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| Necessary                        | Will it be appropriate to refuse planning permission without the requirements imposed by the condition?  
• A condition must not be imposed unless there is a definite planning reason for it, ie it is needed to make the development acceptable in planning terms.  
• If a condition is wider in scope than is necessary to achieve the desired objective it will fail the test of necessity. |
| Relevant to planning             | Does the condition relate to planning objectives and is it within the scope of the permission to which it is to be attached?  
• A condition must not be used to control matters that are subject to specific control elsewhere in planning legislation (for example, advertisement control, listed building consents, or tree preservation).  
• Specific controls outside planning legislation may provide an alternative means of managing certain matters (for example, works on public highways often require highways’ consent). |
| Relevant to the development to be permitted | Does the condition fairly and reasonably relate to the development to be permitted?  
• It is not sufficient that a condition is related to planning objectives: it must also be justified by the nature or impact of the development permitted.  
• A condition cannot be imposed in order to remedy a pre-existing problem or issue not created by the proposed development. |
| **Enforceable** | Would it be practicably possible to enforce the condition?  
- Unenforceable conditions include those for which it would, in practice, be impossible to detect a contravention or remedy any breach of the condition, or those concerned with matters over which the applicant has no control. |
| **Precise** | Is the condition written in a way that makes it clear to the applicant and others what must be done to comply with it?  
- Poorly worded conditions are those that do not clearly state what is required and when must not be used. |
| **Reasonable in all other respects** | Is the condition reasonable?  
- Conditions which place unjustifiable and disproportionate burdens on an applicant will fail the test of reasonableness.  
- Unreasonable conditions cannot be used to make development that is unacceptable in planning terms acceptable. |