

# Code for Sustainable Homes



## Do you need help with the Code for Sustainable Homes?



Launched by the Government in 2007, the Code for Sustainable Homes is the national standard developed for sustainable design and construction of new homes with the aim of reducing carbon emissions and creating sustainable development. The Code measures the sustainability of a new home against nine categories of sustainable design, rating the 'whole home' as a complete package. The Code uses a one to six star rating system to communicate the overall sustainability performance of a new home.

In simple terms, the Code for Sustainable Homes is essentially a way of benchmarking the environmental and sustainable credentials of residential developments.

Many planning departments are now making Code for Sustainable Homes compliance a planning condition and the Code is closely linked to Building Regulations, which are the minimum standards required by law and is intended to show the future direction of Building Regulations. Any design suggestions we make will take building regulations into account.



Formal Code assessment of new dwellings can only be carried out by a qualified licensed and registered Code Assessor. Leeds Building Control has a number of accredited 'Code for Sustainable Homes' assessors and as such can produce both 'Design Stage' and 'As Built' Code assessments. It is beneficial to involve our Code Assessor as early in the design process as possible to achieve the highest Code level in the most economic manner.



### **What is involved?**

At Leeds Building Control we can offer a Code for Sustainable Homes Assessment to meet your project requirements at different stages of the development project tailored to the client's and project requirements. Therefore it is important that we have an early involvement at the conception stage of your project, to provide advice and assurance about how the project will meet the required Code level. The assessment will be based upon the evidence you submit to us.

Assessments are carried out in two phases:

1. The Design Stage assessment is carried out during the design of the individual house or development. At this stage we work closely with the designer, specifier and builder to advise on the most appropriate design process to gain the required Code rating. A report is then issued to the Building Research Establishment (BRE) for an Interim Certificate.
2. The Post Construction Stage requires us to collect the necessary evidence and make a number of site visits during construction and completion of the Post Construction Review Report. This is submitted to BRE who then issue the Final Code Certificate.



### **What it costs**

Our competitive service is priced dependent on the size of the development. On receiving the project details we will provide you with a detailed quotation explaining the stages involved and work required through to completion of the development and certification.

### **Next Step...**

If you want to know more about the Code for Sustainable Homes or need an Assessor, please get in touch with our team via email: [building.control@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:building.control@leeds.gov.uk) or call: 0113 247 8106 for more information and assistance.

We also can offer a Standard Assessment Procedure calculation which will have an impact on your Code rating.

