





# WOODBERRY DOWN MASTERPLAN THE MASTERPLAN PROCESS

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# THE MASTERPLAN PROCESS

This document looks at:

- The content of an Outline Masterplan Application
- What type of documents will be contained within the application and how they work
- A worked example of how a parameter plan sets development boundaries and heights using the 2014 parameters for Phase 7
- National guidance behind the Design Coding Process

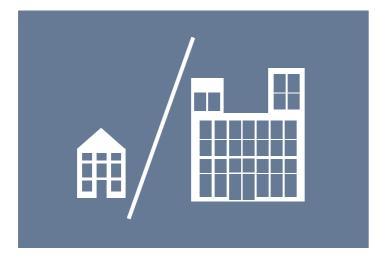


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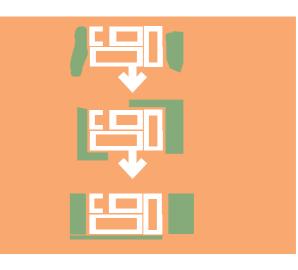
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**Maximum and Minimum** building sizes and open space quantum

A strategy for the future architectural approach to buildings



**Options for how the** landscape could come forward

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# PRIMARY VS SECONDARY CONTROL DOCUMENTS

#### **The Documents**

A number of documents/plans will be submitted for approval ('the Primary Control Documents'), whilst others will provide background, illustrative and supporting information ('the Secondary Control Documents') to help the London Borough of Hackney (LBH) to reach their decision as to whether to grant permission for the application being made.

#### **Primary Control Documents**

The documents submitted for approval are:

#### **Red Line Boundary Plan**

Identifying the extent of the Application Site (within which development is proposed) and the extent of land within the ownership of the Applicant.

#### **Parameter Plans**

Defining the extent of the proposed routes, spaces and buildings against allowable deviations/tolerances.

#### **Development Schedule**

Setting out the type (uses) and quantity of development that could be provided within each of the Development Zones/Phases (as identified in the Parameter Plans) within the context of the site-wide allowable quantity and mix

#### The Design Principles Document

Provides overarching guidance for future design teams involved in the preparation of Reserved Matters Applications for the development of the outline components, including buildings, landscape/public realm and routes.



Future Reserved Matters Applications are likely to need to comply with the Design Principles Document if they are to be considered acceptable.

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# PRIMARY VS SECONDARY CONTROL DOCUMENTS

In addition to the above, a range of other documents are submitted to provide information to help LBH to consider the proposals and determine the Application.

A number of these documents make commitments and recommendations in order to make the Proposed Development acceptable (including for example the Energy Statement). Where this is the case, it is clearly stated, along with the mechanism for securing the commitment (e.g. through a planning condition).

#### **Secondary Control Documents**

The Secondary Control Documents are as follows:

#### **Illustrative Masterplan**

Providing an indication of what the overall Proposed Development could look like. It is not submitted for approval, but shows one way in which a development of the type and scale proposed might fit within the Specified Parameters for the outline components, for which Planning Permission is being sought.

#### **Planning Statement**

Explaining how the Proposed Development responds to the planning policies of BHCC. It also sets out why the Proposed Development is being promoted and what benefits are expected to flow from it.

#### **Design & Access Statement**

Statutory document explaining the design evolution of the Masterplan. It explains how the amount, scale, layout, appearance, landscaping, and inclusive design and community safety issues have been developed. It includes a landscape strategy, details of the access design, and the evolution of the Illustrative Masterplan.



The Environmental Statement (and Non-Technical Summary) statutory documents containing the technical environmental assessments that have been undertaken to understand the likely significant environmental effects of the Proposed Development. These assessments are based on the Primary Control Documents, and, where appropriate, also test the Illustrative Masterplan. The Environmental Statement takes account of the proposed variation in layout, scale and appearance of future development, and access arrangements as allowed for in the control documents and is based on the 'worst case scenarios' (which may vary from topic to topic).

