/Display/LL.0073/21?cuuid=2ACA712A-87B1-479B-9515-252ADF736BAA>

The current Local List can also be viewed on the website for comparison.

Your comments on the draft updated Local List can be made via the online facility on the planning applications website, or by e-mail to mary.hudson@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

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Annex 1 – Proposed Changes to the Local List 2021

Tree/Arboricultural section

- Additional paragraph of supporting text setting out detail of what should be provided as part of an arboricultural impact assessment when a development adversely affects trees on a highway.
- Amendment of text to make it clear that, when required, Arboricultural Method Statements must be provided prior to commencement.
- Additional reference in the related guidance list, to article on Capital Asset Value for Amenity Trees

Biodiversity and Geodiversity Assessments

- These were previously listed as one, reflecting NPPF paragraph 174. They have now been separated into separate paragraphs.
- Updated legislation references to reflect amendments to the legislation

Aftercare and Restoration Scheme

- Additional text to state that the Aftercare Scheme should set out recommendations for ongoing management following the end of the formal 5-year period of aftercare.
- Additional text to include reference to enhancement of the soil ecosystem and to set out the requirements for a Restoration Plan.

Landscape and Visual Assessment

- Additional text to state that the LVIA should inform the scheme design
- Update to the ways in which the guidelines are referenced – no change to the guidelines themselves (GLVIA3)
- New reference to the Landscape Institute Technical Guidance Note 06/19 in relation to photomontages
- Updating of hyperlinks in guidance list
- Update reference to Landscape Appraisal to 'Landscape and Visual Appraisal'
- Clarification on when these will be required and what should be included
- These changes are following advice from Oxfordshire County Council's Landscape Specialist, which is a new role since the current version of the list was adopted.

Landscaping Scheme

- Separation of Planting Plan requirements from Landscape Strategy requirements, updates to text requirements for each.
- Further details on what these should include.

Supporting Statement

- Requirement to describe the site context as well as the site

Outdoor Lighting Scheme

- Reference to light being kept to a minimum and sensitive design
- Additional reference in the list of related guidance to a guidance note on bats and artificial lighting.
- Additional text and links to refer to fact that Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) are particularly sensitive to light pollution.

- Inclusion of reference to the AONBs' position statements on lighting in the guidance list

Heritage and Archaeological Statements

- Updated to refer to a Written Scheme of Investigation rather than a brief. This is following the advice of the archaeology team.

Tree Surveys, Hedgerow Surveys and Arboricultural Statements

- Section re-written by the officer currently responsible for considering these matters when applications are assessed.
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Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

- Update to text to reflect that a revised SCI has been published by Oxfordshire County Council in May 2020

Appendix 1 – Details on Ecological Assessments

- Deletion of reference to TVERC biodiversity calculator – refers now to the Defra one.
- Biodiversity enhancement now required – deletion of 'where possible'
- Inclusion of impacts from light
- Additional wording to refer to the 'ecological mitigation hierarchy.'