

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to inform you of a consultation we are holding regarding the Council's proposal to adopt a Local Validation List.

### **What is a Local Validation List (LVL)?**

This is a checklist for applicants to ensure they submit the necessary information, depending on application type, to make an application valid. The list sets out exactly what plans and supporting information is required for each application type. This will speed up the planning application determination process and give applicants more certainty about the costs and type of information required when making their planning applications.

The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 sets out a number of mandatory national requirements for planning applications, including application forms, fees, ownership certificates and location/site layout plans.

Paragraph 193 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires local planning authorities to publish a list of additional information requirements for applications, which should be proportionate to the nature and scale of development proposals and reviewed on a frequent basis. Local planning authorities should only request supporting information that is relevant, necessary and material to the application in question. This is what has been set out in the accompanying LVL.

### **What are we seeking your views on?**

Breckland Council are seeking your views on their draft Local Validation List (LVL), available to view via at <https://www.breckland.gov.uk/planning/local-validation-list>. Responses to the consultation must be submitted to the Council by email to [planning@breckland.gov.uk](mailto:planning@breckland.gov.uk) (please title your email 'Local Validation List consultation response'), or you can write to the Council at Planning, Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 1EE.

Site developers, consultants and planning agents - We would appreciate your comments on the technical content, ease of use and presentation and comments on the full set of validation checklists.

Residents – What are your thoughts on the information required for householder planning applications, for example residential extensions or conversions. We would appreciate your views on how easy this validation checklist is to use. You also may be interested in looking at the other application types requirements to understand what information applicants may need to provide for larger scale developments in your community.

1. **When to respond?**
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3. All responses must be received by no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2023.
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5. Any submissions received after this date may not be accepted and consequently not considered. Representations cannot be kept confidential and will be available for public scrutiny, including your name and/or organisation (if applicable). However, your contact details will not be published.

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7. Details of the Council's Privacy Notice can be viewed at [www.breckland.gov.uk/planning/privacy](http://www.breckland.gov.uk/planning/privacy).

If you have any queries or questions, then please email these to [Planning@breckland.gov.uk](mailto:Planning@breckland.gov.uk).