A number of topic based technical reports complete the suite of supporting documents, including for example the Transport Statement, Energy Strategy and Sustainability Statement.

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## **2014 PARAMETER PLANS - APPLICATION BOUNDARY**





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## **2014 PARAMETER PLANS - DEMOLITION PLAN**





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## 2014 PARAMETER PLANS - PROPOSED USES





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## **2014 PARAMETER PLANS - OPEN SPACES AND URBAN STRUCTURE**





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## 2014 PARAMETER PLANS - MAX/MIN DEVELOPMENT HEIGHTS





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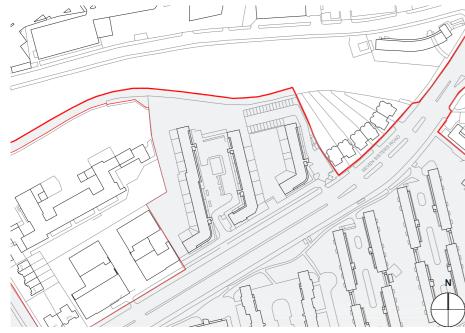
## **2014 PARAMETER PLANS - PROPOSED PLOT EXTENTS**





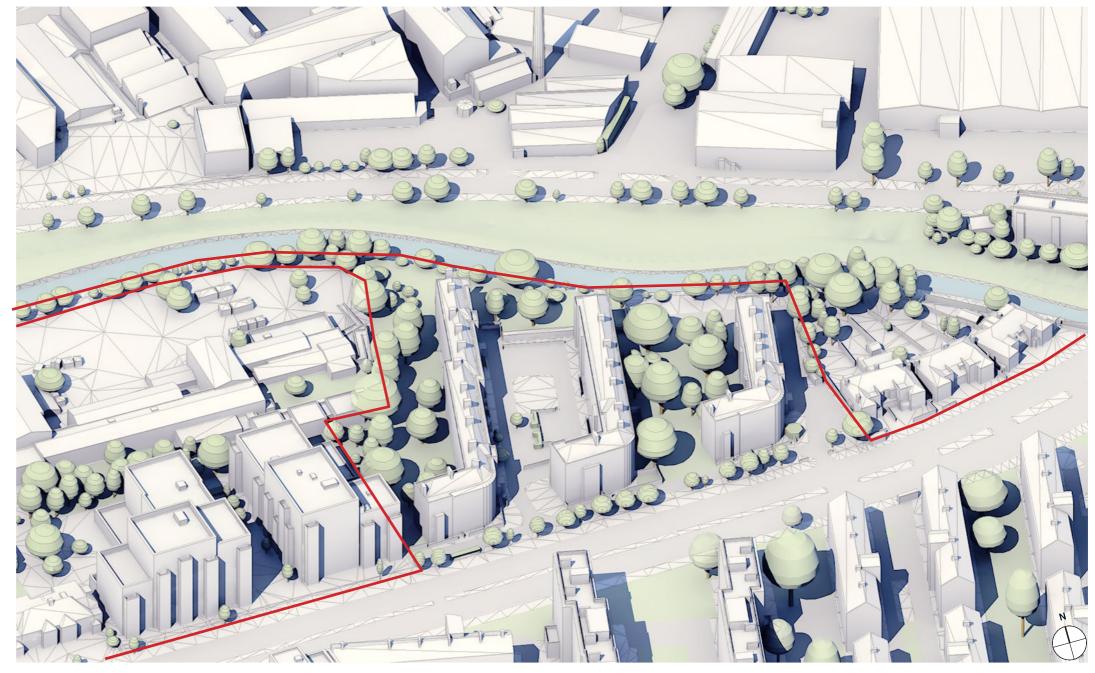
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# PARAMETER PLANS - APPLICATION BOUNDARY (2014 EXAMPLE)



**Application boundary** Extent of the application boundary

The following pages provide an example of how the parameter plans can be used to define the masterplan layout, using Phase 7 in the 2014 masterplan as an example.





