

PLANNING COMMENTS : 2nd October 2008

0802528LBC	WEST
<p>Trustees of The Commemoration Hall, 39 High Street, Huntingdon</p> <p>Display of advertising banners and boards and re-decoration of façade - 39 High Street, Huntingdon PE29 3AQ</p> <p>The panel made no comment in reference to this application, owing to a declaration of interest by five of the seven members in attendance.</p> <p>Recommend APPROVAL. The proposals will result in a significantly improved appearance to the building. Recommend further that vandal proof materials be used.</p>	
0802556FUL	NORTH
<p>Mr G Jolly, 118 Kent Road Huntingdon PE29 7JH</p> <p>Erection of first floor extension over garage - 118 Kent Road, Huntingdon PE29 7JH</p> <p>Recommend APPROVAL. The proposed extension does not impact on neighbouring properties. Materials appear to be in keeping with the existing.</p>	
0802720FUL	WEST
<p>Addaction.c/o David Newton Chartered Accountant, Skeber Cadson, Callington, Cornwall PL17 7HW</p> <p>Change of use of ground floor offices to advice and counselling centre - 7- 8 Market Hill, Huntingdon PE29 3NR</p> <p>Recommend APPROVAL. The Panel welcomes the change of use to the existing office space, which makes a positive contribution to the town centre. The panel also recommends no external signage is to be used.</p>	
0802728FUL	EAST
<p>mn</p> <p>Darren Blake, Circle Anglia 1 St Catherines Square Cambridge CB4 3XA</p> <p>Erection of 20 houses and 9 flats with associated works and landscaping - Informal open space North West of 5 Mayfield Road, Hartford.</p> <p>Recommend REFUSAL. The proposals are considered to overdevelop the site. Its scale is entirely out of keeping with existing surrounding properties and will therefore have an adverse affect on the area.</p> <p>25/09/2008: Amendment to landscaping</p> <p>02/10/2008 The Panel noted the amendment.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">KH 6.10.08</p>	

HUNTINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMENTS : 13th NOVEMBER 2008

0802305FUL WEST
 Mr C Crowley, Twigden Homes Ltd, The Shrubbery, Church Street, St Neots
 Approval of landscaping details for 129 dwellings - Land rear of Huntingdon Forensic Laboratory, Hinchingbrooke Park Road, Huntingdon PE29
 Recommend **APPROVAL**. The proposals would appear to enhance the character of the area.

