Meeting: Strategic Planning Committee
Date: Wednesday 6 February 2008

Subject: Consultation on the Proposed Local Validation Requirements

for Planning Applications

Key Decision: No

Responsible Officer: Graham Jones

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Marilyn Ashton

Exempt: No

Enclosures: "Local Validation Requirements for Planning Applications:

Draft for Consultation - January 2008"

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report is to inform members of a proposed consultation with key stakeholders on new arrangements for validating planning applications in connection with the use of the new national electronic standard planning application form (1APP) being introduced from 6 April 2008.

Recommendation:

- 1. To agree to a 6 week consultation on the local criteria for validating applications, prior to the adoption of the new national electronic standard planning application form (1APP) on 6 April 2008.
- 2. To report back to Development Management Committee on 2 April 2008 on the outcome of the consultation and present the resultant final version of the "Local Validation Requirements for Planning Applications" for adoption and publication prior to 6 April 2008.

Reason: To ensure a basis for sound and consistent decision-making.

Section 2 - Report

Introduction

2.1 On 6 April 2008 the Government is launching a new requirement for all Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) in England to adopt the electronic national standard planning application form (1 APP). This is aimed at establishing consistency

- between LPAs and clarity to applicants, and is seen as a most significant change to the planning system.
- 2.2 In December 2007 the government introduced "Guidance for Local Planning Authorities" on the validation of planning applications. The advice is also integral to assisting Authorities in meeting the performance targets for determination of applications.
- 2.3 Different types and scale of application will require different levels of Information and supporting documentation to be submitted. The new arrangements will comprise two checklists for validation of planning applications:
 - a national list applicable to all LPAs, and
 - a recommended local list from which LPAs can choose the appropriate criteria to formulate its own local list of requirements.
- 2.4 The national list sets out the mandatory statutory requirements by application types, and these are summarized in the consultation document **Appendix 1.**
- 2.5 The local list comprises additional information that LPAs can require to validate an application depending on the type and scale of the development. Local planning authorities are encouraged to consult upon and adopt local lists drawn from a nationally defined list of requirements according to application types. If no local list is adopted local planning authorities can only validate applications using the mandatory national criteria. In other words, where the LPA has not adopted a local list the default position for validating applications will be the statutory national requirements only.
- 2.6 However, the adoption of a local list combining use of the national requirements and criteria from the recommended local list will afford both the authority and applicant more certainty as to the type of information required at the outset and help to ensure that the information requested is proportionate and consistent to the type and scale of application being made.
- 2.7 Appendix 1 "Local Validation Requirements for Planning Applications: Draft for Consultation January 2008" contains the draft local list comprising the mandatory national requirements and proposed local requirements by application types. The requirements are considered to be reasonable and proportionate to the type and scale of the application.

Local Validation List

- 2.7 The guidance indicates the type of information that can be provided in local lists. However, the overall content of the local list is at the discretion of the LPAs.
- 2.8 LPAs are encouraged to consult on their local lists to ensure they are clear and transparent to potential applicants affected by the new requirements before the lists are adopted and published.

Consultation and Adoption

- 2.9 The government's guidance recommends the following process be followed:
 - resolution to the relevant committee to consult on the proposed local list for different application types
 - minimum period for consultation with relevant stakeholders should be 6 weeks
 - relevant stakeholders should include:
 - statutory consultees (including the Environment Agency, Natural England, English Heritage, Network Rail, the local highway authority, Strategic Health Authority, and GLA
 - elected Members
 - relevant voluntary and community groups e.g. Residents Groups/amenity societies
 - agents/applicants forums or representative group of agents
 - in drawing up the list for consultation LPAs are also asked to consider those groups or organisations referred to in their adopted statement of community involvement
 - review of comments and report back for formal resolution of, and adoption of the local lists by, the relevant committee
 - publication of the adopted local lists on the LPA website (and made available through the Planning Portal) in addition to paper copies being made available at planning reception or on request
- 2.10 Once an LPA has consulted and adopted a local list in accordance with the procedures outlined above, or similar procedures and the list has been published on its website, it can be used as the local list of requirements when validating applications under the amended Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order (GDPO).
- 2.11 The consultation will include publication of the draft lists on the Council's web site during the 6-week period. Comments from members as part of the consultation process will be welcome.
- 2.12 The results of the consultation exercise should be reported to the 2 April meeting of the Development Management Committee in order to agree and adopt the final lists before the 6 April deadline for the launch of the national standard application form 1APP.

