

# Capacitycheck at a glance, and in full

Capacitycheck is set out in the following pages in two versions. Capacitycheck at a glance (pages 14–15) sets out the headings only. It can be used for carrying out a quick Capacitycheck, or as an index to the full version. Capacitycheck in full (pages 16–24) has exactly the same headings but a great deal more detail. Whether you need this detail will depend on what you are assessing, and why.

Both versions of Capacitycheck set out the knowledge and skills of urban design under three headings:

## **A. Foundations of urban design**

A checklist of subjects of which most people who play a part in shaping places (councillors, design champions, communities, clients and a wide range of professionals) may need to have an awareness or understanding.

## **B. Urban design topics**

A checklist of more specific subjects of which people who play a part in shaping places may need to have an awareness or understanding.

## **C. Roles in urban design**

A checklist of some of the urban design activities that professionals undertake. No one undertakes them all. They are also matters of which a wide range of people need to have awareness, understanding or competence.

Choose whichever category or categories are appropriate to the assessment you are making.



# Capacitycheck at a glance

(see pages 16–24 for the full version)

Name of individual, organisation or project being assessed

Completed by

Date

Scoring method (see p11)



## A. FOUNDATIONS OF URBAN DESIGN

A checklist of subjects of which most people who play a part in shaping places will need to have an awareness or understanding.

	Awareness	Understanding
A1 The objectives of urban design and the qualities of successful places	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A2 How the elements of development form contribute to achieving the objectives of urban design	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A3 Collaborative and participative processes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A4 How design relates to different spatial scales	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A5 Assessing design quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A6 The role of urban design in local government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A7 The other systems and agencies that shape the built environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A8 How to use, read and interpret urban design documents and plans	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A9 Implementing urban design	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A10 Caring for the place	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Subtotal (if appropriate) for section A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## B. URBAN DESIGN TOPICS

A further checklist of more specific subjects of which people who play a part in shaping places may need to have an awareness or understanding.

### Form and context

	Awareness	Understanding
B1 Natural setting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B2 Legislative and policy context	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B3 Historical, cultural, social and economic context	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B4 Land ownership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B5 Urban form	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B6 Types of building	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B7 Materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B8 Greenspace	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B9 Movement and inclusive access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B10 Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### People

B11 Emotional needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B12 Sensory experience	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B13 Factors contributing to health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B14 Safety and security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B15 Equality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Servicing

B16 Water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B17 Energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B18 Telecommunications	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B19 Waste	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B20 Utilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Management

B21 Management and maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### Subtotal (if appropriate) for section B

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## C. ROLES IN URBAN DESIGN

These are some of the urban design activities that professionals undertake. No one undertakes them all. They are also matters of which a wide range of people need to have awareness, understanding or competence.

	Awareness	Understanding	Competence
C1 Carrying out urban design studies and appraisals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C2 Preparing urban design policy, guidance and statements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C3 Masterplanning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C4 Designing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C5 Communicating design in two dimensions (by hand or computer)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C6 Communicating design in three dimensions (by hand or computer)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C7 Providing urban design advice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C8 Managing urban design processes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C9 Promoting placemaking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Subtotal (if appropriate) for section C

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### Total (if appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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