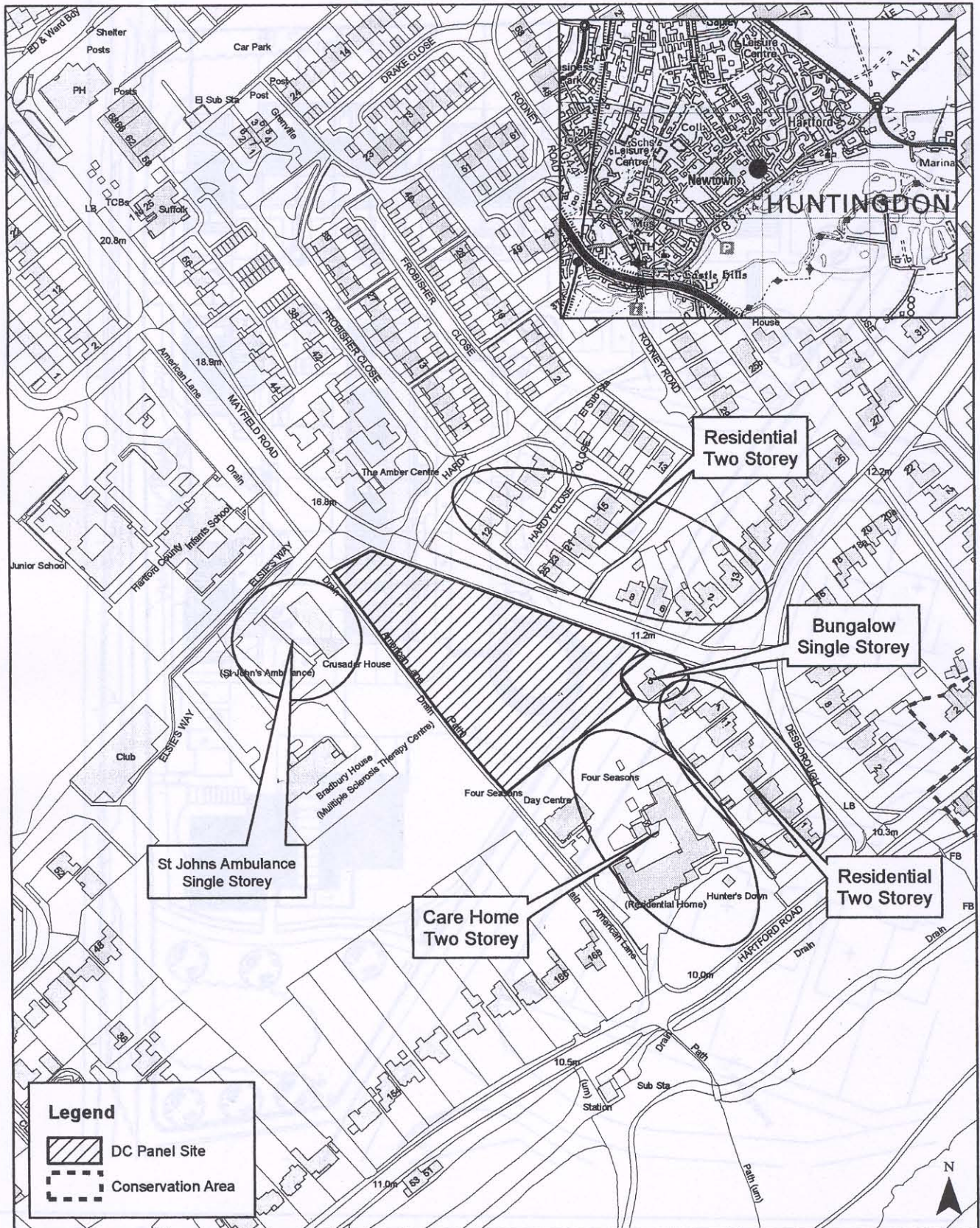
0802728FUL EAST
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 Recommend **REFUSAL**. The proposals are considered to overdevelop the site. Its scale is entirely out of keeping with existing surrounding properties and will therefore have an adverse affect on the area.
 25/09/2008:Amendment to landscaping. 03/11/2008: Amendment-Amended plans for (i) use of Solar Thermal panels and more Photo Voltaic cells; (ii) Removal of Biomass boiler; (iii) Omission of Modcell construction; (iv) Revised site plan to include alteration to pathways, access routes and boundary treatment.
 02/10/2008 The Panel **noted** the amendment.
 13/11/2008 Recommend **REFUSAL**. The Panel still consider the proposals will overdevelop the site. Scale is entirely out of keeping with existing surrounding properties and will therefore have an adverse affect on the area.

