

Policy CSP3 – Sustainability and Climate Change

Development which positively addresses the impacts of climate change and delivers a sustainable approach will be encouraged.

It is the Council's objective that new development should, as far as is reasonably practical, meet the following energy efficiency targets:

1. Proposals for non-residential development of 1000m² or more, and new residential development of 10 or more dwellings, should incorporate on-site renewable energy production so that it results in a 10% reduction in the predicted carbon emissions of the development.
2. New development should reduce energy consumption. All new homes will be expected to meet at least level 3 of the Code for Sustainable Homes. Consideration should also be given to the potential to meet level 4 before 2013 and zero carbon level 6 before 2016. Offices and other non-domestic buildings should aim for 10% below the target emission rate of the Building Regulations by 2016.
3. No change.
4. All development should meet the highest standards of water efficiency and conservation by reference to level 4 of the Code for Sustainable Homes in relation to residential development, offices should meet the BREEAM offices scale; all other buildings should look to make efficiency savings of 25%
5. No change.
6. No change
7. No change
8. No change

6** It is recognised that not all new development will be able to meet these targets for practical reasons which may relate, for example, to technological constraints on a particular site, visual impact, or reasons of viability. However, all proposals will be considered against these targets and the onus will be on the developer to demonstrate why a particular proposal cannot reasonably be required to meet each of the targets set out.