1. **PROJECT APPROVAL**

This stage enables early assessment of the project concept, the need for the project, likely infrastructure requirements, experience of the project team & viability of project finances. This assessment enables a suitable site to be allocated for projects that seem viable & meet community needs.

**Required for:**
- All new development projects & infrastructure requiring a site allocation

**Not required for:**
- Extensions, remodelling & adaptive-re-use
- New buildings under 45sqm built up area
- Building projects to be developed as a phase/expansion of existing projects
- Infrastructure projects initiated by TDC

2. **SITE APPLICATION/NOC**

This stage enables detailed assessment of the site layout, proposed buildings & timing/phasing of the development. When approved the site NOC reserves the site for a specified timeframe (usually 1-3 years) to enable the project holder to make the necessary applications & receive final NOC to begin development.

**Required for:**
- All new development projects & infrastructure

**Not required for:**
- Extensions, remodelling & adaptive-re-use
- New buildings under 45sqm built up area
- Infrastructure projects initiated by TDC

3. **PRELIMINARY DESIGN APPROVAL**

This stage enables early assessment of the design for the proposed building (including context, relation to masterplan, Auroville’s planning principles, preliminary financing etc.). This review provides applicants with feedback regarding the design’s efficiency, quality & clarity before funds are spent on detail design work.

**Required for:**
- All new building projects above 45 sqm built up areas, including freestanding buildings in existing communities
- Extensions, remodelling & adaptive re-use above 45sqm built up area

**Not required for:**
- New buildings under 45 sqm built up area
- Extensions, remodelling & adaptive-re-use under 45sqm built up area

4. **BUILDING APPLICATION/NOC**

This stage enables detailed assessment of the proposed building design including standards relating to structural, material specifications, quantities & costings.

**Required for:**
- ALL building projects including temporary structures, free standing buildings in existing communities, extensions to existing buildings & remodelling & adaptive re-use

Nota note that where buildings are under 45 sqm built up area (new buildings, extensions or remodelling & adaptive re-use) they should submit the simplified Application for Building NOC B form