



SITE ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

About this Document

This document provides the full list of questions used in North Lanarkshire Council's Site Assessment Methodology. It is intended to be used **as a checklist by contributors *after* their site has been registered through the Call for Sites Initiation Form.**

You must first complete and submit the **Call for Sites Initiation Form** so that your site can be registered and given an identification number. Once we have reviewed your initiation submission, we will confirm whether further information is required and invite you to complete and upload this checklist with all supporting information detailed in our letter to you.

The **submission of this form or any subsequent information does not guarantee that a site will be taken forward.** All registered sites will be subject to a full assessment in line with national policy, local priorities, and identified land requirements.

Required for all sites

Number	Question	Comments
CFS01	<p>Does the proposal re-use existing buildings? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide information illustrating how and what buildings will be reused in the proposal, including how the historic interest of any buildings or infrastructure (i.e. historic bridges, railway lines, etc) has been considered where applicable.</p>	
CFS02	<p>Has a recent site investigation such as a desk-top study and/or intrusive investigations been carried out to assess the ground conditions of the site? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details of the site investigation and its findings.</p>	
CFS03	<p>What is the anticipated phasing for the site's development from 2028, the year of NLLDP2's programmed adoption?</p> <p>For housing development, please indicate whether the development will be Short Term years 1-3, Medium Term years 4-6, Long Term years 7-10, More than 10 years, and include the proposed tenure mix.</p>	
CFS04	<p>For housing development, please indicate the annual completion rate of the units from 2028/29?</p>	

CFS05	<p>Is there market demand for the proposed use or uses? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide evidence demonstrating this demand, including if the proposal is viable.</p>	
CFS06	<p>Has an indicative masterplan or layout been prepared for the site's proposed development? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide a copy of the indicative masterplan or site layout.</p>	
CFS07	<p>Please describe how the site will be accessed and confirm whether the land needed to provide such access is within your control or that of the intended developer?</p>	
CFS08	<p>Does the proposal help mitigate climate change and promote adaptation/resilience to the effects of climate change, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions and the use of nature-based solutions? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details of how the proposal mitigates and promotes adaptation/resilience to climate change, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions and the use of nature-based solutions.</p>	
CFS09	<p>Have any recent ecological studies, such as initial habitat surveys and protected species surveys, been carried out to assess the current biodiversity value of the site and its vicinity? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details of the ecological studies and their findings.</p>	

CFS10	<p>Does the proposal conserve or enhance existing biodiversity and habitats, including on brownfield sites and any protected species? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details showing how existing biodiversity and habitats will be conserved or enhanced, including on brownfield sites and any protected species.</p>	
CFS11	<p>Does the proposal result in the loss of prime agricultural land, or land that is culturally or locally important for its current primary use? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details of any such land, including the level of land loss and its significance.</p>	
CFS12	<p>Is the proposal on peat or carbon-rich soils and could the development of the site lead to a loss of peat or carbon-rich soils? Yes/No.</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details, including how peat or carbon-rich soils will be protected.</p>	
CFS13	<p>Are there any contaminants or contaminated soils issues on the site? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide detail, including if there is action plan to address remediation.</p>	

CFS14	<p>Does the proposal create new or enhance existing blue/green infrastructure and Nature Networks? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details showing how the proposal incorporates new or enhance existing Blue/Green infrastructure and Nature Networks, including for biodiversity improvements and for users of the site, that may also encompass open space, including play, recreation and sport.</p>	
CFS15	<p>Does the proposal include woodland creation or tree planting? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details of the woodland creation or tree planting.</p>	
CFS16	<p>Does the proposal impact existing woodlands, trees, or hedgerows? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details, including whether a woodland and tree survey been undertaken and if a tree constraints plan been prepared.</p>	
CFS17	<p>Does the proposal impact or create features of landscape or geodiversity interest, including those characteristics identified in the NLLDP, the State of the Environment Report and by NatureScot? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details showing how the proposal impacts or creates those features of landscape and geodiversity interest.</p>	

CFS18	<p>Does the proposal support any development or mitigation hierarchies relating to Sustainable Places in NPF4? This could include Biodiversity, Woodland, Waste and Sustainable Transport. Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details showing how the proposal supports any development or mitigation hierarchies relating to Sustainable Places in NPF4.</p>	
CFS19	<p>Does the proposal ensure that any development does not exceed the capacity of the landscape to accommodate it? This could include current settlement boundaries, existing townscape, impact on the provision of and access to open space in the area and the character of the surrounding area and its visual qualities. Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide detail of how the proposal mitigates any adverse impacts of landscape capacity issues.</p>	
CFS20	<p>Does the proposal support the principles of local living and 20-minute neighbourhood? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details showing how the proposal supports the principles of local living and 20-minute neighbourhoods, including access to a range of facilities using active travel or public transport.</p>	

