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Energy performance certificates

Report Reference: FE0812002

Site Registration: 003358-120803-50-1104

Site Name: **New Dwelling** Assessor Number: STRO003358 Company: **Fairwood Energy** Assessor: **Lloyd Jones**



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Site Details

Site Name: New Dwelling

Site Registration: 003358-120803-50-1104

Site Address: Welford Farm

Port Road Rhoose

City/Town: Barry

County: Vale of Glamorgan

Postcode: CF62 3BT

No. of Dwellings: 1
No. of Dwelling Types: 1

Planning Authority: Vale of Glamorgan Council

Funding Body:

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Dwelling ID	Plot No.	Address	Social Unit
1	1	New Dwelling at Welford Farm	No

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Development Summary & Ratings

Dwelling ID	Dwelling Type	Description	Level	Score
1	Detached House	Detached House	5	84.83

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	No deviations from standard	

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Score Sheet for New Dwelling																																				
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1	9	7	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	5	1	9	0	0	2	2	4	3	1	1	2	3	4	1	4	3	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	0	84.83	5

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Summary Score Sheet Dwelling Type: Detached House

Dwelling ID: 1

			Score As	sessment			Points	
	Credit	Credits	JUJI C AS.	Credits		Weighting		
	Score		Sub Total	Available	%	Factor	Score	
Energy & CO2 Emissions								
ENE 1 Dwelling Emission Rate	9	10	28	31	90.32	36.4	32.88	
ENE 2 Fabric Energy Efficiency	7	9						
ENE 3 Energy Display Device	2	2						
ENE 4 Drying Space	1	1						
ENE 5 Energy Labelled White Goods	2	2						
ENE 6 External Lighting	2	2						
ENE 7 Low or Zero Carbon Energy Technologies	2	2						
ENE 8 Cycle Storage	2	2						
ENE 9 Home Office	1	1						
Water								
WAT 1 Internal Water Use	5	5	6	6	100	9	9	
WAT 2 External Water Use	1	1						
Materials			`					
MAT 1 Environmental Impact of Materials	9	15	9	24	37.5	7.2	2.7	
MAT 2 Responsible Sourcing (Basic Building Elements)	0	6						
MAT 3 Responsible Sourcing (Finishing Elements)	0	3						
Surface Water Run-off								
SUR 1 Management of Surface Water Run-Off from Site	2	2	4	4	100	2.2	2.2	
SUR 2 Flood Risk	2	2	-	7	100	2.2	2.2	
Waste								
	4	4	8	8	100	6.4	6.4	
WAS 1 Household Waste Storage and Recycling Facilities			8	ŏ	100	0.4	0.4	
WAS 2 Construction Site Waste Management WAS 3 Composting	3 1	3 1						
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Pollution		_					0.4	
POL 1 Global Warming Potential of Insulants	1	1	3	4	75	2.8	2.1	
POL 2 NOx Emissions	2	3						
Health & Wellbeing								
HEA 1 Daylighting	3	3	12	12	100	14	14	
HEA 2 Sound Insulation	4	4						
HEA 3 Private Space	1	1						
HEA 4 Lifetime Homes	4	4						
Management								
MAN 1 Home User Guide	3	3	8	9	88.89	10	8.89	
MAN 2 Considerate Constructors Scheme	1	2						
MAN 3 Construction Site Impacts	2	2						
MAN 4 Security	2	2						
Ecology								
ECO 1 Ecological Value of Site	1	1	5	9	55.56	12	6.67	
ECO 2 Ecological Enhancement	1	1						
ECO 3 Protection of Ecological Features	1	1						
ECO 4 Change of Ecological Value of Site	2	4						
ECO 5 Building Footprint	0	2						
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	ACHIE	ved: 5						

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Evidence for ENE 1 (Dwelling Emission Rate) - Detached House

Improvement above Part L Building Regulations 2010. 9 credits allocated

Assumptions for ENE 1

Minimum 9 credits required to achieve compliance with Code Level 5.

At pre-assessment it is assumed that dwelling will achieve minimum 100% improvement in DER over TER. This will involve a significant commitment to achieving industry best practice insulation levels throughout building fabric together with high levels of air tightness and significant provision of on site renewables.

Evidence for ENE 2 (Fabric Energy Efficiency) - Detached House

Detached

7 credits allocated

Assumptions for ENE 2

Minimum 7 credits required to achieve compliance with Code Level 5.