Legal Implications

2.14 Adopting a local list and following the above procedure will ensure implementation of the requirements of Section 42 of Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the imminent amendments to the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995. Compliance with the government's suggested consultation criteria will ensure a fair, transparent and justifiable basis for validation of planning applications.

Financial Implications

2.15 There are no financial implications.

Performance Issues

2.16 The introduction of validation checklists will ultimately assist in respect of BV109a, b and c determination of all planning applications in ensuring they are validated in a timely and consistent manner. Performance is currently very good with 88% of major applications determined within 13 weeks, 85% and 95% of minor and other applications respectively determined within 8 weeks for the first 3 quarters of 2007/08. At this stage it is not possible to predict the short-term impact on performance as the new system will require time to settle while all users of the system familiarize themselves with its operation.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Date:	Sheela Thakrar 25 January 2008	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Name: Date:	Jessica Farmer 24 January 2008	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer

Section 4 – Performance Officer Clearance

Name: Date:	Tom Whiting 25 January 2008	•	Divisional Director (Strategy & Improvement)
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Section 5 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact:

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Background Papers:

"The Validation of Planning Applications-Guidance for local planning authorities" CLG Dec 2007: http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/validationapplications

APPENDIX

Harrow Council

Local Validation Requirements for Planning Applications: Draft for Consultation - January 2008

1. Householder Application for planning permission for works or extension to a dwelling:

National Requirements (extracted from CLG Guidance for Local Planning Authorities on Validation of Planning Applications):

(Please note: the National Requirements – applicable to all Local Planning Authorities – are quoted here in full for information but are summarised in the alternative application types set out below.)

- Completed form (3 copies to be supplied unless the application is submitted electronically)
- A plan which identifies the land to which the application relates drawn to an identified scale and showing the direction of North (3 copies to be supplied unless the application is submitted electronically)
- A copy of other plans and drawings or information necessary to describe the subject of the application (3 copies to be supplied unless the application is submitted electronically) including:
 - Block plan of the site (e.g. at a scale of 1:100 or 1:200) showing any site boundaries
 - Existing and proposed elevations (e.g. at a scale of 1:50 or 1:100)
 - Existing and proposed floor plans (e.g. at a scale of 1:50 or 1:100)
 - Existing and proposed site sections and finished floor and site levels (e.g. at a scale of 1:50 or 1:100)
 - Roof plans (e.g. at a scale of 1:50 or 1:100)
- The completed Ownership Certificate (A, B, C or D as applicable) as required by Article 7 of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
- Agricultural Holdings Certificate as required by Article 7 of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
- Design and Access Statement, if required
- The appropriate fee
- In addition, where Ownership Certificates B, C or D have been completed, notice(s) as required by Article 6 of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995 must be given and / or published in accordance with this Article

- All submitted plans and drawings to include:
 - print (paper) size
 - the relevant scale at that print size (e.g. 1:50, 1:100)
 - key dimensions
 - scale bar indicating a minimum length of 0 to 10 metres
- Biodiversity survey and report Where a proposed development may have possible impacts on wildlife and biodiversity, information should be provided on existing

biodiversity interests and possible impacts on them to allow full consideration of those impacts. Please refer to validation checklists table 1,2 and 3 at the end of this document to determine survey and assessment required and see Government planning policies for biodiversity are set out in **Planning Policy Statement 9**: **Biodiversity and Geological Conservation (PPS9)** (August 2005)

- Flood risk assessment Applications in Environment Agency Flood Zone relating to basement or ground floor extensions
- Tree survey / arboricultural implications Applications including building works within 5 metres of a tree
- 2. Householder Application for planning permission for works or extension to a dwelling and Conservation Area Consent for demolition in a Conservation Area and

Householder Application for planning permission for works or extension to a dwelling and Listed Building consent

National Requirements (summarised from CLG Guidance for Local Planning Authorities on Validation of Planning Applications):

Completed form; Site plan; Other plans and drawings necessary to describe the application; Ownership certificate; Agricultural holdings certificate; Design and access statement, if required; Appropriate fee; Article 6 notice where ownership certificates B, C or D have been completed.