<p>CFS21</p>	<p>Does the proposal support the creation of high-quality, climate resilient places and spaces in relation to the historic environment? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details showing how the proposal supports the creation of high-quality, climate resilient places and spaces, including any assessments and their findings that have taken place regarding the potential impacts on the historic environment and assets.</p>	
<p>CFS22</p>	<p>Does the proposal protect or enhance the historic interest, site or setting of any of the following historic environment features and assets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Heritage Sites • Scheduled Monuments • Listed buildings • Inventory battlefields • Inventory gardens and designed landscapes • Conservation Areas • Undesignated historic environment assets • Streetscapes and settlement patterns monuments <p>Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details showing how the proposal protects or enhances any applicable historic environment features and assets.</p>	

CFS23	<p>Have any primary health care issues been identified in relation to the proposal? Yes/ No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details of any primary health care issues identified, including any specific local need and known gaps in local service provision.</p>	
CFS24	<p>Have any recent transport assessments or studies been carried out to support the proposal? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details of the transport assessments, including any known impacts, specific local need, known gaps in network provision, and whether off-site improvements to the road network required.</p>	
CFS25	<p>Does the proposal provide access to public transport options and/or accessibility improvements through safe and convenient walking, wheeling and cycling routes? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details showing the public transport options and/or accessibility improvements, and how they impact safe and convenient walking, wheeling and cycling routes.</p>	
CFS26	<p>Can the proposal be connected to existing gas and electricity networks? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details showing potential network connections, including any dialogue with energy providers.</p> <p>If No: Please provide details of how any energy demands will be met and any dialogue with energy providers.</p>	

CFS27	<p>Does the proposal incorporate renewable energy sources and low carbon technologies to meet its energy requirements and is the proposal in an area of heat network potential? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details of the renewable energy sources, low carbon technologies, heat network potential and how they meet the energy requirements.</p>	
CFS28	<p>Is the proposal a potential heat source for a heat network? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details showing how the proposal could be a source for a heat network, including details of any stakeholder discussion on how the heat network could be implemented.</p>	
CFS29	<p>Does the proposal include or improve digital infrastructure and connectivity? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details showing how the proposal includes or improves digital infrastructure and connectivity.</p>	
CFS30	<p>Does the proposal have an impact on and affect the condition of the water environment? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details showing how the proposal impacts on and affects the condition of the water environment (covering for example (but not restricted to): Nature Networks and their provision, wetlands, water quality, classification, physical condition, geomorphic risk, riparian corridors, fish migration, result in the need for watercourse crossings, etc.), including positive/negative effects and how the water environment will be protected. Data on the water environment is available from SEPA.</p>	

<p>CFS31</p>	<p>Does the proposal result in any additional flooding risk elsewhere? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details of the flooding issues, including whether a flood risk assessment has been undertaken, whether any mitigation is required, and if there is any opportunity for betterment.</p>	
<p>CFS32</p>	<p>Can the proposal connect to the public water mains? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details showing the public water main connection, including any dialogue with Scottish Water regarding this issue.</p> <p>If No: Please provide details on the alternative to public water mains connection in the proposal, including any dialogue with Scottish Water regarding this issue, and whether there is a sustainable water source that is resilient to periods of water scarcity available to the site.</p>	
<p>CFS33</p>	<p>Does the proposal have arrangements for foul and surface water drainage? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details showing the arrangements for foul and surface water drainage, including any dialogue with SEPA and Scottish Water regarding these issues.</p>	

CFS34	<p>For large-scale proposals and developments, are there any private or public water supplies within 250m of the site which may be affected? Has any contact been made with SEPA and Scottish Water regarding these issues? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details showing any private or public water supplies within 250m of the site which may be affected, and whether any contact been made with SEPA and Scottish Water regarding these supplies.</p>	
CFS35	<p>Does the proposal introduce a new potentially significant hazard or air emission to the area? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details showing the effects of the new potentially significant hazard or air emission to the area, including whether any contact been made with SEPA regarding this introduction.</p>	
CFS36	<p>Does the proposal comply with the criteria listed in NPF4 policy 12 d) for waste infrastructure and facilities? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details showing how the proposal complies with the criteria listed in NPF4 policy 12 d.</p>	
CFS37	<p>Does the proposal impact upon mineral resources? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details showing how the proposal impacts mineral resources.</p>	