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## PARAMETER PLANS - DEMOLITION PLAN (2014 EXAMPLE)



**Demolition Plan** Buildings to be demolished





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## PARAMETER PLANS - PROPOSED USES (2014 EXAMPLE)



**Proposed uses** Areas where non-residential frontage can be provided at ground/first floor





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## PARAMETER PLANS - OPEN SPACES & URBAN STRUCTURE (2014 EXAMPLE)



**Open spaces & urban structure** Location of open space, streets, street car parking and pedestrian access



#### open space

street through open space on street parking



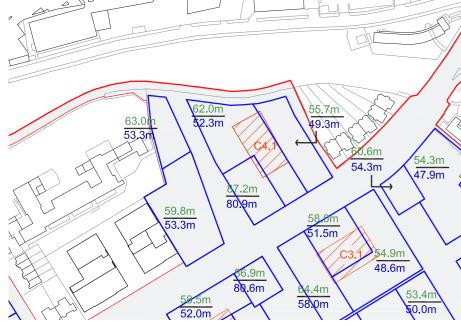
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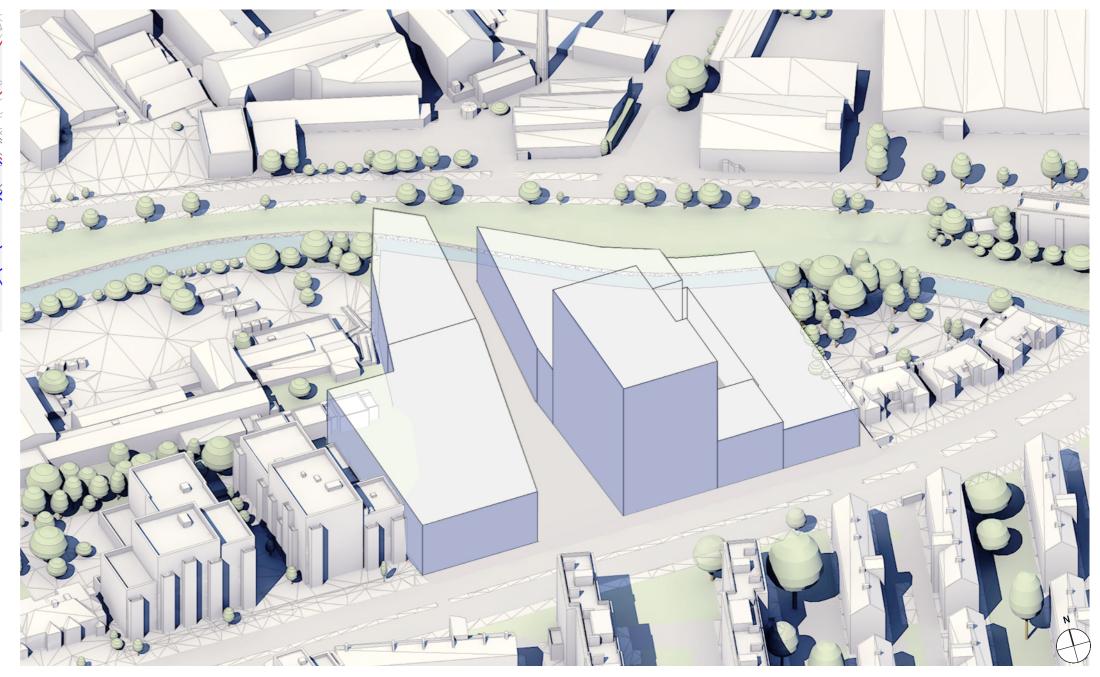


