

Urban Greening Factor (UGF) guidance

Barking riverside, purple flowers and a white building with colourful windows

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What is the UGF London Plan Guidance?

London Plan [Policy G5](#) requires all major developments to include urban greening as a fundamental element of site and building design. The policy introduces the use of an Urban Greening Factor (UGF) to evaluate the quantity and quality of urban greening provided by a development proposal. A [UGF calculator](#) has been prepared to help applicants calculate the UGF score of a scheme and present the relevant information as part of their application.

Why do we need it?

The guidance helps support boroughs and applicants in meeting the requirements of policy G5. It provides guidance to boroughs to inform the local application of the policy and information to help applicants to apply the UGF to proposed developments.



How has this guidance been prepared?

This guidance has been prepared by the Greater London Authority (GLA) with input from AECOM.

Public engagement on the Urban Greening Factor guidance was carried out between 30 September 2021 and 20 December 2021. Details of the consultation can be found on our [engagement portal](#).

The [consultation summary report](#) summarises feedback received, and how this informed the final guidance.

An [equality impact assessment](#) has been prepared for the guidance.

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Useful links

- [UGF Calculator Version 1 March 2021](#)
- [Urban Greening for Biodiversity Net Gain: A Design Guide](#)

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