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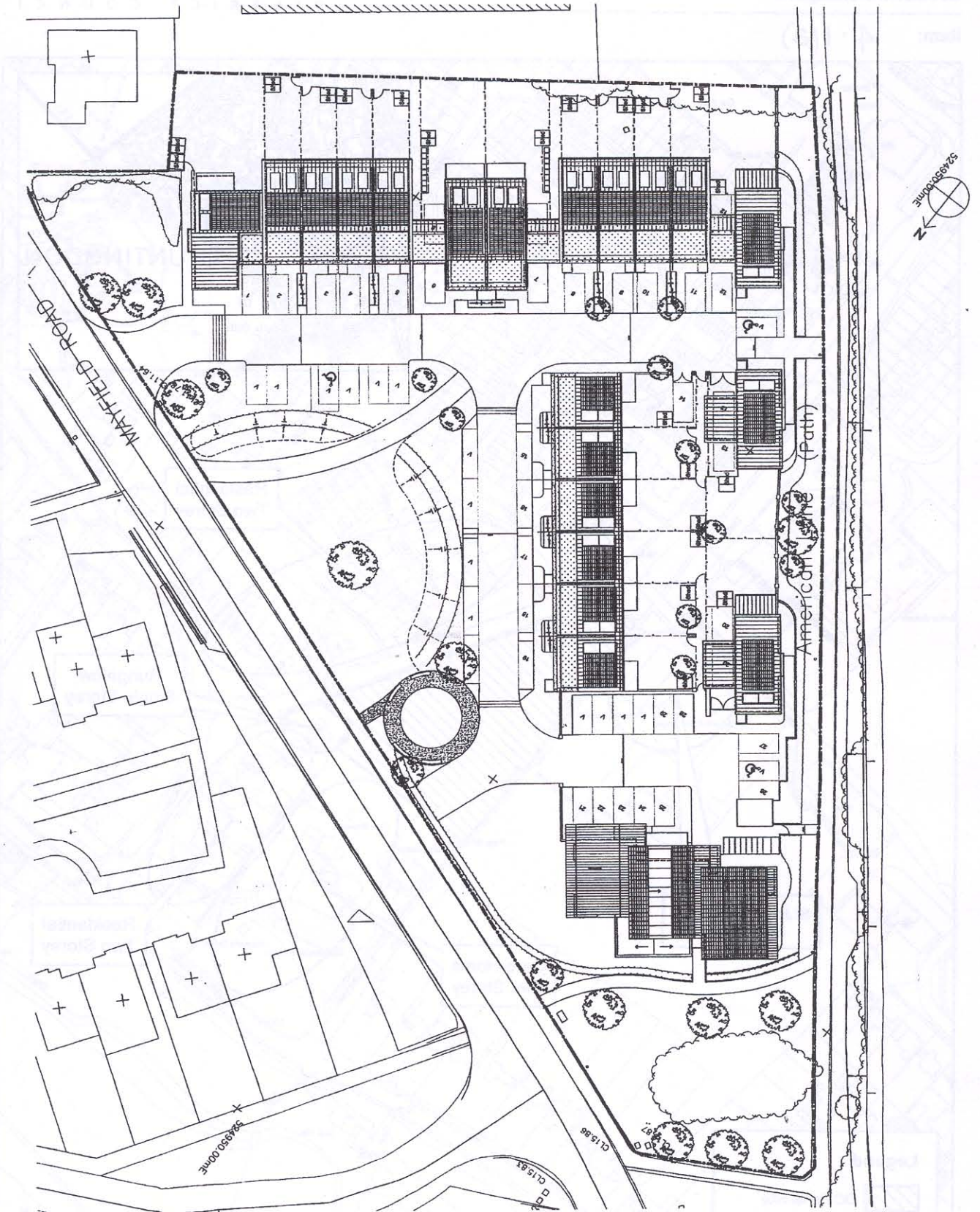
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Location: Huntingdon

