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| **TEMPLATE: DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS (no listed building consent required)** |
| **Name and address of proposed development site –** |
| **Proposed Development –**  *Please provide a brief description of the proposed development* |
| **Assessment of the surroundings of the proposed development –**  *In what sort of area will the proposed development be located ? Consider its character and landscape as well as its social and economic characteristics.* |
| **Consultation -**  *How have you involved or consulted the local community, special interest groups, professionals etc about your development proposals ? If so, please give details.* |
| **Evaluation –**  *How has your evaluation of the surrounding area and any consultation affected your final scheme ?* |
| DESIGN COMPONENTS |
| **Proposed Use(s) -**  *How does your proposed use(s) fit in with the surrounding area ?*  *How does your proposed development fit in with the relevant planning policies ?* |
| **Amount and density of development –**  *e.g. number of residential units; floorspace; volume.*  *Why is that an appropriate level of development ?*  *Does it fit in with the surrounding area ?* |
| **Layout -**  *How did you arrive at the layout (the way in which buildings, roads, paths, landscaping etc are located on the site) shown in the submitted drawings ?* |
| **Scale –**  *How does the scale (height; width and length) of the proposed development fit in with the surrounding area ?* |
| **Landscaping –**  *Give a brief description of and the reasoning for the landscaping (both planting and hard landscaping, e.g. walls; paths etc.) that you intend to undertake ? (We may require a detailed landscape assessment or landscape scheme to be submitted with your planning application – further information on development control and landscape issues.)* |
| **Appearance –**  *Explain and justify the external appearance of the development and the choice of materials/finishes.* |
| ACCESS COMPONENTS |
| **Technical advice -**  *Have you taken any technical advice on access issues ? –If so, please give details.* |
| **Relevant Policies -**  *How have the relevant policies influenced your proposals ?* |
| **Degree of access**  *Will all users (including the young; old; disabled etc) be able to access the proposed development site easily and safely ? You do not need to include details of access within the buildings, only access to the development. (We may also require a more detailed transport assessment and/or green travel plan)* |
| **Future access requirements**  *Have you designed the proposed development flexibly enough to allow future alterations if access requirements change ? If so, please give details.* |
| **Emergency access**  *Is there sufficient access for the emergency services ?.* |
| **Please feel free to add any further design and access information that you feel may be relevant to your application.** |