- All submitted plans and drawings to include:
 - print (paper) size
 - the relevant scale at that print size (e.g. 1:50, 1:100)
 - key dimensions
 - scale bar indicating a minimum length of 0 to 10 metres
- Biodiversity survey and report Where a proposed development may have possible impacts on wildlife and biodiversity, information should be provided on existing biodiversity interests and possible impacts on them to allow full consideration of those impacts. Please refer to validation checklists table 1,2 and 3 at the end of this document to determine survey and assessment required and see Government planning policies for biodiversity are set out in Planning Policy Statement 9: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation (PPS9) (August 2005)
- Flood risk assessment Applications in Environment Agency Flood Zone relating to basement or ground floor extensions
- Heritage statement (including historical, archaeological features and scheduled ancient monuments) - Required for developments within an Archaeological Priority Area or conservation area or affecting a listed building
- Planning Statement Optional, at applicant's discretion, to address the context and need for the development and an assessment of compliance with the relevant policies
- Structural survey As required by the Council, please seek advice
- Tree survey / arboricultural implications Required for applications including building works within 5 metres of a tree - please seek advice and see BS5837: Trees in relation to construction - Recommendations

3. Application for Full Planning Permission

and

Application for Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved and

Application for Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved and

Application for Approval of Reserved Matters following outline approval

National Requirements (summarised from CLG Guidance for Local Planning Authorities on Validation of Planning Applications):

Completed form; Site plan; Other plans and drawings necessary to describe the application; Ownership certificate; Agricultural holdings certificate; Design and access statement, if required; Appropriate fee; Article 6 notice where ownership certificates B, C or D have been completed.

- All submitted plans and drawings to include:
 - print (paper) size
 - the relevant scale at that print size (e.g. 1:50, 1:100)
 - key dimensions
 - scale bar indicating a minimum length of 0 to 10 metres
- Affordable housing statement Required for applications providing 15 or more residential units (or providing 10 or more units following adoption of the Further Alterations to the London Plan)
- Air quality assessment As required by the Council where the application site is within or adjacent to an air quality management area (AQMA) - further advice is available in *Planning Policy Statement 23: Planning and Pollution Control* (November 2004)
- Biodiversity survey and report Where a proposed development may have possible impacts on wildlife and biodiversity, information should be provided on existing biodiversity interests and possible impacts on them to allow full consideration of those impacts. Please refer to validation checklists table 1,2 and 3 at the end of this document to determine survey and assessment required and see Government planning policies for biodiversity are set out in Planning Policy Statement 9: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation (PPS9) (August 2005)
- Daylight / sunlight assessment As required by the Council, please seek advice and refer to BRE guidelines
- Economic statement As required by the Council on major regeneration schemes, please seek advice
- Environmental statement Required in the circumstances set out in the Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 1999
- Flood risk assessment Required for development proposals of 1 hectare or greater in Flood Zone 1 and for all proposals for new development located in Flood Zones 2 and 3 designated by the Environment Agency, or a designated critical drainage area
- Foul sewage and utilities assessment Required for major developments (10 or more residential units, 1,000 sq metres non-residential floorspace)

- Heritage statement (including historical, archaeological features and scheduled ancient monuments) - Required for developments within an Archaeological Priority Area or conservation area or affecting a listed building
- Land contamination assessment Required for contaminated sites, sites previously used for industrial processes and major developments (10 or more residential units, 1,000 sq metres non-residential floorspace) and those on or adjoining public open space further advice is available in *Planning Policy Statement 23: Planning and Pollution Control* (November 2004)
- Landscaping details As required by the Council, please seek advice - to include details of retention and protection of trees, long term maintenance and landscape management as appropriate
- Lighting assessment As required by the Council on publicly accessible developments, in the vicinity of residential property, a listed building or a conservation area, or open countryside, for example, within the Green Belt or Metropolitan Open Land, please seek advice and see *Lighting in the countryside: towards good* practice (1997)
- Noise assessment As required by the Council, please seek advice and see *Planning Policy Guidance Note 24: Planning and Noise* (September 1994)
- Open space assessment As required by the Council, please seek advice and see Planning Policy Guidance Note 17: Planning for open space, sport and recreation (July 2002)
- Parking provision As required by the Council, please seek advice
- Photographs / photomontages Optional, at applicant's discretion
- Planning obligations draft head(s) of terms As required by the Council, please seek advice
- Planning statement As required by the Council, to address the context and need for the development and an assessment of compliance with the relevant policies, please seek advice
- Site waste management plan As required by the Council, please seek advice and see Site Waste Management Plans: guidance for construction contractors and clients (2004 - Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform - formerly DTI)
- Statement of community involvement As required by the Council to demonstrate compliance with the requirements for pre-application consultation set out in the Council's adopted SCI see http://www.harrow.gov.uk/downloads/060801 SCI FINAL PDF VERSION.pdf
- Structural survey As required by the Council where the proposal involves substantial demolition, please seek advice
- Telecommunications development supplementary information:
 – compliance with the requirements of the Code of Best Practice on Mobile Network
 Development (2002), including:
 - **Supplementary information template** as set out in Annex F, and the **Declaration of Conformity** as set out in Annex G see
 - http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/147779 Required for applications for mast and antenna development by mobile phone network operators

