

Part B - Health Facility Briefing and Planning

60 SITE DEVELOPMENT

Planning

- 60 .1.00 The location and development of the site shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Local Authority Town Planning Scheme, or in the absence of a scheme be approved by the Local Council or Authority.

Environmental Impact

- 60 .2.00 The aesthetics and form of a hospital facility shall be sympathetic with its immediate environment, either built or natural; for example domestic scale and treatments where built in a residential area. The building should enhance the streetscape.
Note: This is not a mandatory requirement but is highly recommended.
- 60 .3.00 Consideration should also be given to the siting of a hospital facility to ensure that it is accepted as an asset by the majority of the community, and not thought of as an imposition and inconvenience on the neighbourhood.

Landscaping

- 60 .4.00 A suitable landscaping scheme shall be provided to ensure that the outdoor spaces are pleasant areas for patients to view from their beds and in which patients, visitors and staff may relax. The scheme should also ensure that the buildings blend into the surrounding environment, built or natural.
- 60 .5.00 Water conservation should be a consideration when designing layouts and selecting plants. Bore water (if available) for reticulation is recommended. The use of mains water for reticulation is restricted. The Water Supply Authority should be consulted for current regulations.

Site Grading

- 60 .6.00 The balance of a Hospital site not covered by buildings should be graded to facilitate safe movement of the public and staff. Where this is not possible, access should be restricted.

Public Utilities

- 60 .7.00 Impact on existing local service networks will be substantial. In establishing a hospital facility on any site, the requirements and regulations of authorities regulating water, electricity, gas, telephones, sewerage and any other responsible Statutory or Local Authority must be complied with.

Structural requirements

- 60 .8.00 If the site is low lying, on the side of a hill, or partly consists of rock, then structural engineering advice should be sought at an early stage to minimise future drainage or settlement problems.