

# Placemaking Guidance for Residential Developments

## Summary

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# Introduction

Planning systems help us manage how we develop areas to live, so that they are right for people and the environment both now & in the future.

In Swansea the main plan is the 'Local Development Plan'. This manages which areas should be protected, where new buildings and development should go and what these areas should be used for.

This document you are reading is to help us plan for new developments of 10 new homes right up to many 100s of homes.

On the following pages we have put together the things to think about when developing new places for people to live and we would like your views.



Please note: this document is a 'Non-technical summary' of the Placemaking Guidance for Residential Developments. This document is not Supplementary Planning Guidance in its own right.

# A. Neighbourhoods

New places should link to existing communities and be busy with shops, schools and parks all within an easy 15 minute walk.



## B. Density and mixed uses

New places should have lots of homes without being cramped.

There should be more homes in places like town centres plus other uses such as shops.



## C. Blue/ Green infrastructure

This means living with nature and having parks close to all our homes. It also helps us control water to stop flooding.



## D. Making connections

It is important to be able to walk and cycle or take public transport without always having to use a car. This is important for our health and the environment.

Many developments are on the edge of an existing place and we need to make sure they are well joined up.



## E. Public Spaces

All new places should have areas for people to relax, to do sports and for all ages to have fun playing. These areas need to be really easy to get to and must feel safe for everyone.



## F. Streets as places

Many streets can be busy places filled by cars but we need to make sure they are safe and green with trees so people feel safe to walk, cross the street, cycle or even sit and chat.





## **G. Inclusive places**

We all have different needs so it is important that new places and homes and parks are open and safe for everyone.



## H. Townscape

New buildings such as homes, shops and schools can be designed in lots of different ways to make new places interesting.



# I. Quality and character

Parts of Swansea look and feel different and we want to make sure all new places look good. This does not mean they should look old or super new but instead they all need to be built from good materials that will still look good in 100 years time.



## J. Community Safety

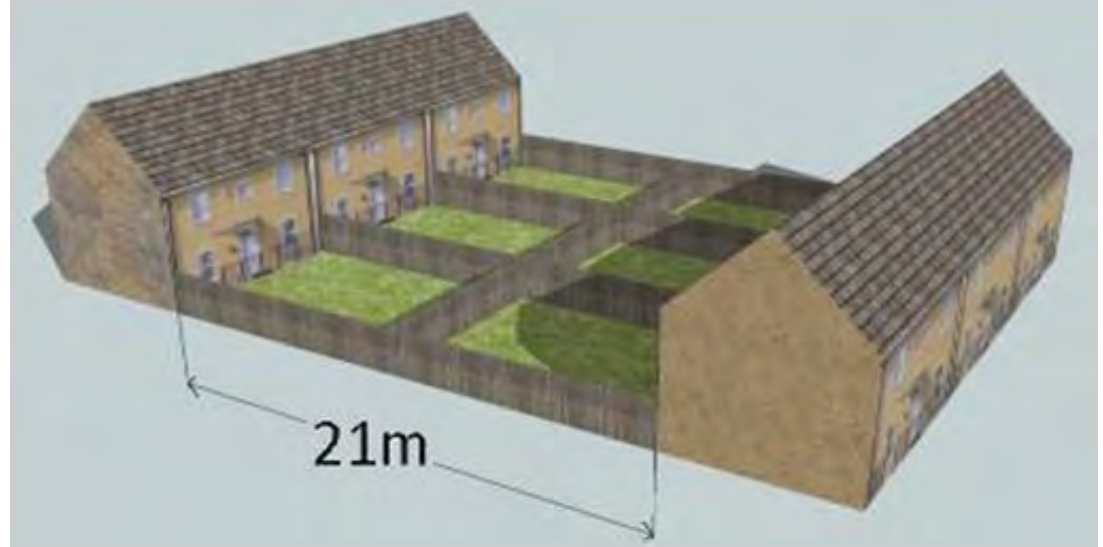
New developments need to feel safe. This can be done by making sure there are lots of windows facing streets and parks, plus good lighting.



## K. Privacy and amenity

It is important that you have privacy at home and there are private outdoor spaces like gardens that are big enough for people to use.

Flats should have balconies to sit at a table and gardens should be big enough for relaxation, playing and sheds.



## L. Accommodating parking

Many people do need cars but these should not cause problems when parked. We need to make sure there is the right amount of parking and safe storage for bikes in places that people use.



# We want to hear from you!

This is a summary of what is in the main document so if you want to read in much more detail please click on this link: [Swansea - Consultation Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance](#)

We would like your views on the things we think are important to people when building new areas to live

Here are a few questions to get you started:

1. What parts of Swansea with houses do you like?
2. What do you think is important for us to think about when we design new homes, streets and parks in Swansea?
3. What do you think would help people to walk, cycle & use public transport?
4. What should the new homes be like for now and the future?
5. Are there things we have not thought of?

The Consultation is running until 13th August 2021 and you can send your comments to [design.swansea@swansea.gov.uk](mailto:design.swansea@swansea.gov.uk)

