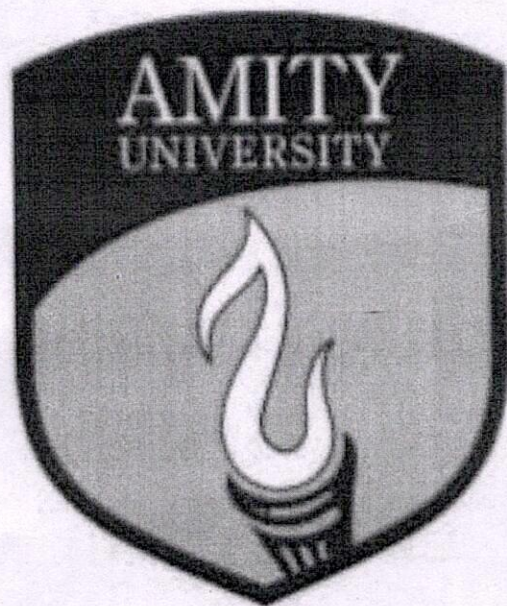


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**Local Authority Collaboration Policy Regarding
Planning and Development Policy
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Policy Guideline on Local Authority Collaboration Policy **Regarding Planning and Development**

1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this policy is to formalize the university's commitment to collaborating with local authorities to address planning and development issues on and around the campus. The university acknowledges its role as a key stakeholder in the local community, not only as an educational institution but also as a responsible entity that should support the wider development goals of the region, particularly with regard to access to affordable housing.

1.2 Background

As universities grow and expand, it is critical to collaborate with local authorities to ensure that development aligns with both the needs of the university and the surrounding community. The university will work closely with local authorities to help create a sustainable, inclusive, and equitable urban environment that supports affordable housing, transport, infrastructure, and community engagement.

2. Policy Objectives

This policy aims to:

Support Affordable Housing Development: Work with local authorities to ensure that affordable housing for students, staff, and the surrounding community is prioritized in planning and development projects.

Engage in Sustainable Urban Planning: Promote sustainable urban planning that accommodates future growth, while minimizing environmental impacts and promoting energy efficiency.

Address Planning Issues: Collaborate with local authorities to resolve pressing planning issues, including land use, housing availability, transportation, and accessibility.

Ensure Local Residents Can Access Affordable Housing: Advocate for housing policies that prioritize affordable housing options for local residents, especially those in proximity to the university.

Promote Inclusive Development: Support development that is inclusive of all demographic groups, particularly vulnerable populations such as low-income families, students, and people with disabilities.

3. Principles of Collaboration

3.1 Open and Transparent Communication

The university is committed to engaging in open and transparent communication with local authorities, community stakeholders, and residents. Regular consultations and meetings will be held to ensure all voices are heard and that development plans are understood and supported by the broader community.

3.2 Alignment with Local Government Policies

The university's planning and development projects will be aligned with local government's long-term urban development policies and planning strategies. This ensures that both the university's growth and the city's infrastructure development are synergistic.

3.3 Shared Responsibilities

The university acknowledges that collaboration is a shared responsibility. Both the university and local authorities must jointly contribute to planning solutions, including:

Infrastructure Development: Coordinating new infrastructure projects, such as roads, public transport facilities, and utility networks, to accommodate the university's expansion and the needs of the surrounding community.

Affordable Housing Initiatives: Ensuring that affordable housing projects are integrated into campus planning and development projects, providing housing for both students and local residents.

3.4 Long-term Sustainability

The collaboration between the university and local authorities will aim for long-term sustainability in urban development, including initiatives that promote green spaces, energy-efficient buildings, and access to clean energy. These efforts will contribute to creating a high-quality living and working environment for all.

4. Collaboration Focus Areas

4.1 Affordable Housing for the University Community and Local Residents

The university will work with local authorities to:

Ensure Adequate Housing Supply: Identify areas of demand for affordable housing and work with local authorities to ensure that sufficient housing is built to accommodate both students and staff, as well as local residents.

Support Housing Projects: Support and fund affordable housing projects near campus, ensuring that these developments are affordable, accessible, and close to university services, public transport, and other essential facilities.

Encourage Mixed-use Developments: Advocate for mixed-use developments that provide both residential and commercial spaces, supporting a thriving local community that benefits students, staff, and local residents alike.

4.2 Promoting Affordable Housing in the Local Area

The university will take a leadership role in advocating for affordable housing for local residents. This includes:

Partnerships with Housing Developers: Partnering with housing developers, local councils, and other stakeholders to ensure that affordable housing is available to those in need within the community, especially near the university.

Community Land Trusts: Exploring opportunities to work with or establish community land trusts that can acquire land for affordable housing development, ensuring long-term affordability for future generations.

Housing Vouchers and Subsidies: Providing housing vouchers or subsidies for low-income families or university staff to access affordable housing.

4.3 Campus Expansion and Urban Development

When planning for campus expansion or renovations, the university will:

Collaborate on Infrastructure Planning: Engage in joint planning sessions with local authorities to discuss infrastructure development needs, including transportation, utilities, and recreational facilities. This helps ensure that campus growth does not outpace the development of necessary community infrastructure.

Ensure Accessibility for All: All new development projects will be designed with accessibility in mind, ensuring that pedestrian, cyclist, and vehicle access is safe, efficient, and environmentally friendly.

Prioritize Sustainable Design: Promote the development of new university buildings and housing projects that meet sustainable design standards, including energy-efficient buildings, green roofs, and the integration of renewable energy sources.

4.4 Addressing Urban Mobility and Transportation Challenges

The university will collaborate with local authorities on urban mobility issues by:

Improving Public Transport Links: Working with local councils and transport authorities to improve bus and train services around campus, ensuring that students, staff, and local residents have access to affordable and efficient public transportation options.

Developing Cycling Infrastructure: Partnering with local authorities to expand cycling lanes and bike-sharing schemes around the university and in the surrounding community, encouraging students and staff to use sustainable transport options.

Traffic Management and Pedestrianization: Collaborating on projects to manage traffic flow and pedestrianize certain areas of the campus, creating a safer and more pleasant walking environment

for everyone.

5. Implementation and Monitoring

5.1 Policy Implementation

The university's Facilities and Planning Office will oversee the implementation of this policy in collaboration with relevant local authorities. The university will:

Establish Working Groups: Form interdisciplinary working groups composed of university staff, local authority representatives, housing developers, and community members to address planning and housing issues.

Allocate Resources: Ensure that adequate resources—both financial and human—are allocated to the implementation of this policy.

Engage Stakeholders: Regularly engage with stakeholders through town hall meetings, surveys, and public consultations to ensure that the university's planning and development strategies are aligned with the community's needs.

5.2 Monitoring and Review

To ensure the policy is effective, the university will:

Conduct Annual Reviews: Regularly review progress against the objectives outlined in this policy, adjusting strategies as necessary.

Public Reporting: Publish an annual report outlining collaboration efforts, outcomes achieved, and future initiatives to ensure transparency and accountability.

Student and Community Feedback: Collect feedback from students, staff, and local residents to assess the effectiveness of the policy and to ensure that housing and planning needs are being met.

6. Responsibilities

6.1 University Planning and Development Team

Responsible for coordinating with local authorities on all planning issues, including housing

developments and infrastructure projects.

6.2 Local Authorities

Work with the university to align planning strategies with local development plans, and ensure the provision of affordable housing for the university community and local residents.

6.3 Housing Developers and Partners

Collaborate with both the university and local authorities to implement housing projects that meet the needs of both the university community and the local population.

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