



A Hertfordshire initiative promoting sustainable design in development

Opinion



Housing Standards Review & Zero Carbon Homes

Chris Cousins of BRE Global outlines the Government's approach to housing standards and zero carbon homes, and explains BRE Global's response to this evolving policy area.

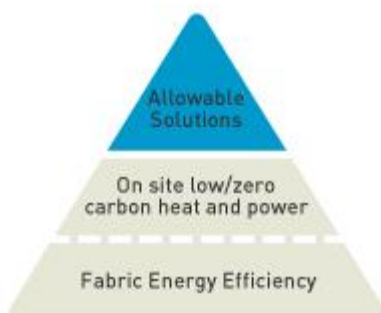
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New SuDS guide for Hertfordshire published

Hertfordshire County Council, as the county's prospective SuDS Approval Body, publishes guidance for developers on designing SuDS schemes in Hertfordshire. The guide is available to download [here](#).



Allowable solutions

Last week, Government issued its response to 2013 consultation on zero carbon homes and a framework for Allowable Solutions in new housing. You can read the response [here](#).



Green roofs could eliminate urban heat island effect

Researchers in the US find that cool and green roofs can eliminate the urban heat island effect, but geography and local conditions are a key factor.

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Passivhaus Conference comes to Hertfordshire

The Passive House Trust will be holding its annual conference at the Stevenage Arts & Leisure Centre later this year. The UK Passivhaus conference 2014 will explore how Passivhaus can be used to help deliver near and zero energy buildings, including leading-edge project presentations, detailed project case studies, a full-scale exhibition room and networking sessions to bring you up-to-date with all the latest research and practice.

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Advice note for planners on Integrated Water Management

Cambridge University's Institute for Sustainability Leadership has published a new advice note for planners, which provides a one-stop-shop to de-mystify water management, and to demonstrate the benefits of building it into plans and planning decisions.

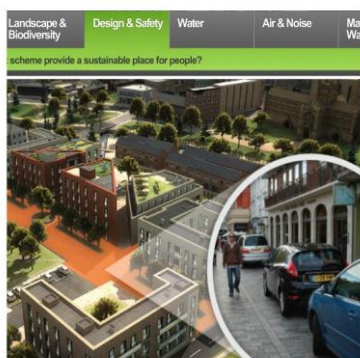
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- Urban Design for All
[18 to 20 September, Nottingham](#)
- 'Are we out of the Recession?' - Herts & Beds Constructing Excellence AGM and Question Time event
[24 September, Hatfield](#)
- An Introduction to the Historic Environment
[25 September, Birmingham](#)
- UK Passivhaus Conference 2014
[16 October, Stevenage](#)
- The Interaction of Transport and Land Use Planning
[23 October, Birmingham](#)
- The Changing Face of the East of England
[25 September/16 October, Cambridge](#)

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