Housing Standards Debate

How will the removal of the Code for Sustainable Homes affect the delivery of sustainable housing development?

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In August 2013 the UK Government consulted on its intention to replace a variety of standards (including the Code for Sustainable Homes) with national standards.

The main aims of the review are to:

• simplify the number of standards that planning authorities apply to new homes

• reduce the burden on new housing developments
Consultation on Technical Standards (Sept. 2014)

Proposal for baseline standards with some options for higher standards (not for energy).

- Water efficiency: Baseline: 125 l/person/day Option: 105 l/person/day
- Access to dwellings: Three levels of access
- Consultation on space for bins and security (locks).

Application of optional requirements will require demonstration, by the planning authority, of need and viability.
Thank-you

Any Questions?

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