



GHA Code (2006)

The 2006 criteria for the Good Homes Alliance Code are:

- Eco Homes Excellent
- A reduction in carbon emissions in the use of new buildings by at least 70% from the average use in UK building stock according to building type in 2003.
- 2 year post construction monitoring
- Adherence to the Good Homes Alliance Charter

For Developer Members of the GHA, over 50% of all homes built must meet the GHA Code standard and all homes must achieve a minimum of the Eco Homes “Very Good” standard.

This code is to be seen as *part of a process* and will be revised every 2 years to further improve the overall environmental and social impact of GHA homes. The logic and detail are as follows:

Overall the code encompasses:

- An overarching framework for our aims including ethical and social as well as environmental aims (the Charter),
- a well known and existing paper standard (Eco Homes) which is already in use
- a statement about our determination to reduce environmental impact *in reality* not just on paper (the 70% reduction),
- a way of showing commitment and of learning more generally from our developments so that experience can be fed back into design, practice and the future development of the code (2 year post construction monitoring)
- a realistic lead-in time and compliance target for developer members (initial target of 50% of all units, with a 2 yearly revision of code)

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