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## PARAMETER PLANS - MINIMUM DEVELOPMENT HEIGHTS



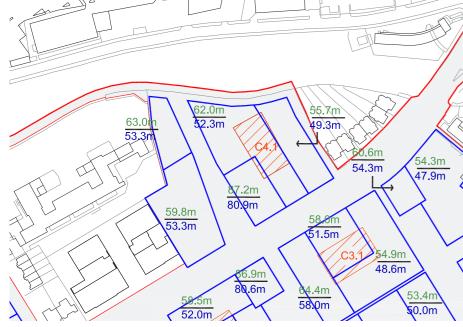
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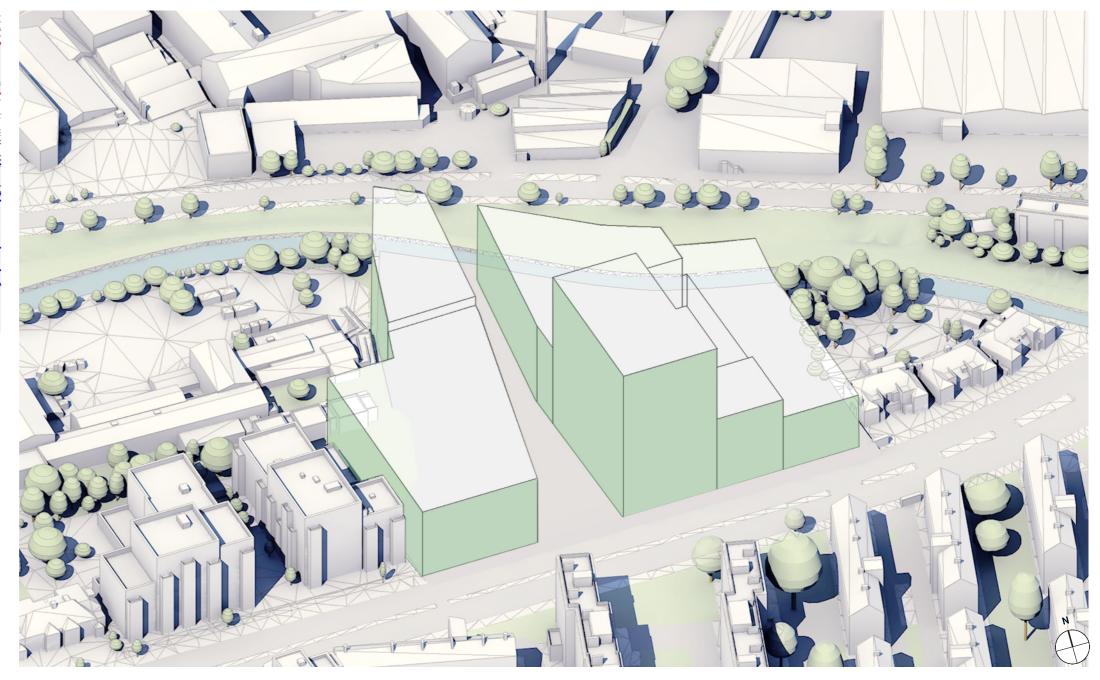


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## PARAMETER PLANS - MAXIMUM DEVELOPMENT HEIGHTS



Max/min development heights Maximum permissible heights





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## PARAMETER PLANS - PROPOSED PLOT EXTENTS



**Proposed plot extents** Maximum and minimum envelope developable area The orange block opposite illustrates a compliant building massing.





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## 2014 ILLUSTRATIVE MASTERPLAN: PHASE 7



Illustrative plan

The Illustrative proposals demonstrate one way in which development could come forward, but will not be approved and is subject to change during the Reserved Matters stages.





