

D13 TELECOMMUNICATIONS

OBJECTIVES

D13/a To provide an effective telecommunications infrastructure, including provision for broadband;

D13/b To be capable of responding to changes in technology requirements over the period of the development.

POLICY NS/25 Telecommunications Infrastructure

All telecommunications infrastructure should be capable of responding to changes in technology requirements over the period of the development. Provision for broadband should be designed and installed as an integral part of the development, which minimises visual impact and future disturbance during maintenance.

- D13.1 Effective telecommunications are of great benefit to both the economy and the community, and the technology is developing rapidly. It is closely related to information technology, where broadband access is becoming increasingly important to businesses, as well as enabling home working which can contribute to reducing the need to travel. It is important that infrastructure can respond to changes in technology over the period of the development.
- D13.2 The development of an entirely new town provides the opportunity to ensure that all telecommunications infrastructure is designed and installed as an integral part of the development. This is in addition to the requirements of all developments as set out in the Core Strategy.
- D13.3 In terms of underground cables, these should be provided as part of the development of the town and located to ensure ease of future maintenance with minimum disruption, including to landscaping.
- D13.4 For surface infrastructure, the scope to share existing telecommunications masts should be maximised and potential to utilise existing buildings should also be explored to help minimise visual impact, in accordance with Policy SF/8 in the Core Strategy.