- Town centre uses evidence to accompany applications As required by the Council, please seek advice and see *Planning Policy Statement 6: Planning for Town Centres* (March 2005)
- Transport assessment As required by the Council where the proposed development has significant transport implications, please seek advice and see *Planning Policy Guidance Note 13 Transport* (March 2001) and *Guidance on Transport Assessment* (March 2007 - DfT)
- Travel plan As required by the Council where the proposed development has significant transport implications, please seek advice and see *Planning Policy Guidance Note 13 Transport* (March 2001) and *Using the planning process to secure Travel Plans: Best practice guide* (2002 ODPM and DfT)
- Tree survey / arboricultural implications Required for applications including building works within 5 metres of a tree - please seek advice and see BS5837: Trees in relation to construction - Recommendations
- Ventilation / extraction statement Required for applications which include commercial extraction flues, for example, changes of use to Classes A3 (restaurants and cafes), A4 (public houses) or A5 (hot food takeaways), or major retail, business, industrial or leisure or other similar developments where substantial ventilation or extraction equipment is proposed

4. Application for Full Planning Permission and Conservation Area Consent for demolition

and

Application for Full Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent

National Requirements (summarised from CLG Guidance for Local Planning Authorities on Validation of Planning Applications):

As application for Full Planning Permission

Local Requirements:

As application for Full Planning Permission, plus:

- All submitted plans and drawings to include:
 - print (paper) size
 - the relevant scale at that print size (e.g. 1:50, 1:100)
 - key dimensions
 - scale bar indicating a minimum length of 0 to 10 metres
- Biodiversity survey and report Where a proposed development may have possible impacts on wildlife and biodiversity, information should be provided on existing biodiversity interests and possible impacts on them to allow full consideration of those impacts. Please refer to validation checklists table 1,2 and 3 at the end of this document to determine survey and assessment required and see Government planning policies for biodiversity are set out in Planning Policy Statement 9: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation (PPS9) (August 2005)
- Structural survey As required by the Council where the proposal involves substantial demolition, please seek advice

5. Application for Full Planning Permission and Advertisement Consent

National Requirements (summarised from CLG Guidance for Local Planning Authorities on Validation of Planning Applications):

As application for Full Planning Permission

Local Requirements:

As application for Full Planning Permission, plus:

- All submitted plans and drawings to include:
 - print (paper) size
 - the relevant scale at that print size (e.g. 1:50, 1:100)
 - key dimensions
 - scale bar indicating a minimum length of 0 to 10 metres
- Lighting assessment as required by the Council for significant applications for illuminated advertisements / signs, please seek advice

6. Conservation Area Consent for demolition in a Conservation Area and

Listed Building Consent for alterations, extension or demolition of a Listed Building

National Requirements (summarised from CLG Guidance for Local Planning Authorities on Validation of Planning Applications):

Completed form; Site plan; Other plans and drawings necessary to describe the application; Ownership certificate; Design and access statement for Listed Building Consent applications; Regulation 6 notice where ownership certificates B, C or D have been completed.

- All submitted plans and drawings to include:
 - print (paper) size
 - the relevant scale at that print size (e.g. 1:50, 1:100)
 - key dimensions
 - scale bar indicating a minimum length of 0 to 10 metres
- Biodiversity survey and report Where a proposed development may have possible impacts on wildlife and biodiversity, information should be provided on existing biodiversity interests and possible impacts on them to allow full consideration of those impacts. Please refer to validation checklists table 1,2 and 3 at the end of this document to determine survey and assessment required and see Government planning policies for biodiversity are set out in Planning Policy Statement 9: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation (PPS9) (August 2005)
- Heritage statement (including historical, archaeological features and scheduled ancient monuments) - Required for developments within an Archaeological Priority
 Area or conservation area or affecting a listed building
- Lighting assessment As required by the Council for proposals on a listed building or in a conservation area, please seek advice and see *Lighting in the countryside:* towards good practice (1997)
- Photographs / photomontages Optional, at applicant's discretion

- Planning statement Optional, at applicant's discretion, to address the context and need for the development and an assessment of compliance with the relevant policies
- Structural survey As required by the Council where the proposal involves substantial demolition, please seek advice
- Tree survey / arboricultural implications Required for applications including building works within 5 metres of a tree - please seek advice and see BS5837:

7. Application for Advertisement Consent

National Requirements (summarised from CLG Guidance for Local Planning Authorities on Validation of Planning Applications):

Completed form; Site plan; Other plans and drawings necessary to describe the application; Appropriate fee.

