

# Sustainable Design Taskforce

## Fact Sheet



Manningham City Council's Sustainable Design Taskforce (SDT) is a forum for Council to provide advice to developers with respect to achieving the sustainability and urban design principles for major planning applications across Manningham.

The SDT provides feedback to developers, project architects and other consultants in the early stages of an application, regarding preliminary concerns, with a focus on urban design and ecologically sustainable development (ESD) objectives.

The Taskforce comprises Councillors, relevant internal officers and independent external urban design, ESD and architectural professionals.

Through interactive, roundtable discussions the Taskforce promotes close collaboration between multi-disciplinary teams from the beginning of conceptual design, throughout detailed design and into construction. The Taskforce also plays an important advisory role, providing assessment and feedback to the developer and project architects and disseminating information, knowledge and experience in sustainability, urban design, transport and other relevant matters essential to achieving quality built form and ESD outcomes.

The key objectives of the Taskforce are to:

- Provide expert views on architectural, urban design, sustainability, accessibility and other related issues
- Advise on and ensure the implementation of ecologically sustainable building design and construction practices
- Provide guidance to prospective developers and design teams about their proposals
- Advise on development proposals within the context of the statutory planning controls and process.

### **Manningham Planning Scheme requirements**

Under Schedule 1 to the Activity Centre Zone (ACZ1) Section 6 of the Manningham Planning Scheme, permit applications for a new use or the development of land in the Doncaster Hill Activity Centre require the preparation of a Sustainability Management Plan (SMP), to document and deliver sustainability outcomes.

The SMP must meet the following requirements:

- Identify how the development will achieve the sustainability objectives of the Municipal Strategic Statement, Clause 21.09 Activity Centres and Commercial Areas
- Identify statutory obligations and documented sustainability performance standards from government and other authorities
- Specify key performance indicators, to an agreed level, to measure the achievement of objectives and initiatives identified in the SMP
- Demonstrate:
  - The application of current best practice principles
  - The use of emerging technology
  - A commitment to 'beyond compliance' throughout the construction period and subsequent operation of the building
- Demonstrate that the design elements, technologies and operational practices that comprise the Sustainability Management Plan can be maintained over time.

The SDT is an important advisory body authorised to make recommendations to Council, but does not have the authority to approve or refuse projects or make policy decisions.

For more information, contact Council's Statutory Planning Unit on 9840 9333.