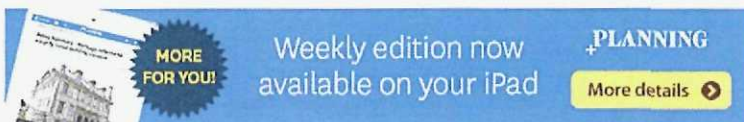


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Housebuilders to decide how to deliver zero carbon homes

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Housebuilders will decide how to meet carbon mitigation requirements under the zero carbon homes policy rather than local authorities, the government has confirmed.



The Beddington Zero Energy Development (BedZED)

The Department for Communities and Local Government published a response to its consultation on how homebuilders can meet the zero carbon homes standard.

The government is legislating to allow developers to offset the extra impact of new homes if they choose to build to code level 4 of the Code for Sustainable Homes, rather than the higher requirements of code level 5.

Developers will be able to fund a range of carbon abatement projects off-site, known as "allowable solutions".

Colin Morrison, director and head of sustainability at consultancy Turley, said: "Based on our experience of allowable solutions projects and policies within emerging local plans, this will come as a disappointment to local authorities as it could have represented a significant source of funding for local carbon reduction projects."

"We are of the opinion, however, that this is the right decision to ensure that the policy remains effective and it will therefore be up to local authorities to actively work with developers to identify projects that meet the design principles," he said.

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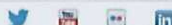
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