Proposed Local Requirements:

- All submitted plans and drawings to include:
 - print (paper) size
 - the relevant scale at that print size (e.g. 1:50, 1:100)
 - key dimensions
 - scale bar indicating a minimum length of 0 to 10 metres
- Lighting assessment As required by the Council for significant applications for illuminated advertisements / signs, please seek advice
- Photographs and photomontages Optional, at applicant's discretion
- Planning statement Optional, at applicant's discretion

8. Listed Building consent for alterations, extension or demolition of a Listed Building and Advertisement Consent

National Requirements (summarised from CLG Guidance for Local Planning Authorities on Validation of Planning Applications):

Completed form; Site plan; Other plans and drawings necessary to describe the application; Ownership Certificate; Design and access statement; Appropriate fee; Regulation 6 notice where ownership certificates B, C or D have been completed.

- All submitted plans and drawings to include:
 - print (paper) size
 - the relevant scale at that print size (e.g. 1:50, 1:100)
 - key dimensions
 - scale bar indicating a minimum length of 0 to 10 metres
- Biodiversity survey and report Where a proposed development may have possible impacts on wildlife and biodiversity, information should be provided on existing biodiversity interests and possible impacts on them to allow full consideration of those impacts. Please refer to validation checklists table 1,2 and 3 at the end of this document to determine survey and assessment required and see Government

- planning policies for biodiversity are set out in **Planning Policy Statement 9: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation (PPS9)** (August 2005)
- Heritage statement (including historical, archaeological features and scheduled ancient monuments) - Required for developments within an Archaeological Priority
 Area or conservation area or affecting a listed building
- Lighting assessment As required by the Council for significant applications for illuminated advertisements / signs, please seek advice
- Photographs and photomontages Optional, at applicant's discretion
- Planning statement Optional, at applicant's discretion to address the context and need for the development and an assessment of compliance with the relevant policies
- Structural survey As required by the Council where the proposal involves substantial demolition, please seek advice
- Tree survey / arboricultural implications Required for applications including building works within 5 metres of a tree - please seek advice and see BS5837:

9. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use or operation or activity including those in breach of a planning condition

National Requirements (summarised from CLG Guidance for Local Planning Authorities on Validation of Planning Applications):

Completed form; Site plan; Evidence verifying information included in the application; Other relevant information; Appropriate fee.

Proposed Local Requirements:

- All submitted plans and drawings to include:
 - print (paper) size
 - the relevant scale at that print size (e.g. 1:50, 1:100)
 - kev dimensions
 - scale bar indicating a minimum length of 0 to 10 metres
- Lawful development certificate supporting information Required e.g. sworn affidavit
- Photographs / photomontages Optional, at applicant's discretion
- Plans existing elevations / floor plans e.g. at 1:50 or 1:100 and existing site survey e.g. at 1:200 or 1:500 - Required (not part of national requirement for this application type)
- **Planning statement** Optional, at applicant's discretion
- Statutory declarations or sworn affidavits providing personal knowledge of use or operations carried out on site – as required

10. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed use or development

National Requirements (summarised from CLG Guidance for Local Planning Authorities on Validation of Planning Applications):

Completed form; Site plan; Evidence verifying information included in the application; Other relevant information; Appropriate fee.

Proposed Local Requirements:

- All submitted plans and drawings to include:
 - print (paper) size
 - the relevant scale at that print size (e.g. 1:50, 1:100)
 - kev dimensions
 - scale bar indicating a minimum length of 0 to 10 metres
- Planning statement Optional, at applicant's discretion
- Plans existing and proposed elevations / floor plans e.g. at 1:50 or 1:100 and existing site survey e.g. at 1:200 or 1:500 - Required (not part of national requirement for this application type)

11. Application for prior notification of proposed agricultural development – proposed building

and

Application for prior notification of proposed agricultural development – proposed road

and

Application for prior notification of proposed agricultural development – proposed excavation / deposit of waste material from the farm

and

Application for prior notification of proposed agricultural development – proposed fish tank

and

Application for Hedgerow Removal Notice

National Requirements (summarised from CLG Guidance for Local Planning Authorities on Validation of Planning Applications):

Completed form; Site plan; Appropriate fee; Evidence of date of planting (Hedgerow Removal Notices)

Local Requirements:

