

APPENDIX 3:

The Urban Living SPD

The document sets out a range of guidance to help achieve ‘optimal densities’ within the City, balancing the efficient and effective use of land, with aspirations for a positive response to context, successful placemaking and liveability.

The SPD sets out a series of questions that applicants are encouraged to consider throughout the design development of a scheme, scored against a traffic light system. Relevant to the development of the library are questions related to major development schemes (questions 1.1 to 1.6) and potentially, tall buildings (questions 3.1 to 3.9). These are considered below.

QUESTION	SCORE	COMMENT
Q1.1 Has the scheme adopted an approach to urban intensification which is broadly consistent with its setting?	GREEN	The scope of the proposal accords with the aims and expectations of this site as set out within SPD11 following significant assessment and consultation. SPD 11 advocates a landmark building on this site. The site itself acts as a transitional site between large institutional buildings and more domestic scale buildings. This is reflected in the proposals brought forward.
Q1.2 Does the scheme contribute towards creating a vibrant and equitable neighbourhood?	GREEN	The site is located at the heart of the designated University Precinct where such development is expected and directed. The development will replace an existing large University building and will be partially open to the public. Public and stakeholder consultation is an important element in design development. The building and the proposals for the wider public realm will greatly enhance the vibrancy of this area for all.
Q1.3 Does the scheme respond positively to either the existing context, or in areas undergoing significant change, an emerging context?	GREEN	The impact on the localised streetscape, and wider townscape visual impact have been key design considerations. An LVIA is provided. A full analysis of the design and its relationship with its context is provided within the DAS.
Q1.4 Does the scheme provide people-friendly streets and	GREEN	Pedestrian movement and streetscape in and around the building has been central to the evolution of the proposal. A comprehensive public realm scheme is proposed incorporating a new civic square, traffic calming, and

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spaces?		pedestrian friendly streets.
Q1.5 Does the scheme deliver a comfortable micro-climate for its occupants, neighbours and passers by?	GREEN	Amenity impacts, including overshadowing, noise, and landscape enhancements have been considered. A wind assessment has been undertaken and submitted.
Q1.6 Has access, car parking and servicing been efficiently and creatively integrated into the scheme?	GREEN	The proposals are predicated by delivery of a pedestrian friendly environment around the building and in particular at its main entrance. Car parking is limited to disabled parking, and deliveries are to the rear of the building accessed from Woodland Road before it becomes vehicle free.
Q3.1 Is the tall building well located?	GREEN	For clear contextual reasons, SPD 11 states that the site should deliver a distinctive 'landmark building' as part of the strategic masterplan for the future of the Precinct. SM 8 also contemplates a tall building nearby for the University.
Q3.2 Does the scheme make a positive contribution to the longrange, mid-range and immediate views to it?	GREEN	Views have been assessed as part of continuing design development, and an LVIA with agreed viewpoints and analysis has been submitted. The development is considered to make a positive contribution to the city with a building of outstanding architectural design as set out within KPC 2.
Q3.3 Does the scheme demonstrate design excellence?	GREEN	The architect is considered to have delivered a new landmark and iconic building worthy of the University's international status and its prominent location within the Conservation Area.
Q3.4 Does the scheme ensure the safety of occupants and passersby?	GREEN	Pedestrian and vehicular flows in and around the building will be improved with the focus on pedestrian movements and traffic calming. This is evidenced within the proposals being brought forward for the wider public realm and Highways.
Q3.5 Does the scheme interfere with aviation, navigation or	GREEN	No.

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telecommunication, and does it have a detrimental effect on solar energy generation on adjoining buildings?		
Q3.6 Has the scheme's future servicing, maintenance and management been well considered?	GREEN	The University have a substantial vested interest in ensuring the space is managed and maintained to the highest possible standards. All public realm surface materials, drainage, fixtures, furniture and planting within the highway and TRO area will need to be approved and maintained by the Highway Authority.
Q3.7 Does the scheme create a pleasant, healthy environment for future occupants?	GREEN	The library is being designed around the requirements of its users and will adopt the highest quality of architectural design. See Chapter 4 of the DAS.