

The Code for Sustainable Homes

The Code for Sustainable Homes seeks to substantially reduce the adverse environmental effects associated with the construction and habitation of new houses.

By 2013 all new homes should have been built to Level 4 of the Code with Level 6 (carbon neutral) being achieved by 2016.

The materials section of the Code allows developers to gain points towards Levels 4, 5 and 6 by specifying known low carbon systems for the external walls, roof and floors (Mat1) with further points available for the responsible sourcing of Basic Building Elements (Mat2) and Finishing Elements (Mat3).

Until now maximum points under Mat2&3 or Fascias, Guttering and Cladding could not be achieved except where the fascia and cladding were made from FSC timber. However Swish now holds BES6001 Responsible Sourcing Certification which allows developers the option of specifying products that will gain them maximum CSH points as well as lasting the lifetime of the building without the need for maintenance.

PVC Cladding



PVC Cladding installed over timber framing now carries an A+ rating. This allows developers to claim the maximum three points available under the CSH for just such an external wall system (Mat1).

In addition, under Responsible Sourcing of Basic Building Elements, Swish PVC Cladding qualifies for 3 points as a Tier 1 product (Mat2).

PVC Roofline



Swish Cellular PVC roofline profiles qualify for 3 points as Tier 1 products under the section dealing with Responsible Sourcing of Finishing Elements (Mat3).

Note

Tier 1 PVC products are those where the manufacturer holds BES 6001 Responsible Sourcing Certification. A copy of the Swish certificate is available on the Swish website or by contacting Swish directly.

Specification

For guidance on specification of Swish Roofline, Guttering or Cladding call 01827 317238.

Guttering



Swish low carbon guttering systems also qualify for 3 points as a Tier 1 product under Mat3 making the Swish fascia and cladding combination the only fascia and gutter system to offer maximum CSH points.

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Sustainability CPD

Swish now has a RIBA approved CPD concerned with the sustainability credentials of Cellular PVC

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