



Cracking the Code

How does it work?

Compliance with the Code

- Code assessments are carried out in a number of phases.

Pre-Assessment

- Based on briefing documents and site information.
- Not a specific requirement of the code but is used to offer guidance to the design team and client early on in the project.

Design Stage Review

- Based on design drawings, specifications and commitment results in interim certificate of compliance. May be required as part of any planning application.

Post Construction Review

- Based on the design stage review. Confirmation of compliance, including site records and visual inspection.

What is the Code for Sustainable Homes?

In April 2007, The Code for Sustainable Homes replaced EcoHomes as the environmental assessment tool for new housing in England and Wales. From May 2008 it became mandatory for all new homes to be rated against this standard.

The purpose of the Code is to provide guidance on the design and construction of high performance homes with a view to reducing the environmental impact of new housing through sustainable and energy efficient measures.

The key design categories included within the Code are:

- Energy
- Water
- Materials
- Surface water run-off
- Waste
- Pollution
- Health & Well-being
- Management
- Ecology



What needs to be achieved?

The Code for Sustainable Homes requires mandatory levels of carbon emission reduction, shown in 6 levels:

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

The Code also considers the overall sustainability of the design in respect of categories such as; Water efficiency, Energy efficiency, surface water management, waste management, pollution, ecology, health and wellbeing.



Other Services

Supporta Professional Services Assessment Team also offer the following services:

- Energy Efficiency Statements
- Energy performance Certification
- HQI Assessments
- SAP Calculations
- CABE Building for Life Assessments
- BREEAM Health Assessments
- NHS ADET Assessments

What should I do next?

Supporta Professional Services is accredited by the Building Research Establishment to carry out assessments under the Code for Sustainable Homes. We are able to give advice and guidance on achieving the required code levels and offer a range of complementary services designed to support our clients. Our assessment team will work closely with you to help you understand how to monitor progress and ultimately achieve the best outcomes for your project.

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