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## PLANNING POLICY - THE STANDARD FOR DESIGN CODES

2. National Design

Guide

1. National Planning Policy Framework

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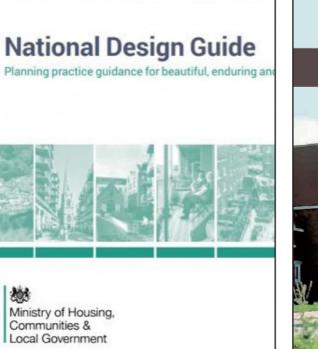
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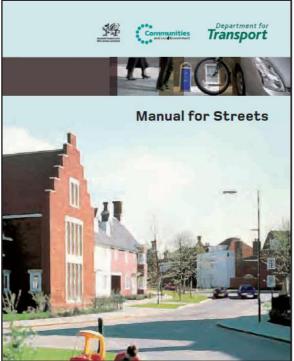
**Policy Framework** 

Presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government by Command of Her Majesty

July 2018

Sets out the Government's economic, environmental and social planning policies for England - they apply to the preparation of local and neighbourhood plans and to decisions on planning applications. Addresses the question of how we recognise well-designed places, by outlining and illustrating the Government's priorities for well designed places





3. Manual for Streets

A joint publication by the Department for Transport (DfT) and Communities and Local Government. It focuses on lightlytrafficked residential streets, but many of its key principles may be applicable to other types of street.

## 4. National Model Design Code



National Model

Part of the government's planning practice guidance and expands on 10 characteristics of good design and what a design code should include.



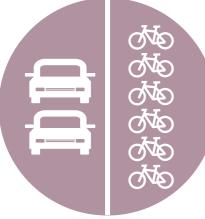


The 10 characteristics of good design that can be defined within a design code

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# NATIONAL MODEL DESIGN CODE

The National Model Design Code (Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government) contains 8 key design principles that should be explored within the design codes:



### Movement

The guidance relating to the network of streets, active travel, and public transport relates to all area types. The key variables being the street types and parking arrangements.



Nature

Most of the guidance on nature also applies to all area types, the exceptions potentially being open space standards, sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) and urban greening.



#### **Public Space** The character of each type of street will vary by area type and will be impacted by the character

of the wider area.

This is the main issue that varies by area type including density, grain, building line and height.



The design of buildings will vary by area type and may vary to a lesser degree within area types.



Use

The opportunities for intensification, mix of uses and housing types mix of uses, and active frontage will all vary by area type.



### Homes and Buildings

Guidance of privacy distances and garden/ balcony sizes may vary by area type.

Guidance on net zero solutions, climate resilience and adaptation where this is specific to Area Types and varies from whole code area guidance.





### **Built Form**



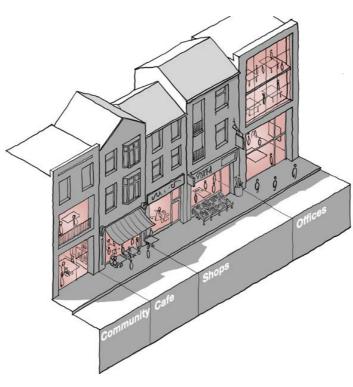
#### **Resources**

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# NATIONAL MODEL DESIGN CODE - DESCRIPTIVE VS PRESCRIPTIVE

Each principle can be defined in three ways; vision, guidance and instruction:





### Guidance

A qualitative description to assist future teams in achieving the vision. This would go into more detail of specific principals that support inclusively, quality, placemaking etc.

Whilst these are not requirements, they should be used to inform good quality design.

These are design requirements & are typically quantitate descriptions. All future designs will need to comply with these.

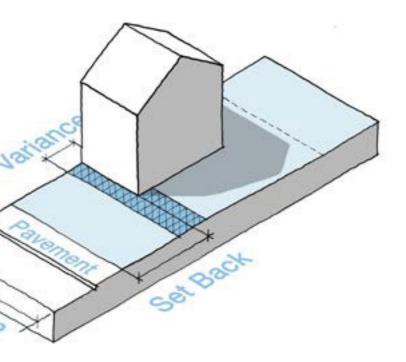
These tend to be more detailed and respond to specific site context.

### Vision

A descriptive statement of the overall objective. It sets of the important principles that will inform future design development.

As future designs develop, they should be regularly tested against the vision.

