



## GHA AGM and Winterval event: "Zero Carbon: How low do we go?"

27<sup>th</sup> November 2008,  
15.30 – 20.45

@ The London Metropolitan University, Room TH2 - 08,  
100, Minories, Tower Hill, London EC3N 1JY



*One Brighton, BioRegional Quintain*



### Background

The Good Homes Alliance's second Christmas Party!  
We hope that you can join us for delicious food, drinks, debate  
and voting:

- Zero Carbon definitions
- Is the zero carbon target the best way forward?
- Can the industry deliver in practice?

This event is free for GHA members and £100 plus VAT  
(£117.50) for non members

To book a place at this event please email Lilja:

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### Programme

- 15.30 Arrival and refreshments
- 16:00 Welcome and Introductions  
*GHA Chairman*
- 16:10 Debate
- 18.30 GHA AGM
- 18.35 Food, wine, beer, and merriment

*Jointly hosted with the Zero Carbon Hub*



## Details

We will be hosting a lively debate with a panel of experts, discussing the pressing topics of the moment. Two panellists will have 5 minutes each to propose their solutions. We will then seek views/ additions from the other panel members and take comments from the floor and then take an informal vote on the favoured solutions.

We intend to debate around the following 4 themes and then take 2/3 further questions from our guests.

### 1) Zero carbon definitions

The zero carbon definitions are to go out to public consultation later in 2008, and it is likely that a more practical definition will be adopted. Which parts of the definitions work and how will they be implemented?

### 2) How low do we go and by when?

Is the current zero carbon target the best way forward? Should we be aiming to achieve low carbon rather than zero carbon targets with newbuild, then put remaining emphasis on existing stock and on other aspects of sustainability performance?

With all new developments requiring CSH certification in 2010, and Building Regulations reviews in 2010, 2013 and 2016, do we have enough resources to deliver to this rate of change and what do we need to do when? Is there time to gather feedback in order to move forward to the next level? Do we have an effective monitoring and regulatory strategy to ensure real CO<sub>2</sub> savings from residents?

### 3) Policy implementation: practical experience

Is the current framework able to deliver the change we require? What's working and what might be improved? Are there examples of zero carbon developments and could these be made mainstream? Can industry deliver low or zero carbon in practice?

### 4) Costs

A roundup of the latest cost, value and market information. We will then discuss the most effective no-cost and low-cost options for delivery of low carbon homes. What are the most effective carbon savings in the build process? Is the current framework delivering these low cost options? Will the consumer pay for sustainability?

### Questions 5/6 from the floor.

If you have a burning question to debate please drop us a line at the GHA with "Winterval question" in the title and we will put all your suggestions in the hat and draw them out on the night.

Our panel consists of:

Chair: **Neil May**, Chair of the GHA and Director, NBT  
**Pooran Desai**, OBE, Sustainability Director, BioRegional Quintain Ltd  
**David Adams**, Zero Carbon Hub  
**Isabel McAllister/ Adam Mctavish**, Cyril Sweett  
**Mark Davis**, Policy Advisor, Climate Change & Sustainable Development DCLG  
**John Piggott**, Arup  
**Neil Smith**, Group Research and Innovation Manager, NHBC  
**Dave Mitchell**, Technical Director, HBF (tbc)

### Forthcoming GHA Events in 2009

3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup> / 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2009	Debate: Ecobuild 2009
3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup> / 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2009	GHA Conference: Ecobuild 2009
3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup> / 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2009	Exhibition stand @ Ecobuild 2009