At pre-assessment it is assumed that dwelling will achieve minimum 100% improvement in DER over TER. This will involve a significant commitment to achieving industry best practice insulation levels throughout building fabric together with high levels of air tightness and significant provision of on site renewables.

Evidence for ENE 3 (Energy Display Device) - Detached House

Correctly specified display device showing current primary heating fuel consumption data. Correctly specified display device showing current consumption data.

Assumptions for ENE 3

Evidence for ENE 4 (Drying Space) - Detached House

Compliant external drying space

Assumptions for ENE 4

Evidence for ENE 5 (Energy Labelled White Goods) - Detached House

A+ rated fridge & freezers or fridge/freezer

A rated washing machine and dishwasher AND B rated washer-dryers & tumbles dryers, or EU energy efficiency labelling scheme leaflet where washing machines and/or dishwashers not provided

Assumptions for ENE 5

Evidence for ENE 6 (External Lighting) - Detached House

Compliant space lighting

Compliant security lighting

Assumptions for ENE 6

Evidence for ENE 7 (Low or Zero Carbon Energy Technologies) - Detached House

Contribution of low or zero carbon technologies greater than or equal to 15%

Assumptions for ENE 7

Significant commitment to provision of on site renewables assumed to include solar PV, solar thermal and biomass where appropriate.

Evidence for ENE 8 (Cycle Storage) - Detached House

4 bedrooms or more - Storage for 4 cycles per dwelling

Assumptions for ENE 8

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Evidence for ENE 9 (Home Office) - Detached House

Compliant home office

Assumptions for ENE 9

Evidence for WAT 1 (Internal Water Use) - Detached House

Internal water use less than or equal to 80 litres per person per day

To achieve required low level of water useage, it is anticipated that rainwater and greywater harvesting will be utilised.

Assumptions for WAT 1

Evidence for WAT 2 (External Water Use) - Detached House

Compliant individual rainwater collection system

Assumptions for WAT 2

To achieve required low level of water useage, it is anticipated that rainwater and greywater harvesting will be utilised.

Evidence for MAT 1 (Environmental Impact of Materials) - Detached House

Mandatory requirements met: At least 3 elements rated A+ to D, 9 credits scored

Assumptions for MAT 1

Evidence for MAT 2 (Responsible Sourcing (Basic Building Elements)) - Detached House

Zero credits or credits not sought

Assumptions for MAT 2

Evidence for MAT 3 (Responsible Sourcing (Finishing Elements)) - Detached House

Zero credits or credits not sought

Assumptions for MAT 3

Evidence for SUR 1 (Management of Surface Water Run-Off from Site) - Detached House

Mandatory Met: Peak rate of run-off and annual volume of run-off is no greater for the developed than for the pre-development. The system has also been designed for local drainage system failure.

No discharge to watercourse(s) for rainfall depth up to 5mm.

Run-off from all hard surfaces shall receive an appropriate level of treatment (as per the SudS manual) to minimise risk of pollution.

Assumptions for SUR 1

Evidence for SUR 2 (Flood Risk) - Detached House

Low flood risk - zone 1

Assumptions for SUR 2

Evidence for WAS 1 (Household Waste Storage and Recycling Facilities) - Detached House

Mandatory requirements met: Adequate storage of household waste with accessibility in line with checklist WAS 1. Local authority collection: After collection sorting with appropriate internal storage of recyclable materials

Assumptions for WAS 1

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Evidence for WAS 2 (Construction Site Waste Management) - Detached House

Compliant site waste management plant containing benchmarks, procedures and commitments for the minimizing and diverting 80% waste from landfill in line with the criteria and with Checklist WAS 2a, 2b & 2c

Assumptions for WAS 2

Evidence for WAS 3 (Composting) - Detached House

Individual compositing facility/facilities

Assumptions for WAS 3

Evidence for POL 1 (Global Warming Potential of Insulants) - Detached House

All insulants have a GWP of less than 5

Assumptions for POL 1

Evidence for POL 2 (NOx Emissions) - Detached House

Class 5 boiler

Assumptions for POL 2

Evidence for HEA 1 (Daylighting) - Detached House

Kitchen: Average daylight factor of at least 2% Living room: Average daylight factor of at least 1.5% Dining room: Average daylight factor of at least 1.5% Home office: Average daylight factor of at least 1.5%

All rooms (kitchen, living, dining and where applicable the home office) have 80% of the working plane with direct light from the sky

