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Section D2 should put more emphasis on the importance of the quality of external materials as an aspect of achieving high standards of design. Materials are mentioned at 3.2.8 as a consideration for design scrutiny but the subject should also be referred to in section H of the policy D2 and in 3.2.9. The policy is drafted with a view to avoiding 'dumbing down', which is commendable; but 'dumbing down' can be a result of replacing good material with poor materials just as much as changing design detailing - the wording should recognise this.