

All you need to know.....

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Code for Sustainable Homes

On the 27th February 2008 the Government confirmed that from 1st May 2008 it became mandatory to have a code rating for all new homes in England. The code for sustainable homes has 6 levels. Each level represents an increasing reduction of carbon emissions.

Under The Code for Sustainable Homes (CSH) rules, your Local Planning Officer is likely to demand that your Planning Application complies with one of the 6 levels mentioned above. Many local authorities have set a minimum requirement on all applications.

The Scope of the code

Many house builders who currently use Eco Homes will find the credit system of the Code familiar. Users will notice that there are new mandatory minimum levels of performance that have been introduced across 7 key issues.

Compliance with the Code

Code assessments are carried out in two phases:
Firstly an initial assessment and interim certification is carried out at the design stage and then a final assessment and certification is carried out after construction:-

Design Stage Review

Based on design drawings, specifications and commitments – Results in interim certificate of compliance

Post Construction Review

Based on design stage review – Confirmation of compliance including site records and visual inspection.

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The Code for Sustainable Homes

Six levels of ratings for carbon emission reduction -

- ❖ Level 1 = 10%
- ❖ Level 2 = 18%
- ❖ Level 3 = 25%
- ❖ Level 4 = 44%
- ❖ Level 5 = 100%
/Carbon neutral
- ❖ Level 6 – 100% /
plug ins considered

The 7 Key Issues

- ❖ Energy Efficiency
- ❖ Water Efficiency
- ❖ Surface water management
- ❖ Site Waste Management
- ❖ Household Waste Management
- ❖ Use of Materials
- ❖ Lifetime Homes (applies to Code level 6 onlv)

