

## 6 Stage Project Process



## Guidance in filling Annex 2

### Applicability / Audience

This guidance note is for applicants seeking funds managed by the Agency for the provision of land and or buildings. Delivery of high quality developments is an essential component of the Agency's development objectives and targets. It is therefore important that projects in which the Agency is involved in funding or developing demonstrate best practicable environmental sustainability and design standards in buildings.

The detail contained in this guidance note forms part of the published mandatory minimum standards for programmes or projects that include a construction element and is applied by the Office of Government Commerce to all central government departments, their executives and non departmental public bodies. Advantage West Midlands is committed to embedding the Common Minimum Standards as part our own programme and project processes. In addition the Agency includes other sustainable construction and design standards to meet our policy commitments.

On joint projects where other funding bodies may have higher standards in some criteria we would expect these to have primacy. The guidance should be used by all project applicants who are seeking Agency funding where planning permission is required to provide land and buildings as part of the activity.

The stage at which the standard applies to the application process is detailed under each standard heading.

The application of the standards can be split into three main categories those applying to area based schemes, individual buildings and other projects.

For further information on which standards apply to which type of project please refer to the Sustainable Development and Built Environment, Sustainability and Design Standards Section 6.3 contained within the Agency's Project Development Pack.