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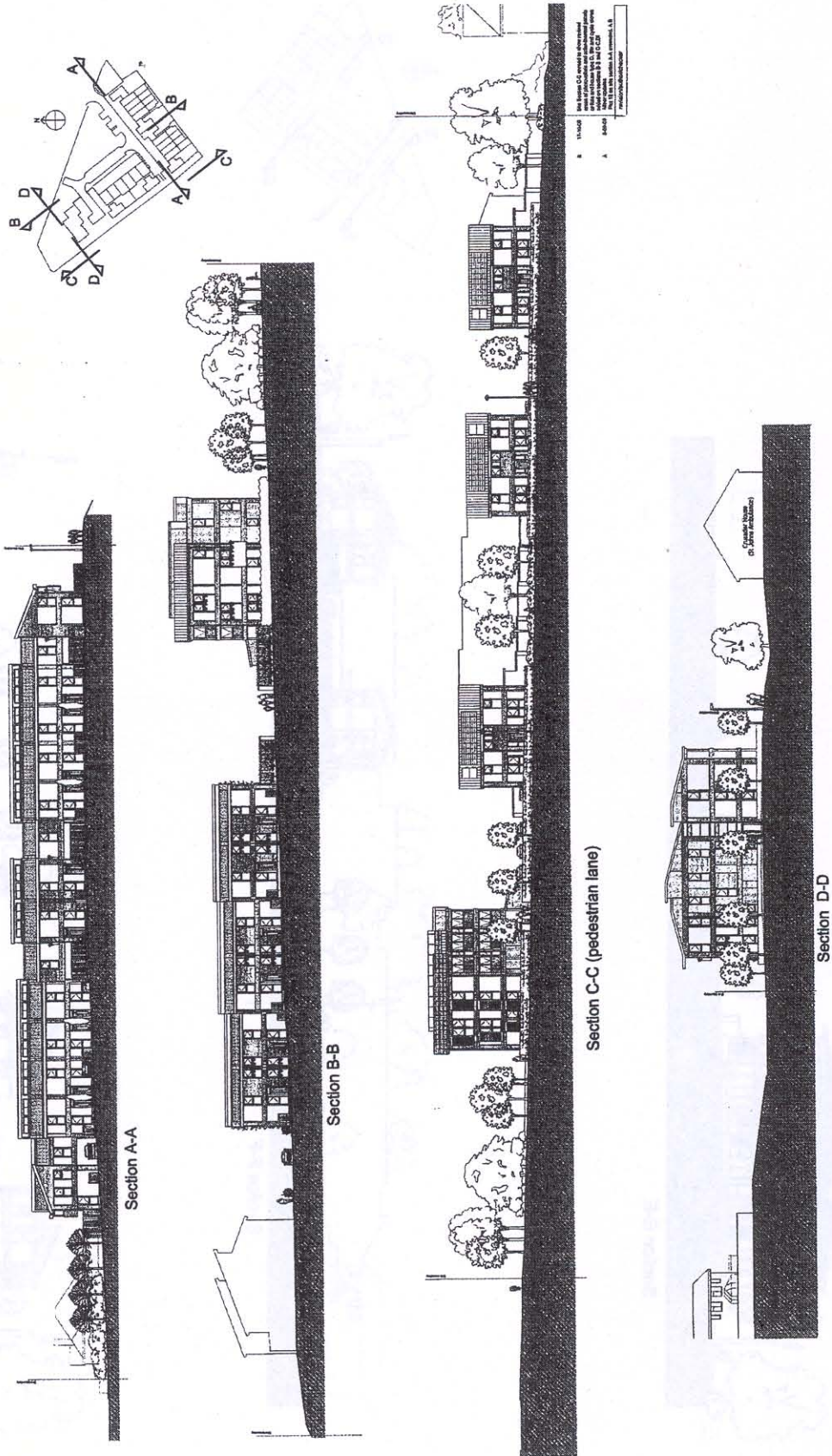