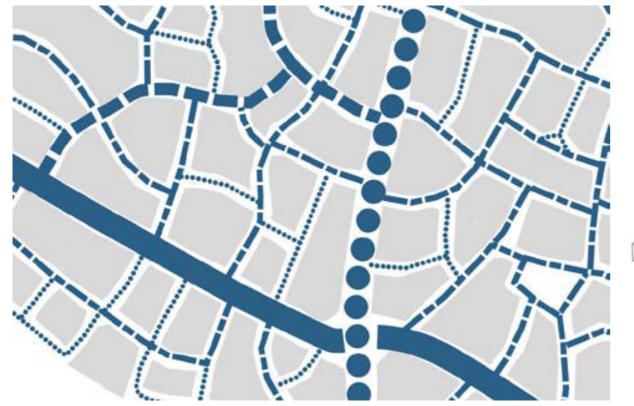




### Instruction

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## MASTERPLAN DESIGN CODING - MOVEMENT



#### **Hierarchy of streets**

- Create connected places
- Easy to reach public transport
- Integrated, walkable and safe street network

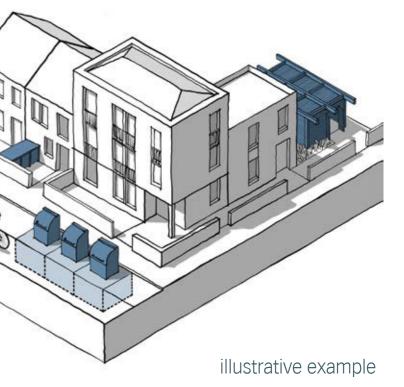


- Streets accessible to all
- Well designed junctions that are safe and prioritise walking/ cycling

illustrative example

- Location of cycle lanes
- Integrated, walkable and safe street network



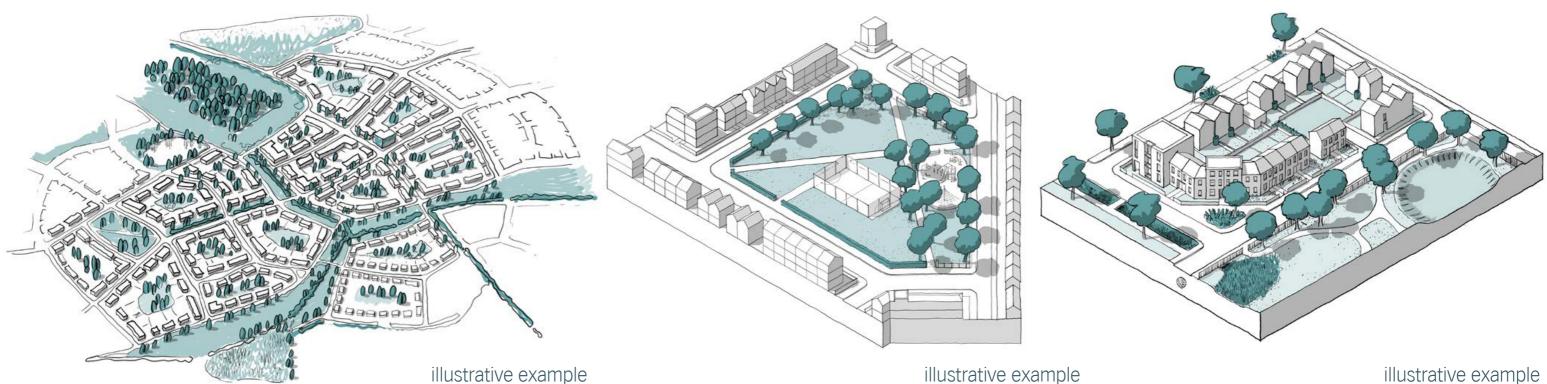


#### How do the streets work

- Location of cycle parking
- Refuse/recycling storage & collection
- Clear public / private boundaries

