

the Code for Sustainable Homes explained

On 1 May 2008 it became mandatory to have a code rating for all new homes in England. In addition, from 1 May 2008, Code Level 3 is required for all new housing promoted or supported by the Welsh Assembly Government or Assembly Government sponsored bodies.

What is involved?

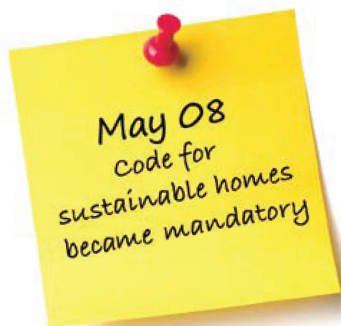
The Code for Sustainable Homes (CSH) has 6 rating levels. Each level represents an increasing reduction of carbon emissions, for example, Level 1 requires a 10% reduction of the Target Emission Rate (TER), Level 3 requires a 25% reduction, and Level 6 requires a 100% reduction and is deemed a 'zero carbon' structure.

Need Planning Permission?

Under the new 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 of Level 3 on all applications. It is anticipated that most Planning Applications will require a full Design Stage CSH Assessment at planning submission stage.

When the property is ready for release to market, a Post Construction Survey will be required.

Our Pricing Team will be able to make these arrangements and provide you with a quotation.



What is the difference between Ecohomes and CSH?

Ecohomes is based on the overall rating for the site built up from various elements, including location, ecology and amenities. On the other hand, CSH assesses the sustainability of individual dwelling types against the specific design categories. This environmental assessment method has some similarities with EcoHomes and many Housebuilders who currently use Ecohomes will be familiar with the credit system used within CSH.

What to do next:

Contact our Projects and Pricing Team on 08458 386 387 or send an email to info@energistUK.co.uk

We will be delighted to hear from you and to provide you with valuable advice and a quotation.

What does it involve?

CSH introduces new mandatory levels of carbon emission reduction, arranged as 6 levels:

- Level 1 = 10%
- Level 2 = 18%
- Level 3 = 25%
- Level 4 = 44%
- Level 5 = 100% / Carbon neutral
- Level 6 = 100% even considering ancillary equipment/plug-ins

Also included are new areas of sustainability design and categories such as water efficiency, energy efficiency, surface water management, waste management, pollution, ecology, health and wellbeing.

Accreditations

We work hand-in-hand with self-builders, small and medium sized companies, and some of the UK's largest Housebuilders & Contractors. We have the following qualifications:-

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- BINDT Membership
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