

## Implications of Changes to the Planning System on Brent's Policies (May 2015)

| Policies Impacted  | Change   | Detail   |
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| <p><b>Core Strategy Policy CP19: Brent Strategic Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Measures</b></p> <p>... 'In all areas a minimum rating of Code Level 3 should be achieved. For non-residential, a rating of BREEAM 'Excellent' is expected, or the equivalent on any 'Code for Sustainable Commercial Schemes' (when forthcoming). Within the growth areas, major proposals are required to achieve a minimum rating of Code for Sustainable Homes level 4 rating, subject to scheme feasibility. '...</p> | <p>A Code for Sustainable Homes rating can no longer be required, aside from the management of legacy cases. However, for major applications the Council will continue to require:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An Energy Statement demonstrating a 40% improvement on 2010 Building Regulations Carbon Target Emission Rates (In accordance with London Plan policy 5.2).</li> <li>2. A Water Efficiency Assessment providing evidence the development will meet the target of 105 litres or less per head per day, excluding an allowance of 5 litres or less per head per day for external water use.</li> </ol> <p>The government has only withdrawn Code for Sustainable Homes, therefore the Council will continue to apply all other aspects of policy CP19 including the requirement for BREEAM Excellent on all non-domestic buildings.</p> | <p>The Deregulation Bill, which received Royal Assent on 26 March 2015, effectively withdrew the Code for Sustainable Homes, aside from the management of legacy cases.</p> <p>In a written statement to Parliament (25 March 2015) the DCLG and Rt Hon Eric Pickles stated' <i>From the date the Deregulation Bill 2015 is given Royal Assent until 30 September 2015: The government's policy is that planning permissions should not be granted requiring, or subject to conditions requiring, compliance with any technical housing standards other than for those areas where authorities have existing policies on access, internal space, or water efficiency. Planning permission may still be granted on the basis of existing Local Plan and neighbourhood plan policies on access, internal space, and water efficiency, even though they may have a degree of conflict with the new national technical standards. <u>Where there is an existing plan policy which references the Code for Sustainable Homes, authorities may continue to apply a requirement for a water efficiency standard equivalent to the new national technical standard, or in the case of energy a standard consistent with the policy set out in the earlier paragraph in this statement, concerning energy performance.</u></i></p> <p>As Brent is within a serious water stress area it is justified in applying the optional standard 105 litres or less per head per day. Excluding an allowance of 5 litres or less per head per day for external water use.</p> |