- All submitted plans and drawings to include:
 - print (paper) size
 - the relevant scale at that print size (e.g. 1:50, 1:100)
 - key dimensions
 - scale bar indicating a minimum length of 0 to 10 metres
- Biodiversity survey and report Where a proposed development may have possible impacts on wildlife and biodiversity, information should be provided on existing biodiversity interests and possible impacts on them to allow full consideration of those impacts. Please refer to validation checklists table 1,2 and 3 at the end of this document to determine survey and assessment required and see Government planning policies for biodiversity are set out in Planning Policy Statement 9: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation (PPS9) (August 2005)

- Landscaping details As required by the Council, please seek advice - to include details of retention and protection of trees, long term maintenance and landscape management as appropriate
- Plans existing and proposed elevations / floor plans e.g. at 1:50 or 1:100 and existing and proposed site layout e.g. at 1:200 or 1:500 - Required where relevant to proposal (not part of national requirement for this application type)

12. Application for prior notification of proposed development in respect of permitted development by electronic communications code operators

National Requirements (summarised from CLG Guidance for Local Planning Authorities on Validation of Planning Applications):

Completed form; Site plan; Appropriate fee; Confirmation that the developer has informed the Civil Aviation Authority for relevant applications

Local Requirements:

- All submitted plans and drawings to include:
 - print (paper) size
 - the relevant scale at that print size (e.g. 1:50, 1:100)
 - key dimensions
 - scale bar indicating a minimum length of 0 to 10 metres
- Compliance with the requirements of the Code of Best Practice on Mobile
 Network Development (2002), including:
 Supplementary information template as set out in Annex F, and the Declaration
 of Conformity as set out in Annex G see
 http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/147779
- Acoustic report where relevant
- Planning statement Optional, at applicant's discretion
- Any other additional information Optional at the applicant's discretion

13. Application for prior notification – proposed demolition

National Requirements (summarised from CLG Guidance for Local Planning Authorities on Validation of Planning Applications):

Completed form; Statement that the applicant has displayed

Local Requirements:

- All submitted plans and drawings to include:
 - print (paper) size
 - the relevant scale at that print size (e.g. 1:50, 1:100)
 - key dimensions
 - scale bar indicating a minimum length of 0 to 10 metres
- Biodiversity survey and report Where a proposed development may have possible impacts on wildlife and biodiversity, information should be provided on existing biodiversity interests and possible impacts on them to allow full consideration of those impacts. Please refer to validation checklists table 1,2 and 3 at the end of this

document to determine survey and assessment required and see Government planning policies for biodiversity are set out in **Planning Policy Statement 9: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation (PPS9)** (August 2005)

- Photographs / photomontages Optional, at applicant's discretion
- Planning statement Required
- Structural survey As required by the Council, please seek advice
- Tree survey / arboricultural implications Required for applications including works within 5 metres of a tree

14. Application for removal or variation of a condition following grant of planning permission (Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990)

As Application for Planning Permission, with individual requirements dependent on the application relating to a condition relevant to the requirement, but with the following changes:

- All submitted plans and drawings to include:
 - print (paper) size
 - the relevant scale at that print size (e.g. 1:50, 1:100)
 - key dimensions
 - scale bar indicating a minimum length of 0 to 10 metres
- Biodiversity survey and report Where a proposed development may have possible impacts on wildlife and biodiversity, information should be provided on existing biodiversity interests and possible impacts on them to allow full consideration of those impacts. Please refer to validation checklists table 1,2 and 3 at the end of this document to determine survey and assessment required and see Government planning policies for biodiversity are set out in Planning Policy Statement 9: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation (PPS9) (August 2005)
- Planning statement Required
- Plans As required by the Council, please seek advice

15. Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition

There are no National or Local Requirements. Useful supporting information:

- Completed form
- Site plan
- Other plans and drawings necessary to describe the application
- All submitted plans and drawings to include:
 - print (paper) size
 - the relevant scale at that print size (e.g. 1:50, 1:100)
 - key dimensions
 - scale bar indicating a minimum length of 0 to 10 metres
- Photograph / photomontages
- Planning statement Optional, at applicant's discretion

16. Application for Tree Works: Works to Trees Subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) or Notification of Proposed Works to Trees in Conservation Areas (CA)

Please use this checklist to ensure that the form has been completed correctly and that all

relevant information is submitted. Failure to supply sufficiently precise and detailed information may result in your application being rejected or delay in dealing with it.