Assumptions for HEA 1

Evidence for HEA 2 (Sound Insulation) - Detached House

Detached property

Assumptions for HEA 2

Evidence for HEA 3 (Private Space) - Detached House

Individual private space provided

Assumptions for HEA 3

Evidence for HEA 4 (Lifetime Homes) - Detached House

All criteria of Lifetime Homes in line with all 16 principals of Lifetime Homes

Assumptions for HEA 4

Evidence for MAN 1 (Home User Guide) - Detached House

All criteria inline with checklist MAN 1 Part 1 - Operational Issues will be met All criteria inline with checklist MAN 1 Part 2 - Site and Surroundings will be met

Assumptions for MAN 1

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Evidence for MAN 2 (Considerate Constructors Scheme) - Detached House

Considerate constructors scheme: Best practise only, a score of between 24 and 31.5 and at least a score of 3 in every section

Assumptions for MAN 2

Evidence for MAN 3 (Construction Site Impacts) - Detached House

Monitor, report and set targets for CO2 production or energy use from site activities Monitor, report and set targets for water consumption from site activities Adopt best practise policies in respects to air (dust) pollution from site activities Adopt best practise policies in respects to water (ground and surface) pollution

Assumptions for MAN 3

Evidence for MAN 4 (Security) - Detached House

Secure by design section 2 compliant

Assumptions for MAN 4

Evidence for ECO 1 (Ecological Value of Site) - Detached House

Construction zone site has been identified as low ecological value by a suitably qualified ecologist, all land outside the construction zone, but in the development site will remain undisturbed

Assumptions for ECO 1

Evidence for ECO 2 (Ecological Enhancement) - Detached House

Key recommendations and 30% additional recommendations by a suitably qualified ecologist

Assumptions for ECO 2

Evidence for ECO 3 (Protection of Ecological Features) - Detached House

Land of low ecological value as identified under ECO 1

Assumptions for ECO 3

Evidence for ECO 4 (Change of Ecological Value of Site) - Detached House

Neutral: Greater than -3 and less than or equal to +3

Assumptions for ECO 4

Evidence for ECO 5 (Building Footprint) - Detached House

Credit not sought

Assumptions for ECO 5

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Assessor Declaration

I Lloyd Jones, can confirm that I have compiled this report to the best of my ability, I have based all findings on the information that is referenced within this report, and that this report is appropriate for the registered site.

To the best of my knowledge all the information contained within this report is correct and accurate. I have within my possession all the reference material that relates to this report, which is available for inspection by the client, the clients representative or Stroma Certification for Quality Assurance monitoring.

Signed:

Lloyd Jones Fairwood Energy 03 August 2012

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Information about Code for Sustainable Homes

The Code for Sustainable Homes (the Code) is an environmental assessment method for rating and certifying the performance of new homes. It is a national standard for use in the design and construction of new homes with a view to encouraging continuous improvement in sustainable home building. The Code is based on EcoHomes©.

It was launched in December 2006 with the publication of 'Code for Sustainable Homes: A stepchange in sustainable home building practice' (Communities and Local Government, 2006), and became operational in England from April 2007.

The Code for Sustainable Homes covers nine categories of sustainable design. Each category includes a number of environmental issues. Each issue is a source of impact on the environment which can be assessed against a performance target and awarded one or more credits. Performance targets are more demanding than the minimum standards needed to satisfy Building Regulations or other legislation. They represent good or best practice, are technically feasible, and can be delivered by the building industry. The issues and categories are as follows:

- Energy & CO2 Emissions
 - Dwelling Emission Rate
 - Building Fabric
 - Internal Lighting
 - Drying Space
 - · Energy Labelled White Goods
 - External Lighting
 - Low or Zero Carbon Technologies
 - Cycle Storage
 - · Home Office
- Water
 - Internal Water Use
 - o External Water Use
- Materials
 - Environmental Impact of Materials
 - Responsible Sourcing of Materials Basic Building Elements
 - o Responsible Sourcing of Materials Finishing Elements
- Surface Water Run-off
 - o Management of Surface Water Run-off from the Development
 - Flood Risk
- Waste
 - Storage of Non-Recyclable Waste and Recyclable Household Waste
 - Construction Site Waste Management
 - Composting
- Pollution
 - Global Warming Potential of Insulants
 - NOx Emissions



- · Health & Wellbeing
 - Daylighting
 - Sound Insulation
 - Private Space
 - o Lifetime Homes
- Management
 - Home User Guide
 - Considerate Constructors Scheme
 - Construction Site Impacts
 - Security
- Ecology
 - Ecological Value of Site
 - · Ecological Enhancement
 - Protection of Ecological Features
 - Change in Ecological Value of Site
 - Building Footprint

The Code assigns one or more performance requirements (assessment criteria) to all of the above environmental issues. When each performance requirement is achieved a credit is awarded (with the exception of the four mandatory requirements which have no associated credits). The total number of credits available to a category is the sum of credits available for all the issues within it.

