

## APPENDIX 1:

# Checklist for achieving required standards for sustainable buildings and places

This checklist can be used to demonstrate the requirements of Core Strategy Policies CS1 – Addressing Climate Change and Carbon Reduction and Policy CS2 – Delivering Sustainable Design and Construction.

It sets out what is required through planning policy for all types development. Select those which apply to the development.





Type of development – indicate those that apply	Policy requirement – check box to confirm compliance	SPD Section	Considerations	Supporting information – indicate those that apply
Residential development between 1 – 9 dwellings (including conversions)	CS2: Clause 1 – require energy efficient designs to reduce energy demand.	Sustainable Design principles - Code for Sustainable Homes	Applications must demonstrate how the below measures have been considered and provide detail relevant detail within the application:	The Design and Access Statement to include details on energy and sustainability or a separate Energy/sustainability statement can be submitted.
development above 500m²			wellbeing and	[The website includes a Design and Access statement template which may be used].
Residential Developments over 10 dwellings (including conversions)	CS2: Clause 3 – require as a minimum Code for Sustainable Homes Level 4. This is equivalent to a 19% energy performance improvement on Building: Regulations.		<ul> <li>Siting and orientation</li> <li>Passive design</li> <li>Material use</li> <li>Limiting risks of overheating/ Urban heat island effects</li> <li>Thermal mass</li> <li>Waste management</li> <li>Water use</li> <li>Surface water run-off</li> <li>Sustainable and Active Travel</li> <li>Land use ecology</li> </ul>	Pre-application discussions may be appropriate  Submit an Energy (or sustainability) statement.  Submit a SAP compliance report.



Type of development – indicate those that apply	Policy requirement – check box to confirm compliance	SPD Section	Considerations	Supporting information – indicate those that apply
Residential development between 1 – 9 dwellings (including conversions)	CS2: Clause 2 – 10% predicted energy demand to be met through renewable/ low carbon sources.	Renewable and low carbon energy generation	<ul> <li>Select applicable technologies:</li> <li>Solar Photovoltaic (PV)</li> <li>Solar Thermal</li> <li>Heat pumps (ground, air or water)</li> <li>Biomass burners/ boilers</li> <li>Mechanical heat recovery systems</li> <li>Domestic/micro combined heat and power systems</li> </ul>	Within the Energy Statement, state how the required % of predicted energy demand will be met through renewable and low carbon sources.  Submit a SAP compliance report.
Residential development of 10 or more dwellings (including conversions)	CS2: Clause 2 – 15% predicted energy demand met through renewable/low carbon sources		<ul> <li>Select applicable technologies:</li> <li>Hydropower</li> <li>Solar photovoltaic arrays</li> <li>Solar Thermal</li> <li>Air/water/ground source heat pumps</li> <li>Combined Heat and Power systems</li> <li>Wind turbines</li> <li>District Heating schemes</li> </ul>	Within the Energy Statement, state how the required % of predicted energy demand will be met through renewable and low carbon sources.  Submit a SAP compliance report.



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Non-residential development between 500m <sup>2</sup> and 1000m <sup>2</sup>	CS2: Clause 3 – BREEAM 'very good' standard will be required on all non-	BREEAM assessment	Minimise energy demand ahead of energy efficiency and renewable and low carbon	A Pre-assessment/Design-stage report is required with the planning application.
Non-residential developments over 1000m²	residential developments over 500m² and 'Excellent' over 1000m²		technologies. Measures via assessment criteria:  Health and Wellbeing Management Energy Transport Water Materials Waste Land Use and Ecology Pollution	Applicants are encouraged to submit a Post-Construction certificate.