For works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order, please provide the following:

- completed and dated application form, with all [mandatory] questions answered;
- sketch plan showing the location of all tree(s);
- a full and clear specification of the works to be carried out;
- statement of reasons for the proposed work; and
- evidence in support of statement of reasons, where required by the standard application form

For works to trees in conservation areas, please provide the following:

- completed and dated application form, with all questions answered;
- sketch plan showing the precise location of all tree(s);
- a full and clear specification of the works to be carried out:
- statement of reasons for the proposed work; and
- evidence in support of statement of reasons, where required by the standard application form

In either case, the following information will speed the processing of applications:

- Report by a tree professional (arboriculturalist)
- Biodiversity survey and report if the following tree types present:
 - old and veteran trees that are older than 100 years
 - trees with obvious holes, cracks or cavities
 - trees with a girth greater than 1m at chest height
- Photographs Optional, at applicant's discretion
- Details of any assistance or advice sought from a Local Planning Authority officer prior to submitting this form

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TABLE 1
Local Requirement for Protected Species: Criteria and Indicative Thresholds (Trigger List) for when a
Survey and Assessment is Required

Column 1										
Proposals for Development That Will Trigger a Protected Species Survey	Bats	Barn Owls	Breeding Birds	Gt. Crested Newts	Dormouse 1	Water Vole 1	Badger ¹	Reptiles	Amphibians	Plants
Proposed development which includes the modification conversion, demolition or removal of buildings and structures (especially roof voids) involving the following:										
 all agricultural buildings (e.g. farmhouses and barns) particularly of traditional brick or stone construction and/or with exposed wooden beams greater than 20cm thick; 										
 all buildings with weather boarding and/or hanging tiles that are within 200m of woodland and/or water; 										
 pre-1960 detached buildings and structures within 200m of woodland and/or water; pre-1914 buildings within 400m of woodland and/or water; 										
 pre-1914 buildings with gable ends or slate roofs, regardless of location; 										
 all tunnels, mines, kilns, ice-houses, adits, military fortifications, air raid shelters, cellars and similar underground ducts and structures; 										
 all bridge structures, aqueducts and viaducts (especially over water and wet ground). 										
Proposals involving lighting of churches and listed buildings or flood lighting of green space within 50m of woodland, water, field hedgerows or lines of trees with obvious connectivity to woodland or water.										
Proposals affecting woodland, or field hedgerows and/or lines of trees with obvious connectivity to woodland or water bodies.										
Proposed tree work (felling or lopping) and/or development affecting:										
 old and veteran trees that are older than 100 years; trees with obvious holes, cracks or cavities, trees with a girth greater than 1m at chest height; 										
Proposals affecting gravel pits or quarries and natural cliff faces and rock outcrops with crevices, caves or swallets (sinkholes).										
Major proposals within 500*m of a pond or Minor proposals within 100*m of pond										
(Note: A major proposals is one that is more than 10 dwellings or more than 0.5 hectares or for non-residential development is more than 1000m² floor area or more than 1 hectare)										
Proposals affecting or within 200*m of rivers, streams, canals, lakes, or other aquatic habitats.										
Proposals affecting 'derelict' land (brownfield sites), allotments and railway land.										
Proposed development affecting any buildings, structures, feature or locations where protected species are known to be present **.										

¹ Please seek advice from local planning authority before commencing survey.

^{*} Distances may be amended to suit local circumstance on the advice of the local Natural England team and / or Local Biodiversity Partnership

^{**} Confirmed as present by either a data search (for instance via the local environmental records centre) or as notified to the developer by the local planning authority, and/or by Natural England, the Environment Agency or other nature conservation organisation.

TABLE 2

Local Requirements for Designated Sites and Priority Habitats

Criteria (Trigger List) for When a Survey and Assessment are Required

1. DESIGNATED SITES

Internationally designated sites None

Nationally designated sites Bentley Priory Site of Special Scientific Interest

Regionally and locally designated sites Stanmore Common Local Nature Reserve

Bentley Priory Local Nature Reserve

Stanmore Country Park Local Nature Reserve

Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (see list below)

