



Site Visit to Sustainable Homes

25th September 2007, 13.30 - 17.30

Visit to GHA member development at Bladon (Kingerlee Homes, near Oxford)



Lincoln Grove, Bladon, Kingerlee Homes

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Background

This event is one of two site visits organised in September as the third in a series of Education Events from the Good Homes Alliance. It will focus on the systems and contracting aspects required to deliver sustainable homes.

First and foremost the event will provide an opportunity to visit sustainable homes that are under construction or were recently completed. The combination of presentations and site tours will explore:

- How have alternative building systems and materials been used?
- How has this affected skills and methods of contracting on site?
- What lessons have been learned from procurement and site practice?
- What impact has this had on waste, money and building performance?

At this GHA event we'll be investigating how Kingerlee have adapted their construction processes to deliver sustainable housing. The event will also include short presentations on the use of new building systems and materials, how these can be insured and incorporated into developments, and the approaches being adopted to monitor performance.

Who should attend?

GHA members, developers and housebuilders, who are interested in seeing how the planning, procurement and design of sustainable homes affects aspects of building systems and construction on site. The event will also be of interest to those in the region with an interesting in seeing different examples of sustainable housing delivered in practice.

The information will be shared through presentations and informally. This will include the developers and their teams explaining how sustainable homes have become the core focus for their business. For this event we particularly welcome other developers who are interested in joining the Good Homes Alliance.

To book a place at this event please email Lilja:
info@goodhomes.org.uk

Free for GHA members, £117.50 (inc VAT) for non members

Programme

13.00 Transport will be provided from Oxford Railway Station

13:30 Arrival and Lunch at Kingerlee Offices, Oxford

14:00 Introductions

Neil May, Chairman of the GHA

Martin Horsler, Zurich Building Guarantee

Site Visit 1:

Lincoln Grove, Bladon, Kingerlee Homes

This site of nine 2&3 bedroom houses is a fantastic opportunity to see how Kingerlee Homes are addressing the challenge of building to high standards of sustainability (EcoHomes Excellent) in a beautiful village setting.

14.20 Presentation: About the Development

Kingerlee Homes representative

Kingerlee Homes will set out key factors in realising sustainable performance for the homes on this site, including discussion of the lessons learned for future Kingerlee projects and efforts being made to adopt post-construction monitoring.

14.45 Building systems and materials

Natural Building Technologies (NBT) representative

NBT will discuss particular elements and materials used on-site and on other Kingerlee developments, including the use of the German Ziegel blocks, and how they contribute to the environmental performance of the homes.

14.45 Site Visit/ Tour

Hosted by Kingerlee Homes

The visit will include a tour of the site and an opportunity to see inside some of the homes, most of which are nearing completion. Some of the homes are still under construction, so it will also be possible to see some of the materials and systems used. Materials have been carefully sourced, A-rated energy and water saving appliances are included, U-values are high, and solar panels are standard with every home.

16.00 Return to Kingerlee Offices

Presentations and refreshments

16.40 New Sustainable Technologies

Martin Horsler, Zurich Building Guarantee

Martin will outline some of the new sustainable technologies used on this and other sites and will explain how Zurich helps to support steps towards greater sustainability on new homes.

17.00 Final discussions & Close

Neil May, Chairman of the GHA and Director of NBT

17.30 Transport provided back to Oxford Railway Station

Other forthcoming GHA Events in 2007

19th Sept 2007 Site Visit 2 – Langport and Weymouth

TBC Nov 2007 Sustainable Communities – Procurement and Planning Requirements