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## **MASTERPLAN DESIGN CODING - NATURE**



#### **Green infrastructure**

- Location of open spaces
- Create a network of green spaces
- Location of play areas

#### **Open spaces**

- Boundary treatments
- Ecology & habitats
- Safety (overlooking, lighting, sense of safety
- Accessible to all
- Desire lines \_

#### Environment

- Swales
- Rain gardens
- Shading
- Types and locations of trees
- How spaces will be maintained/ managed



Sustainable drainage systems (SuDS)

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## LANDSCAPE DESIGN CODING

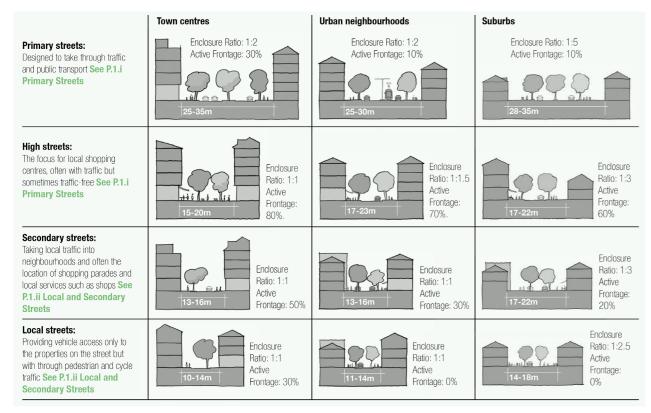


Design codes can be applied to soft and hard landscaping treatments within a illustrative masterplan. They can define areas in a masterplan that provide amenity or service such as play spaces, street car parking and open landscape. These guides can be applied to all area types.



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## MASTERPLAN DESIGN CODING - PUBLIC SPACE



#### Street types

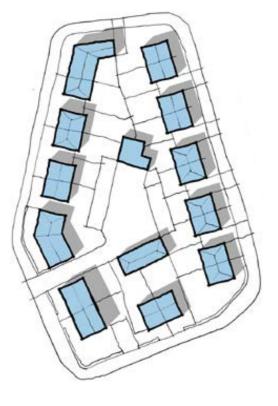
- Width to height proportions
- Number of storeys
- Location and quantum of trees
- Relationship of building to street

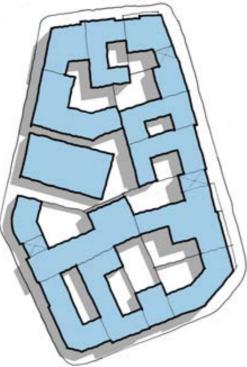




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## MASTERPLAN DESIGN CODING - BUILT FORM

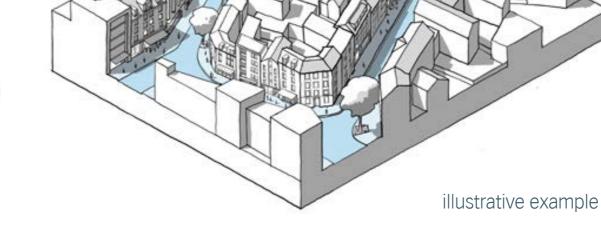




illustrative example

#### Plot layout

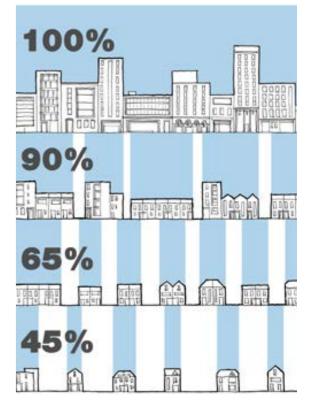
- Density of the development plot
- Coverage of building vs open space
- Edges of development
- Public vs private