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All new development	CS2: Clause 5 – require the application of best practice Sustainable Drainage Systems to reduce the impact of additional surface water runoff from new development, in-line with the requirements of the forthcoming national standards for SuDS. Such environmental infrastructure should be integrated into the design of the scheme and into landscaping features and be easily maintained.	Sustainable drainage systems	Principles to follow:  Plan SuDS from start  Replicate natural drainage  Prevention and source control  Design for easy maintenance and access	Drainage design proposals and calculations for the site should be submitted; including maintenance plans and schedules which identify the SuDS system is maintained.
All new developments	cs1: Clause 10 – Areas will be enhanced to be resilient to the impacts of climate change including flood defence and public realm enhancements including the integration of effective shading through, for example, tree planting	Climate change adaptation measures	Details on adaptation measures must demonstrate:  Flood resilience measures  Methods to avoid overheating  Measures to minimise the Urban Heat Island Effect  Measures incorporating green infrastructure and rewilding	All sustainability/energy statements should contain detail on how changing climatic conditions have been considered as part of the design of the development



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All new developments	of multifunctional green infrastructure will be planned for and delivered through new development. They should be located throughout and in adjacent developments and demonstrate a functional relationship to the proposed development and existing area including the potential to relate to the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. This would include not only green spaces but also the creation and enhancement of woodland areas;	Climate change adaptation measures	Details on adaptation measures must demonstrate:  Flood resilience measures  Methods to avoid overheating  Measures to minimise the Urban Heat Island Effect  Likely to include measures incorporating green infrastructure and rewilding	All sustainability/energy statements should contain detail on how changing climatic conditions have been considered as part of the design of the development



CS1: clause 6 "protecting and enhancing biodiversity across North Somerset including species and habitats that are characteristic of the area, in order to support adaptation to climate change. This should be achieved through on and off-site measures to conserve and enhance species and habitats as well as the reduction or preferably elimination of any adverse impacts through sensitive design and layout and construction of developments"

Climate change adaptation measures Natural solutions must be considered where they can build resilience. This can include to stabilise slopes to attenuate flood water, absorb carbon and increase the use of trees to reduce urban heating.









## APPENDIX 2

# Documentation to submit to demonstrate Code for Sustainable Homes Level 4 equivalent energy performance standard

Where Part L documents are required, the TER and BER/ DER should be clearly displayed on the output documents as illustrated below.

a. SAP summary for dwellings

Below is an excerpt from a sample SAP Part L document with the TER and DER circled:

### Sample Calculations

To meet the CS2 requirement for new build, the DER figure above (5.44) must be 19% lower than the TER figure (30.51). The calculation is therefore:

30.51 - 5.44 = 25.07  $25.07 / 30.51 \times 100 = 82.16$ = 82.16% reduction in emissions

This example meets the CS2 requirement.



SAP basic compliance report



## APPENDIX 3:

## Documentation to submit to demonstrate BREEAM energy performance compliance

## BRUKL summary for non-residential

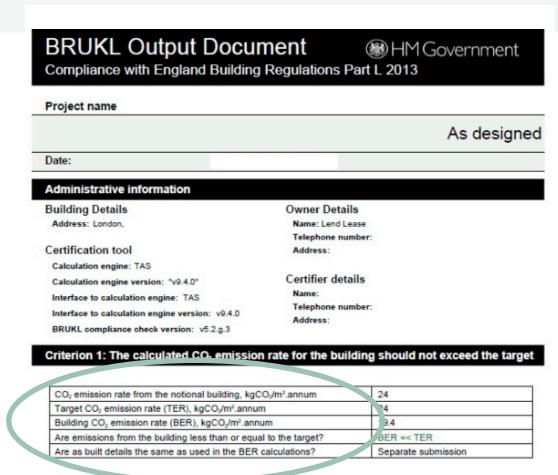
Below is an excerpt from a sample SBEM Part L document with the TER and BER circled:

#### Sample Calculations

To meet the CS2 benchmark for new build, the BER figure above (19.4) must be 19% lower than the TER figure (24). The calculation is therefore:

24 - 19.4 = 4.6  $4.6 / 24 \times 100 = 19.16$ = 19.16% reduction in emissions

This example meets the CS2 requirement.



