

London Plan Urban Greening Factor (Policy G5) — A Scored Greening Requirement for Major Developments, Reviewed Across 494 Applications

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Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

London Plan Policy G5 (2021) sets Urban Greening Factor targets of 0.4 (residential) and 0.3 (commercial) for major schemes. A GLA-commissioned Arup review of 494 applications found broad support, but no post-build monitoring of delivered scores.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-25

[Greater London Authority \(review by Arup\)](#) — accessed 2026-10-25

[Urban Greening Factor guidance \(GLA\)](#) — accessed 2026-10-25

[GLA Urban Greening Factor review \(Arup\)](#) — accessed 2026-10-25

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