#### **Built form**

- Density
- Plot ratio
- Eaves height
- Building line



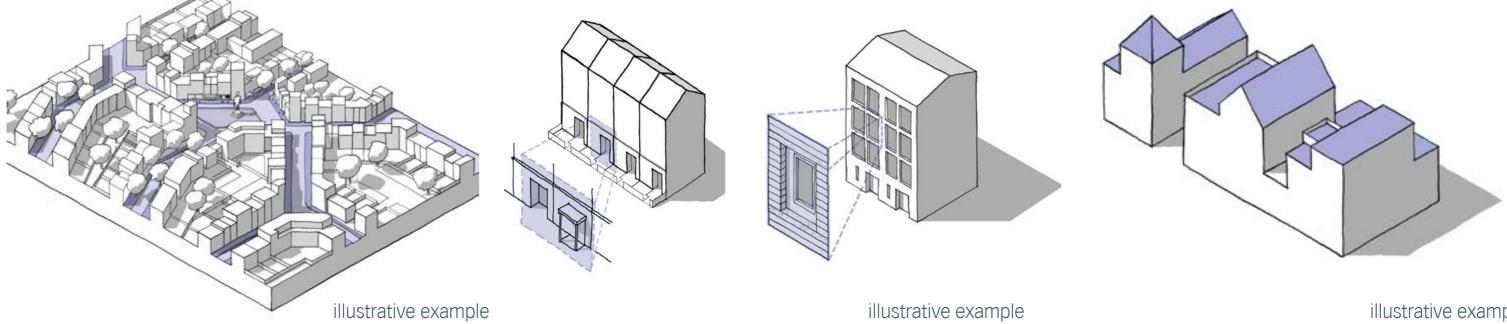


#### Street grain

- Spacing between buildings
- Ratio of building heights to street widths
- Location of tall buildings

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## **MASTERPLAN DESIGN CODING - IDENTITY**



#### Sense of place

- Variety
- Legibility
- Visual appropriateness
- Richness
- Personalization
- Variety
- Permeability
- Robustness

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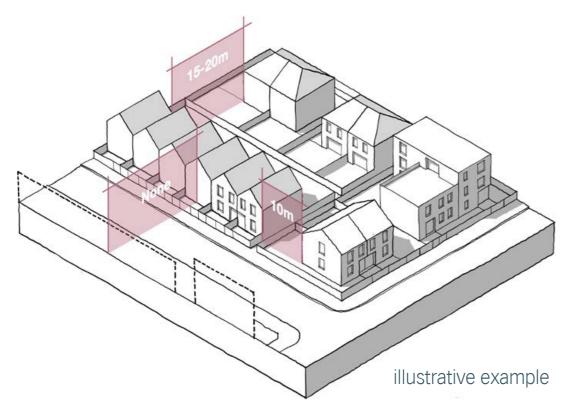
#### Distinction

- How are variety and character be added to building details, such as
- Materials
- Roof profiles \_
- Window proportions
- Street datums \_

#### illustrative example

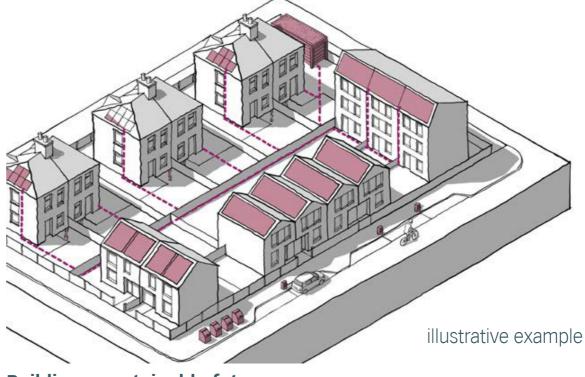
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## MASTERPLAN DESIGN CODING - HOMES AND BUILDINGS & RESOURCES



#### Designing high quality homes

- Minimum space standards
- Overlooking
- Back to back distances
- Street widths
- Accessibility
- Secured by design



#### **Building a sustainable future**

- How is on-site power generated
- Maximising the use of PV panels



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