Compliance check sheet for BRUKL



## GLOSSARY

**Allowable Solutions:** Allowable Solutions is the term for the carbon

offsetting process and the various measures which house builders may support to achieve the

zero-carbon standards.

**Biodiversity:** is a measure of the variety of organisms present

in different ecosystems.

**Embodied energy:** the total energy consumed during resource

extraction, transportation and manufacture.

**Energy conservation:** measures to reduce demand at source, such

as roof and wall insulation to reduce heat loss. It leads to a reduction or elimination of unnecessary energy use. It can include

behavioural change measures, such as switching

appliances off when not in use.

**Energy efficiency:** using less energy to provide the same level of

energy benefit, for example through the use of low energy light bulbs or mechanical heat

recovery systems.

**Energy security:** the uninterrupted availability of energy sources at

an affordable price

Fabric Energy Efficiency Standard:

the proposed maximum space heating and cooling energy demand for zero carbon homes. This is the amount of energy that would normally be needed to maintain comfortable internal

temperatures and in a dwelling.

**Feed-in tariff:** a payment made by government for eligible

renewable electricity-generating schemes.

**Green Infrastructure:** a strategically planned and delivered network

comprising the broadest range of high-quality green spaces and other environmental features.

Greenhouse gas emissions:

gases emitted into the atmosphere that absorbs and emits radiation within the thermal infrared range. These include carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide of which carbon dioxide is the

most prevalent.

**Low carbon energy:** energy derived from processes or technologies

that produce power with substantially lower amounts of carbon dioxide emissions than is emitted from conventional fossil fuel power

generation.



#### Natural stack ventilation:

where air is driven through a building by vertical pressure differences developed by thermal buoyancy. Warm air inside a building is less dense than cooler air outside, and thus will try to escape from openings high up in the building envelope (such as chimneys); cooler denser air will enter openings lower down. The process will continue if the air entering the building is continuously heated, typically by casual or solar gains.

#### Passivhaus:

a standard of building design, where the heat losses are reduced so much that minimal heating is required. Passive heat sources like the sun, occupants, household appliances and the heat from the extract air cover a large part of the heating demand.

#### Renewable energy:

energy that comes from resources which are naturally replenished and are not depleted by being used, such as sunlight, wind, rain, tides, waves and geothermal heat.

#### **Renewable Heat Incentive:**

a payment made by government to eligible renewable heat technologies.

#### **Retrofitting:**

the addition of new technology or features to older systems.

#### **Supplementary Planning Document:**

a document which provides additional information on planning policies in a development plan.

#### **Sustainable Development:**

commonly defined as 'development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.'

#### **Urban Heat Island Effect:**

an urban area that's significantly warmer than the surrounding countryside, especially at night. This is due to the land surface in towns and cities, made of man-made materials which absorb and store heat. This coupled with concentrated energy use and less ventilation than in rural areas, creates a heating effect. Often up to 10 degrees Celsius hotter than surrounding countryside.



## SUSTAINABLE BUILDING CASE STUDY:

# 'Zero Carbon Homes,' equivalent to Code for Sustainable Homes Level 6 in Portishead:

Built by Halsall Construction for Alliance Homes in 2013

## Key features:

- High levels of air tightness and thermal efficiency.
- Mechanical ventilation with heat recovery to harness and recycle warmth from within the home (91% efficiency).
- Energy is generated onsite through renewable energy from solar photovoltaic (PV) panels for electricity production and solar thermal panels for hot water use.

## Key benefits:

- Greatly lowered space and heating demand and therefore running costs, due to very high levels of fabric energy efficiency.
- Large triple glazed windows create a well-lit and pleasant living space.
- Reduced water bills due to efficient internal water fittings and appliances.
- Energy display devices allowing occupants to monitor current and historic energy use and production.
- Enhanced sound insulation.

#### Lessons Learnt:

- Code 6 homes are achievable and at a reasonable cost.
- Marketing and executing strategy key to success



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