

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 CE/27 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 urban quarter provides the opportunity to ensure that all telecommunications infrastructure is designed and installed as an integral part of the development. Given the scale of the development and the fact that it will be implemented over a long period, it is important that it is capable of responding to changes in technology requirements over the period of the development.
- D13.3 Underground cables should be provided as part of the development of the urban quarter 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 other buildings and structures should also be explored to help minimise visual impact.