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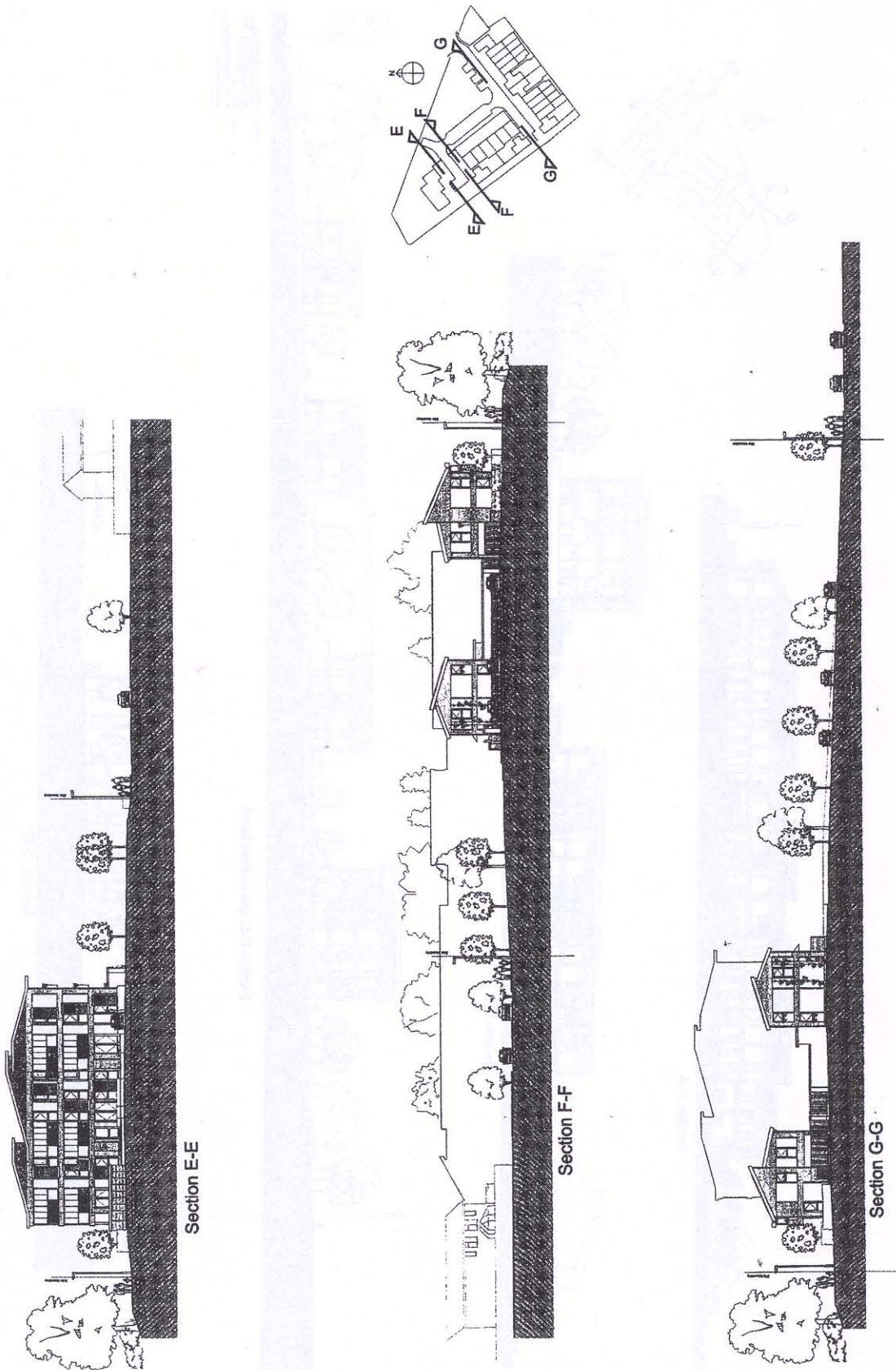


