ASSESSMENT EXERCISE

BFL LIFE

SCHEME NAME	GRAND TOTAL
The former Saw Mill, The Green, Penistone, Barnsley S36 6BG	15/20

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BUILDING FOR LIFE IS THE NATIONAL STANDARD FOR WELL-DESIGNED HOMES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS.

It is led by CABE and the Home Builders Federation and backed by the Housing Corporation, English Partnerships, Design for Homes and the Civic Trust.

Building for Life is informed by 20 criteria that embody the partners' vision of what housing developments should be: attractive, functional and sustainable. These principles are founded on government policy and on guidance developed by CABE in partnership with Design for Homes.

The Building for Life criteria are used to evaluate the quality of both proposed and completed schemes. Accredited assessors conduct formal assessments of housing schemes and report their findings back to the Building for Life partnership.

This assessment exercise gives you a chance to try your hand at a Building for Life assessment. It sets out the 20 criteria and asks you to score each one. Why not try it to see how a scheme in your area might fare in a full assessment?

More about Building for Life

To find out more about Building for Life assessments, please visit www.buildingforlife.org. You will also find information about the Building for Life awards and exemplar housing schemes.

TRY IT FOR YOURSELF

Score: each criterion is scored either as 1, 0.5 or 0. Fill in the scorecard following these instructions.

SCORE OF 1

SCORE OF 0.5

SCORE OF 0

You should provide evidence to support the score you award. There is space under each criterion to list the relevant information. If you are assessing a proposed scheme, refer to plans and drawings. If you are assessing a completed scheme, you could also refer to photographs and include observations. Remember, this exercise will not form part of the formal assessment scheme – it is simply to help you understand how assessments will work and how you can incorporate design thinking from the start.

ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY

	SCORE
1. Does the development provide (or is it close to) community facilities, such as a school, parks, play areas, shops, pubs or cafés? With 200m there are cleithst, bus Stops, Community Church, a school etc.	1
2. Is there an accommodation mix that reflects the needs and aspirations of the local community? There is a mixture of family houses and apartments which would suit all.	1
3. Is there a tenure mix that reflects the needs of the local community? n/a.	0
4. Does the development have easy access to public transport? Yes there is a bus stop outside (2 meters away) from the site on The Green.	1
5. Does the development have any features that reduce its environmental impact? Yes refer to the sustainability Statement for details.	1
SUB-TOTAL	4

CHARACTER

	SCORE
6. Is the design specific to the scheme? Yes, there are no "standard house types"	1
7. Does the scheme exploit existing buildings, landscape or topography? Yes it exploits the existing topography by having access off both the Green and the internal Court Yard	1
8. Does the scheme feel like a place with distinctive character? Yes, It has taken design cues from the Surrounding area and introduced a modern twist to projecting elements.	1
9. Do the buildings and layout make it easy to find your way around? Yes one central Staircase is provided in each house and all rooms are served from it.	1
10. Are streets defined by a well-structured building layout? The existing building line has been followed along the Green.	0.5
SUB-TOTAL	4.5

STREETS, PARKING & PEDESTRIANISATION

	SCORE
11. Does the building layout take priority over the streets and car parking, so that the highways do not dominate? The houses have been designed to take into account the parking requirement of both the houses and apartments.	0.5
12. Is the car parking well integrated and situated so it supports the street scene? Very much so it also provides an opportunity for residents to interact and provides natural Surveyance.	1
13. Are the streets pedestrian, cycle and vehicle friendly? Yes they are level.	1
14. Does the scheme integrate with existing streets, paths and surrounding development? Yes access to Block B can be taken from The Green, or from Green Road.	1
15. Are public spaces and pedestrian routes overlooked and do they feel safe? All public spaces are overlooked along with pedestria routes and Street lights has been provided to assist with this.	1
SUB-TOTAL	4.5

DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

	SCORE
16. Is public space well designed and does it have suitable management arrangements in place? Refer to attached drawings and statements.	0.5
17. Do the buildings exhibit architectural quality? Refer to subwitted drawings.	1
18. Do internal spaces and layout allow for adaptation, conversion or extension? Some of the units can be adapted to mobility units.	0.5
19. Has the scheme made use of advances in construction or technology that enhance its performance, quality and attractiveness? /	0
20. Do buildings or spaces outperform statutory minima, such as building regulations? /	0
SUB-TOTAL	2