

Mini Review: Streamlining planning applications for retrofit and renewable energy

Proposed recommendations

1. Planning advice to be presented clearly and in plain English with any acronyms explained!
2. Online forms to be adapted to ensure that they are relevant to the given carbon saving measure(s) that are the subject of the given planning application.
3. Clear guidance to be provided to applicants as to why and whether a Certificate of Lawful Development may be required or not, helping residents to make informed choices.
4. The planning advice services available within the council to help residents proceed with carbon saving adaptations to their homes to be promoted.
5. The council to work with other planning authorities within the borough to improve and expand uptake of carbon saving adaptations in domestic (and, where appropriate, other) contexts.
6. Feedback from applicants to be collected and collated in order to facilitate further improvements in service delivery.