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Proposed Site Sections

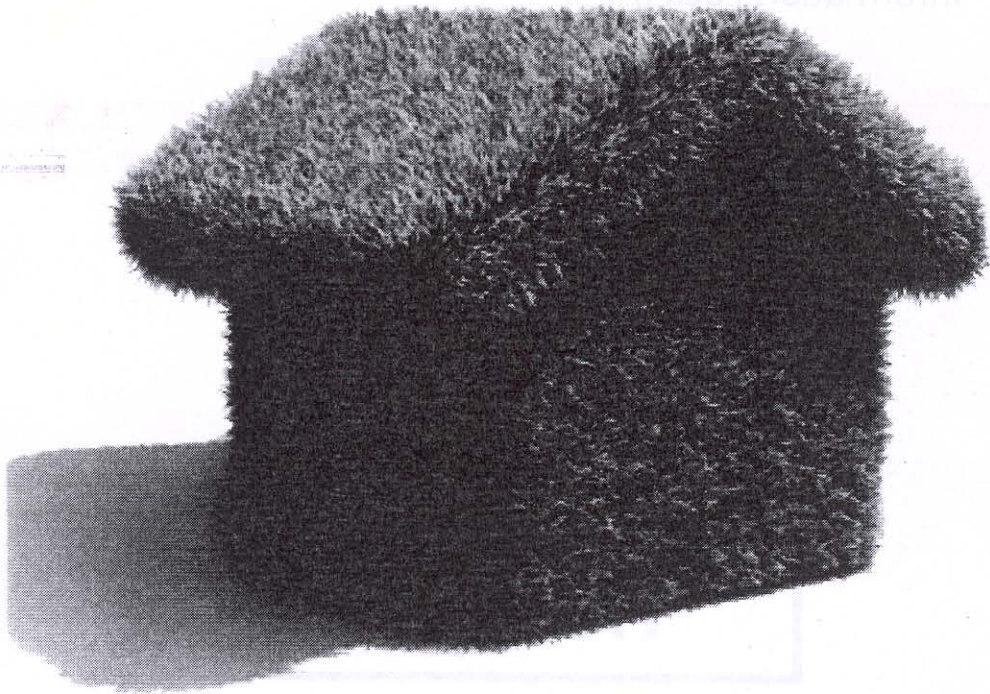


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Greener homes for the future



Our homes account for around 27% of the UK's carbon emissions, a major cause of climate change. The Department for Communities and Local Government laid the foundations for greener housing when it launched the Code for Sustainable Homes in 2007. Since May 2008 all new homes are required to have a Code rating against the Code and for a Code certificate to be included within the Home Information Pack (HIP).*



* Subject to transitional arrangements. These provisions only apply to those new homes where a local authority has *received* a building notice, initial notice or full plans application after 1st May 2008

What is a Code Home?

Code homes are built to the standards set in the Code for Sustainable Homes (the Code). They are more energy and water-efficient, produce fewer carbon emissions and are better for the environment.

Code homes also encourage their owners to live a more sustainable lifestyle and are built in a more efficient way, using materials from sustainable sources. This creates less waste and also means Code homes have lower running costs.

There are nine categories in the Code covering energy, water, the materials used in the home through to health and wellbeing and pollution with points assigned to each category.

When a builder chooses to incorporate a specific feature they are awarded points, which when added together, form the basis of a hotel-style star rating system.

The Code sets minimum standards for energy and water use at each level. The rating a home receives depends on how it measures up in nine categories:

- Energy and CO₂ Emissions
- Water
- Materials
- Surface Water Run-off
- Waste
- Pollution
- Health and Wellbeing
- Management
- Ecology

How the Code works

The Code uses a 1 to 6 star rating system to communicate the overall sustainability performance of a new home. A home assessed as 6 stars will have achieved the highest sustainability rating. The results of the Code assessment are then recorded on a certificate assigned to the dwelling which can then be used as part of the Home Information Pack (HIP).

A Code assessment can only be carried out by a licensed and accredited Code assessor. This ensures the rating is independent and trustworthy. In order to build to the Code, a builder needs to hire the services of a Code assessor. They can advise what features need to be installed to achieve different levels of the Code.

The rating ranges from 1 to 6 stars:

- 1 ★ homes will be 10% more energy efficient and 20% more water efficient than most new homes.

It may also have some of the other features in the Code such as providing office work space with communication links within the home, secure cycle storage or greater security features.

- 3 ★ homes would be 25% more energy efficient and have many more sustainable features than a 1 ★ home.
- 6 ★ homes would be highly sustainable and over the course of the year their net carbon emissions would be zero. Needing over 90% of the points available, a 6 ★ home would include most of the sustainability features in the Code.