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Site Name	Adopted	Grade
Bentley Priory Open Space	Yes	Sites of Metropolitan Importance
Harrow Weald Common	Yes	Sites of Metropolitan Importance
Pear Wood and Stanmore Country Park	Yes	Sites of Metropolitan Importance
Stanmore and Little Commons	Yes	Sites of Metropolitan Importance
Stanmore Golf Course	Yes	Sites of Metropolitan Importance
Harrow on the Hill	Yes	Sites of Borough Importance Grade I
Pinner Park Farm	Yes	Sites of Borough Importance Grade I
Pinnerwood Park and Ponds	Yes	Sites of Borough Importance Grade I
Roxbourne Rough Nature Reserve	Yes	Sites of Borough Importance Grade I
Royal Orthopaedic Hospital	Yes	Sites of Borough Importance Grade I
Wood End Railway Crossing & Roxeth Park	Yes	Sites of Borough Importance Grade I
Canons Lake and The Basin	Yes	Sites of Borough Importance Grade II
Canons Park and Stanmore Railway Embankments	Yes	Sites of Borough Importance Grade II
Clamp Hill Brickfields	Yes	Sites of Borough Importance Grade II
Grim's Ditch and Pinner Green	Yes	Sites of Borough Importance Grade II
Grim's Dyke Farm	No	Sites of Borough Importance Grade II
Harrow Weald Park and the Hermitage	Yes	Sites of Borough Importance Grade II
Headstone Manor Recreation Ground	Yes	Sites of Borough Importance Grade II
Oxhey Lane Fields and Railway Cutting	Yes	Sites of Borough Importance Grade II
Rayners Lane Railside Lands	Yes	Sites of Borough Importance Grade II
St Dominic's Sixth Form College	No	Sites of Borough Importance Grade II
Stanmore Marsh	Yes	Sites of Borough Importance Grade II
The Grail Centre	No	Sites of Borough Importance Grade II
Wood Farm	Yes	Sites of Borough Importance Grade II
Yeading Brook	Yes	Sites of Borough Importance Grade II
Bonnersfield Lane	Yes	Sites of Local Importance
Edgwarebury Brook at Whitchurch School	No	Sites of Local Importance
Grim's Dyke at Saddlers Mead	No	Sites of Local Importance
Harrow Arts Centre	No	Sites of Local Importance
Harrow Cemetery	Yes	Sites of Local Importance
Newton Park and Newton Park Ecology Centre	Yes	Sites of Local Importance

Old Tennis Court, West Harrow Recreation Ground and The Ridgeway Embankment	Yes	Sites of Local Importance	
Orley Farm School Nature Conservation Area	No	Sites of Local Importance	
Paine's Lane Cemetery	No	Sites of Local Importance	
Pinner Memorial Park	Yes	Sites of Local Importance	
Pinner New Cemetery Footpath	No	Sites of Local Importance	
River Pinn at West Harrow	Yes	Sites of Local Importance	
St John the Evangelist Churchyard, Stanmore Park	No	Sites of Local Importance	
The Cedars Open Space	Yes	Sites of Local Importance	
The Rattler including Belmont Nature Walk	Yes	Sites of Local Importance	
Watling Chase planting site and environs	No	Sites of Local Importance	
Watling Street Verge	No	Sites of Local Importance	
Woodlands Open Space Spinney & Melrose Allotments	No	Sites of Local Importance	
Woodridings Brook	No	Sites of Local Importance	

2. PRIORITY HABITATS (Habitats of Principal Importance for Biodiversity under S.41 of the NERC Act 2006)

- Ancient and/or species-rich hedgerows
- Floodplain
- Fen, marsh, swamp and reedbeds
- Lowland heathland and/or dry acid grassland
- Lowland meadows (e.g. species-rich flower meadows)
- Lowland mixed deciduous woodland (ancient woodland)
- Lowland wood-pasture and parkland
- Rivers and streams
- Standing open water and canals (e.g. lakes, reservoirs, ponds, aquifer fed fluctuating water bodies)
- Wet woodland

3. OTHER BIODIVERSITY FEATURES

(as identified by the Local Biodiversity Partnership - see paragraph 84 ODPM Circular 06/2005)

- Wasteland (including Brownfield Sites)
- Bare ground
- Dead Wood
- Gardens
- Parks

TABLE 3

Local Requirements For Designated Geodiversity Sites And Features

Criteria (Trigger List) for when a Survey and Assessment are Required

1. DESIGNATED SITES (as shown on the Council's Development Plan Proposals Map)

Nationally designated sites Harrow Weald Site of Special Scientific Interest)

Regionally and locally designated sites Stanmore Common Local Nature Reserve

Bentley Priory Local Nature Reserve

Stanmore Country Park Local Nature Reserve

2. OTHER GEOLOGICAL CONSERVATION FEATURES

(Based on the Earth Science Conservation Classification)

- Disused quarries and pits
- River and stream sections
- Exposure underground mines and tunnels
- Extensive buried interest
- Road, rail and canal cuttings

Exposure or Extensive Sites

- Static (fossil) geomorphological
- Active process geomorphological
- Caves
- Finite mineral, fossil or other geological
- Mine dumps
- Finite underground mines and tunnels
- Finite buried interest