

## Section 4: Further approaches to sustainable design and construction

- 4.1.1 In addition to meeting the policy requirements as set out in Section 3 of this SPD, there are many other ways in which developments can contribute to sustainable development and enhance the health and wellbeing of residents and building users. These approaches are considered to be an important aspect of high quality, sustainable new development and in cases where policies require proposals to exceed Local Plan requirements, for example policies for new settlements in South Cambridgeshire, some of these elements could be considered as demonstrating best or exemplar practice in sustainable design. They are also well related to the Cambridgeshire Quality Charter for Growth<sup>53</sup> and can be considered as ways in which the 4 C's of this charter, community, character, connectivity and climate, can be met, as well as having relevance to wider corporate priorities around tackling fuel poverty and health and wellbeing.
- 4.1.2 Applicable to schemes across Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire, it is recommended that consideration of the following issues should be included within the Sustainability Statement:
- Health and wellbeing;
  - The role of modern methods of construction;
  - Measures to encourage low carbon lifestyles such as integrating opportunities for food growing into new developments;
  - The integration of smart technologies; and
  - Responsible sourcing of building materials and embodied carbon.

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<sup>53</sup> [https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/media/2950/cambridgeshire\\_quality\\_charter\\_2010.pdf](https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/media/2950/cambridgeshire_quality_charter_2010.pdf)