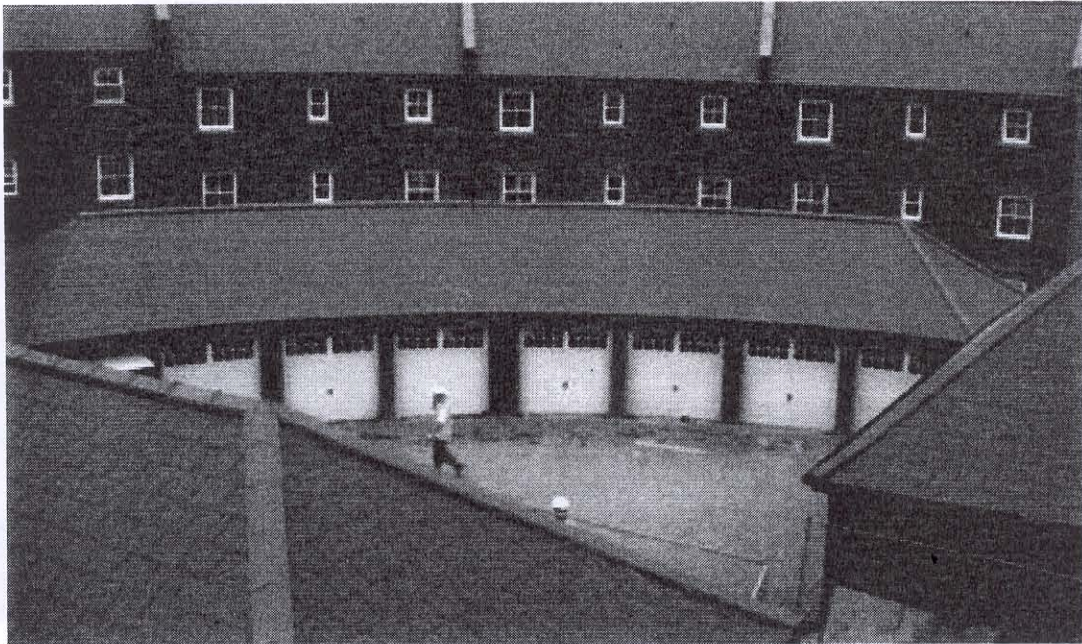
Why we need the Code

We are committed to protecting and enhancing the environment and tackling climate change. We know that buildings contribute almost half of the UK's carbon emissions. Our long-term goal is to reduce carbon emissions by 60 per cent by 2050, and to achieve this we need to make sure new housing is much more sustainable.

This is all the more important because at the same time we are on the brink of an ambitious building programme to tackle the national housing shortage.




The Code minimises the environmental damage from the construction process and offers an opportunity to revolutionise the design of new homes so that the housing market encourages people to live more sustainable lifestyles.

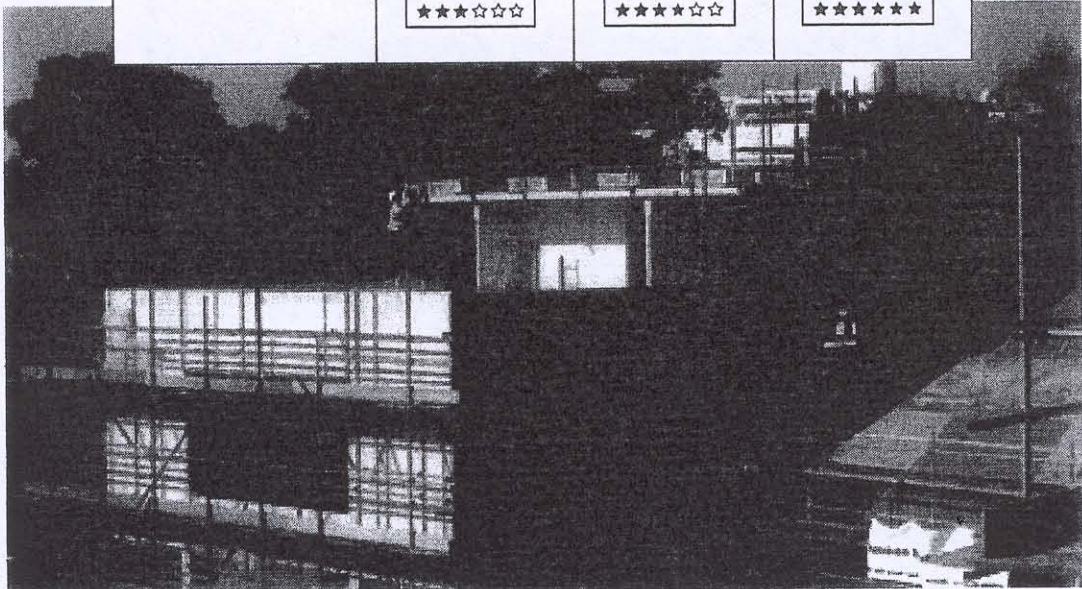
For housing industry members, adopting the Code is an important step towards our target that all new homes built from 2016 must be zero carbon rated.