Mandatory minimum performance standards are set for some issues. For four of these, a single mandatory requirement is set which must be met, whatever Code level rating is sought. Credits are not awarded for these issues. Confirmation that the performance requirements are met for all four is a minimum entry requirement for achieving a level 1 rating. The four un-credited issues are:

- · Environmental Impacts of Materials
- Management of Surface Water Run-off from Developments
- Storage of Non-Recyclable Waste and Recyclable Household Waste
- Construction Site Waste Management

If the mandatory minimum performance standard is met for the four un-credited issues, four further mandatory issues need to be considered. These are agreed to be such important issues that separate Government policies are being pursued to mitigate their effects. For two of these, credits are awarded for every level of achievement recognised within the Code, and minimum mandatory standards increase with increasing rating levels.

The two issues with increasing mandatory minimum standards are:

- Dwelling Emission Rate
- Indoor Water Use

For one issue a mandatory requirement at Level 5 or 6:

· Fabric Energy Efficiency

The final issue with a mandatory requirement for Level 6 of the Code is:

Lifetime Homes

Further credits are available on a free-choice or tradable basis from other issues so that the developer may choose how to add performance credits (converted through weighting to percentage points) achieve the rating which they are aiming for.

The environmental impact categories within the Code are not of equal importance. Their relative value is conveyed by applying a consensus-based environmental weighting factor (see details below) to the sum of all the raw credit scores in a category, resulting in a score expressed as percentage points. The points for each category add up to 100.



The weighting factors used in the Code have been derived from extensive studies involving a wide range of stakeholders who were asked to rank (in order of importance) a range of environmental impacts. Stakeholders included international experts and industry representatives.

It is also important to note that achieving a high performance in one category of environmental impact can sometimes result in a lower level of performance for another. For instance, if biomass is used to meet heating demands, credits will be available for performance in respect of energy supplied from a renewable source, but credits cannot be awarded for low NOX emission. It is therefore impossible to achieve a total percentage points score of 100.

The Code uses a rating system of one to six stars. A star is awarded for each level achieved. Where an assessment has taken place by where no rating is achieved, the certificate states that zero stars have been awarded:

Code Levels	Total Points Score (Equal to or Greater Than)
Level 1 ★☆☆☆☆☆	36 Points
Level 2 ★★☆☆☆☆	48 Points
Level 3 ★★☆☆☆	57 Points
Level 4 ★★★☆☆	68 Points
Level 5 ★★★★☆	84 Points
Level 6 ★★★★★	90 Points

Formal assessment of dwellings using the Code for Sustainable Homes may only be carried out using Certified assessors, who are qualified 'competent persons' for the purpose of carrying out Code assessments.



Energy & CO2 Emissions

ENE 1:Dwelling Emission Rate

Available Credits: 10

Aim: To limit CO2 emissions arising from the operation of a dwelling and its services in line with current policy on the future direction of regulations.

ENE 2:Fabric Energy Efficiency

Available Credits:9

Aim: To improve fabric energy efficiency performance thus future-proofing reductions in CO2 for the life of the dwelling.

ENE 3:Energy Display Device

Available Credits:2

Aim: To promote the specification of equipment to display energy consumption data, thus empowering dwelling occupants to reduce energy use.

ENE 4:Drying Space **Available Credits:1**

Aim: To promote a reduced energy means of drying clothes.

ENE 5:Energy Labelled White Goods

Available Credits:2

Aim: To promote the provision or purchase of energy efficient white goods, thus reducing the CO2 emissions from appliance use in the dwelling.

ENE 6:External Lighting **Available Credits:2**

Aim: To promote the provision of energy efficient external lighting, thus reducing CO2 emissions associated with the dwelling.

ENE 7:Low or Zero Carbon Technologies

Available Credits:2

Aim: To limit CO2 emissions and running costs arising from the operation of a dwelling and its services by encouraging the specification of low and zero carbon energy sources to supply a significant proportion of energy demand.

