

Technical Sheet

What is it?

The Code for Sustainable Homes (Code) is an independent environmental assessment method for rating and certifying the sustainable performance of new homes. It involves a three stage evaluation process, which includes pre-planning consent, the design stage and post construction assessments. The Code is a national Government standard, for use during the design and construction phases of a development and encourages sustainable home building.

The Code has nine categories of sustainable building design covering:

- Energy and CO₂ emissions
- Water
- Materials
- Surface Water Run-off
- Waste
- Pollution
- Health and Wellbeing
- Management
- Ecology

Why do it?

The Code is a mandatory standard for affordable housing and is increasingly required by Local Planning Authorities for planning applications in a response to emerging Government policies on Sustainability. The Welsh Assembly Government requires a Code for all new housing developments.

Building regulations are being aligned to the Code. Private housing, where the Code is a voluntary standard, will soon be expected to meet the improved energy compliance.

Our expertise

DPP Sustainability specialises in advising on financially aware and sustainability led measures to house builders. We are able to provide the Code for Sustainable Homes assessments either as part of a project or as an individual assessment process post planning approval.

DPP Sustainability supplies Code advice for a wide range of different schemes from small scale individual dwellings to large scale master planning projects, which also includes retail, industrial, and commercial with the residential uses.

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