Greener homes for the future

In 2006 the Government announced a 10-year timetable towards a target that all new homes from 2016 must be built to zero carbon standards, to be achieved through a step by step tightening of the Building Regulations.

Date	2010	2013	2016
Energy efficiency improvement of the dwelling compared to 2006 (Part L Building Regulations)	25%	44%	Zero carbon
Equivalent standard within the Code	Code level 3  THE CODE FOR SUSTAINABLE HOMES ★★★☆☆☆	Code level 4  THE CODE FOR SUSTAINABLE HOMES ★★★★☆☆	Code level 6  THE CODE FOR SUSTAINABLE HOMES ★★★★★★



Mandatory ratings

From April 2008, all new social housing must be built to a minimum of Code level 3. The Code is voluntary for privately built housing. However, also since May 2008 all new homes are required to have a Code rating in the Home Information Pack (HIP). This means that homes built to, and assessed against the Code, must include the Code certificate within the HIP.

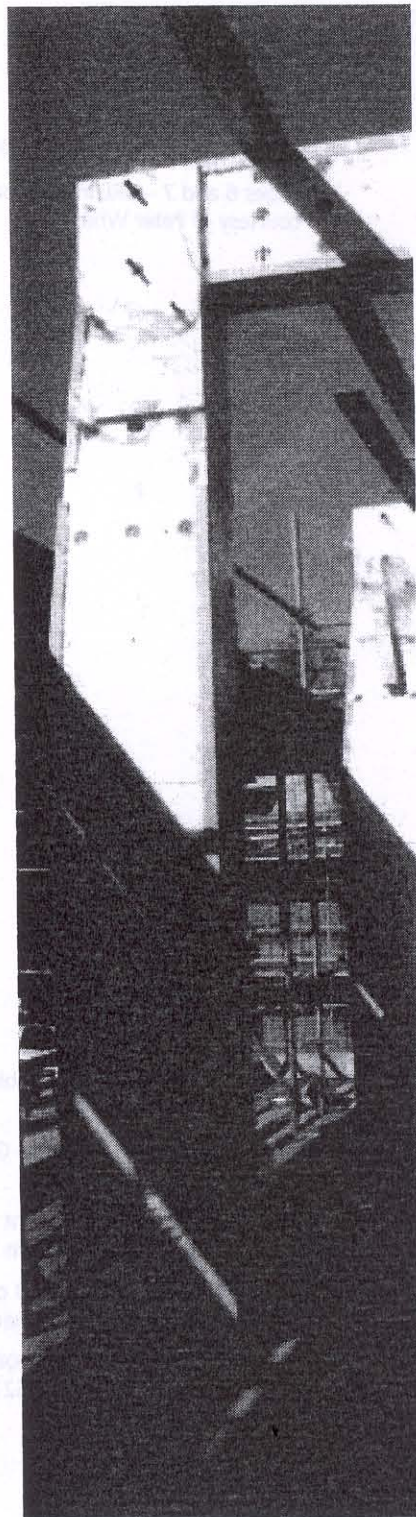
Homes not assessed against the Code must include a nil-rated certificate of non-assessment in the HIP. These nil-rated certificates are available for free from the HIPs website

www.homeinformationpacks.gov.uk

Building a home to the Code means that sustainability is designed in. By building to Code standards, we can make Britain's homes more environmentally friendly for the future.

For more information on the Code, including how to get hold of a licensed Code assessor and the Code technical guidance, please visit

www.communities.gov.uk/thecode



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