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	Planning Scheme Development and Amendment			
10.1	The activity of developing a vision and strategic directions regarding existing and future land use within the Local Authority and the development of local and town centre plans to ensure the implementation of the Structure Plan	Permanent. Offer to Archivist when plan superseded	 Structure Plan Local Plan Town Centre plans Unitary Development plans 	Common practice
10.2	The activity of consultation to gain approval for the Structure Plan (Unitary Development Plans) or Local Plans	Permanent. Offer to Archivist for review after 3 years.	 Consultation documents and replies Inquiries and objections made by members of public Public Inquiry documents 	Common practice

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10.3	The activity of recording information on historical buildings, monuments and ecology at a specific site	Permanent. Offer to Archivist for review. Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded	 Sites and Monuments records Ecological records Species records Historically listed buildings Definitive map Commons registration 	Common practice
10.4	The activity of establishing planning scheme controls and providing for them to be amended	Permanent. Offer to Archivist. Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded	 Successful Waste Planning application Successful Mineral Planning applications Amendments to definitive map Mineral Register Applications for mineral extraction Land Use surveys 	Common practice
10.5	The process of receiving, considering and responding to submissions and objections to planning schemes and amendments	Destroy 15 years after decision. Offer controversial/high profile schemes to Archivist	 Waste Planning application consultation Mineral Planning applications consultation Objections Inquiries – Public etc Archaeological: advice/conditions 	Common practice

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10.6	The process of controlling development of areas through applications for planning permission	Transfer planning application register to Archivist once the register has been completed (or at arranged intervals if it is held electronically) Refer all other records to Archivist for sampling	files and plans	Common practice
10.7	The process of maintaining the countryside and developing open spaces for public amenity Planning Scheme	Refer all files relating to policy to the Archivist Destroy other files 7 years after administrative use concluded	 Tree preservation orders Country parks and nature reserves development plans and correspondence, land purchase agreements 	Common practice
10.8	Regulation The summary management of planning scheme regulation	Permanent. Offer to Archivist. Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded	Building Control registers	Common practice

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10.9	The process of regulating the planned use of land or buildings	Destroy 15 years after closure		Common practice
10.10	The process of approving building applications in relation to listed or other significant buildings	Permanent. Offer to Archivist for review. Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded	 Building files Plans Specifications Correspondence Applications Permits Certificates 	Common practice
10.11	The process of approving building applications, for all other buildings	Destroy 15 years after construction completed	 Building files Plans Specifications Correspondence Applications Permits Certificates Objections 	Common practice
10.12	The process of inspecting building work for the purpose of insuring compliance.	Destroy 10 years after the issue of a certificate of final inspection	 Certificate of final inspection Building Inspection records Diaries 	Common practice
10.13	The process of enforcing building or land regulations	Destroy 3 years after compliance with enforcement notice		