

Sustainability

Additional guidance

You may find the sustainability-related questions below useful when thinking about your selected development. You'll revisit these questions in Week 2 of the course.



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- How does the design of the development reflect local climatic conditions?
- Is the development built on previously developed land? Was it derelict or contaminated?
- Does it reuse existing buildings?
- Does the development make efficient use of land? Is the density appropriate?
- Is the development liable to flooding or being affected by other environmental problems? How has it been built to respond to these problems?
- How do people travel to and from the development? Does it encourage the use of cars, walking, public transportation or cycling?

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- What energy sources are used in the development? Are renewable energy sources in evidence?
- How is waste managed in the development? Is there evidence of waste recycling?
- Are there any visible signs or information about the development's environmental performance?
- Is public and communal space provided as part of the development? Does it work well?
- Has the development provided habitats for wildlife? Does this link to other ecological areas?
- How could the development adapt in response to climate change?