

NEW PLANNING APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FROM 10 AUGUST 2006

Design and Access Statements

These are required for all applications except a change of use (unless it involves operational development), engineering or mining operations.

It consists of a report explaining the design principles of a development proposal, particularly how it relates to the local context. The access element of the statement should explain how the external access arrangements would ensure all users would have equal and convenient access to buildings.

For applications relating to domestic development a design and access statement can be presented on form DA1 attached to the application pack.

For other design statements on more complex development you will find it useful to seek advice on the content from:

Commission for Architecture and Built Environment website (CABE) www.cabe.org.uk
"[Design and Access Statements: How to write, read and use them](#)"

Department for Communities and Local Government website (www.communities.gov.uk)
"[Circular 01/06 \(DCLG\): Guidance on Changes to the Development Control System](#)"

Outline Applications

Reserved matters are now set out as layout, scale, appearance, access and landscaping. These changes require an increased level of detail to be submitted with outline applications. Further advice on this can be obtained via the two web sites referred to above.