CFS38	<p>Does the proposal contribute(s) to the 5 pillars of Community Wealth Building (CWB) identified by North Lanarkshire Council in their CWB Statement? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details showing how the proposal contributes to the 5 pillars of Community Wealth Building in North Lanarkshire.</p>	
CFS39	<p>Does the proposal support a circular economy? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details showing how the proposal supports a circular economy.</p>	
CFS40	<p>Does the proposal have any other known constraints not covered by form? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide information on these constraints and briefly explain how they are expected to be overcome.</p>	
CFS41	<p>Based on all the information provided, can a Delivery Programme in compliance with Local Development Planning Guidance be provided to be incorporated into the NLLDP2 Delivery Programme? Please note, only sites that are demonstrably deliverable and viable can be allocated in NLLDP2, and supporting information confirming and illustrating this is required to be submitted. Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details showing how a Delivery Programme in compliance with Local Development Planning Guidance can be developed to be incorporated into the NLLDP2 Delivery Programme.</p>	

CFS42	<p>Does the proposal have the potential to lead to a worsening of air quality that could give rise to any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leading to the failure to meet the statutory air quality objectives; • The declaration of or extension to an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA); • Contribute to cumulative negative air quality impacts; and/or • Introduce new sensitive receptors to an area of poor air quality (including odour). <p>Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please confirm if an Air Quality Impact Assessment (AQIA) will be required, including the reasoning for the AQIA position.</p>	
CFS43	<p>Does the proposal require to be licensed under Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations (EASR) by SEPA? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details of the type of license required. Further information on EASR can be found here About EASR authorisations Beta SEPA Scottish Environment Protection Agency.</p>	

CFS44	<p>Does the proposal result in any noise sensitive receptors being introduced to existing noise sources or is the proposal itself producing a noise impact which will require to be assessed? Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details of how any noise impact will be assessed and/or details of any mitigation, including taking into account the agent of change principle.</p>	
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Site specific factors and questions - depending on constraints identified

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CFS45	<p>The proposal includes an idea or site within a location where there current known Local Place Plan.</p> <p>Please provide details of how the proposal impacts the identified Local Place Plan.</p>	
CFS46	<p>The proposal has been identified as being located in, within proximity or will affect an area/s of special landscape or environmental designation (local, regional, national and international).</p> <p>Please provide details of how the proposal impacts the identified designations, including any mitigation required or proposed.</p>	
CFS47	<p>The proposal has been identified as being located in an area of peatland or carbon-rich soil.</p> <p>Please provide details of how the proposal relates to the identified peatland or carbon-rich soil, including how this will be protected.</p>	

CFS48	<p>The proposal has been identified as being located in an area where there is potential land contamination.</p> <p>Please provide details of how the proposal addresses all contaminants and contaminated soils on the site?</p>	
CFS49	<p>The proposal has been identified as being located in an area where there is Ancient Woodland, woodland or potential woodland creation.</p> <p>Please provide details of how the proposal impacts any woodland, including trees and hedgerows, and how this will be addressed.</p>	
CFS50	<p>The proposal has been identified as being located in or within proximity to an area/s of North Lanarkshire's Nature Network.</p> <p>Please provide details of how the proposal impacts the identified Nature Network, including any mitigation required or proposed? This may also encompass open space, including play, recreation and sport.</p>	
CFS51	<p>The proposal has been identified as being located in or within proximity to an area/s of open space identified in the Open Space Strategy.</p> <p>Please provide details of how the proposal impacts identified open space and open space provision.</p>	

CFS52	<p>The proposal has been identified as being located in an area with education provision issues.</p> <p>Please provide details of how the proposal impacts identified education provision issues.</p>	
CFS53	<p>The proposal has been identified in an area with known transport capacity issues that the proposal would place additional pressure upon.</p> <p>Please provide details of how the proposal impacts transport capacity, including how this will be addressed.</p>	
CFS54	<p>The proposal has been identified as being located in an area with public transport provision/accessibility issues.</p> <p>Please provide details of how the proposal addresses public transport provision/accessibility issues.</p>	
CFS55	<p>The proposal has been identified as being located in an area of heat network potential.</p> <p>Please provide details of how the proposal addresses heat network potential.</p>	

CFS56	<p>The proposal has been identified as being located in or within proximity to an area/s that supports the water environment.</p> <p>If Yes: Please provide details showing how the proposal impacts on and affects the condition of the water environment (covering for example (but not restricted to): Nature Networks and their provision, wetlands, water quality, classification, physical condition, geomorphic risk, riparian corridors, fish migration, result in the need for watercourse crossings, etc.), including positive/negative effects and how the water environment will be protected.</p>	
CFS57	<p>The proposal has been identified as being located in an area of flood risk, with flood risk defined as land or built form with an annual probability of being flooded of greater than 0.5%, which must include an appropriate allowance for future climate change.</p> <p>Please provide details of how the proposal impacts to identified flood risk, including how this will be addressed and any opportunity for betterment.</p>	
CFS58	<p>The proposal has been identified as being in or within the vicinity of a major accident hazard site or major accident hazard pipeline.</p> <p>Please provide details of how the proposal addresses identified major accident hazard sites or major accident hazard pipelines.</p>	