ENE 8:Cycle Storage **Available Credits:2**

Aim: To promote the wider use of bicycles as transport by providing adequate and secure cycle storage facilities, thus reducing the need for short car journeys and the associated CO2 emissions.

ENE 9:Home Office

Available Credits:1

Aim: To promote working from home by providing occupants with the necessary space and services thus reducing the need to commute.

Water

WAT 1:Indoor Water Use

Available Credits:5

Aim: To reduce the consumption of potable water in the home from all sources, including borehole well water, through the use of water efficient fittings, appliances and water recycling systems.

WAT 2: External Water Use

Available Credits:1

Aim: To promote the recycling of rainwater and reduce the amount of mains potable water used for external water uses.

Materials

MAT 1:Environmental Impact of Materials

Available Credits: 15

Aim: To specify materials with lower environmental impacts over their life-cycle.

MAT 2: Responsible Sourcing of Materials - Basic Building Elements

Available Credits:6

Aim: To promote the specification of responsibly sourced materials for the basic building elements.

MAT 3:Responsible Sourcing of Materials - Finishing Elements

Available Credits:3

Aim: To promote the specification of responsibly sourced materials for the finishing elements.



Surface Water Run-off

SUR 1:Management of Surface Water Run-off from developments

Available Credits:2

Aim:To design surface water drainage for housing developments which avoid, reduce and delay the discharge of rainfall run-off to watercourses and public sewers using SuDS techniques. This will protect receiving waters from pollution and minimise the risk of flooding and other environmental damage in watercourses.

SUR 2:Flood Risk

Available Credits:2

Aim: To promote housing development in low flood risk areas, or to take measures to reduce the impact of flooding on houses built in areas with a medium or high risk of flooding.

Waste

WAS 1:Storage of non-recyclable waste and recyclable household waste

Available Credits:4

Aim: To promote resource efficiency via the effective and appropriate management of construction site waste.

WAS 2:Construction Site Waste Management

Available Credits:3

Aim:To promote resource efficiency via the effective and appropriate management of construction site waste.

WAS 3:Composting

Available Credits:1

Aim: To promote the provision of compost facilities to reduce the amount of household waste send to landfill.

Pollution

POL 1:Global Warming Potential of Insulants

Available Credits:1

Aim: To promote the reduction of emissions of gases with high GWP associated with the manufacture, installation, use and disposal of foamed thermal and acoustic insulating materials.

POL 2:NOx Emissions Available Credits:3

Aim: To promote the reduction of nitrogen oxide (NOX) emissions into the atmosphere.

Health & Wellbeing

HEA 1:Daylighting

Available Credits:3

Aim:To promote good daylighting and thereby improve quality of life and reduce the need for energy to light the home.

HEA 2:Sound Insulation

Available Credits:4

Aim:To promote the provision of improved sound insulation to reduce the likelihood of noise complaints from neighbours.

HEA 3:Private Space

Available Credits:1

Aim:To improve quality of life by promoting the provision of an inclusive outdoor space which is at least partially private.

HEA 4:Lifetime Homes

Available Credits:4

Aim:To encourage the construction of homes that are accessible and easily adaptable to meet the changing needs of current and future occupants.

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Management

MAN 1: Home User Guide

Available Credits:3

Aim:To promote the provision of guidance enabling occupants to understand and operate their home efficiently and make the best use of local facilities.

MAN 2: Considerate Constructors Scheme

Available Credits:3

Aim: To promote the environmentally and socially considerate, and accountable management of construction sites.

MAN 3: Construction Site Impacts

Available Credits:2

Aim: To promote construction sites managed in a manner that mitigates environmental impacts.

MAN 4: Security
Available Credits: 2

Aim: To promote the design of developments where people feel safe and secure- where crime and disorder, or the fear of crime, does not undermine quality of life or community cohesion.

Ecology

ECO 1: Ecological value of site

Available Credits:1

Aim:To promote development on land that already has a limited value to wildlife, and discourage the development of ecologically valuable sites.

ECO 2:Ecological enhancement

Available Credits:1

Aim: To enhance the ecological value of a site.

ECO 3:Protection of ecological features

Available Credits:1

Aim: To promote the protection of existing ecological features from substantial damage during the clearing of the site and the completion of construction works.

ECO 4: Change in ecological value of site

Available Credits:4

Aim: To minimise reductions and promote an improvement in ecological value.

ECO 5:Building footprint

Available Credits:2

Aim:To promote the most efficient use of a building's footprint by ensuring that land and material use is optimised across the development.



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