

Activity 1 – what can you do at each stage of the application process?

Scenario	Pre-application discussions	Information requirements	Assessing/negotiating on applications
An outline planning application for 200 residential units in a main town. The site is allocated in the development plan. Pose additional question – what difference would it make if this was a full planning application	Discuss relevant policies Code for sustainable homes General principles such as orientation of buildings, landform, layout, massing, SUDS etc Energy strategy Biodiversity Water resources Materials	State requirements – for example if a sustainability design and construction statements/energy statement is required. What level of information could be required? See Woking's checklist as an aide memoire Design and Access statement to look at light, usability of buildings	Confirm broad sustainability approach is acceptable. Condition further information. Use of CPlan or other tools Viability
A 4000 square metre office development in a city centre location. This scheme is a new build, to provide	Consultation with local community groups Applicants checklist/validation criteria Discuss relevant policies BREEAM	BREEAM assessment Layout approach – consideration of light – set out in	Discuss travel plan requirements through S106 Review BREEAM information and confirm or
a headquarters for a national firm.	Innovative approach? Proximity to railway station / bus station – approach to encourage this.	Design and Access Statement. Travel plan requriements. Detailed plans.	condition. User conditions Site Waste Management Plan
An infill scheme of 8 residential units on a brownfield site (former garage site allocated in the Development Plan) in existing residential area.	Discuss relevant policies There is likely to be very few – as it is below the 10 unit threshold	Discuss required documentation; ask for some information for sustainable approach in the Design and Access Statement.	
An extension of 400 square metres on to a single house in a rural area. The extension does require planning permission.	Discuss policy requirements. Kirkless policy – relationship with Building Regulations.	Limited – if Kirkleees – they would ask for a certificate to state how the efficiency would be improved.	

