

## Sustainability

Building Design and construction has a major impact on the physical environment. We aim for high standards of environmental awareness within the practice sustained by an ongoing CPD (Continuing Professional Development) programme and to promote sustainable design wherever possible.

Increasingly standards of environmental design are being driven by regulatory frameworks. Responding to these pressures requires a holistic approach - sustainable design can only be achieved by a collective effort from the whole of the design team and we aim to be pro-active in driving this effort.

We are currently involved in delivering projects to levels 4/5 of the Code for Sustainable Homes, involving increased thermal performance and air-tightness of the building fabric as well as the use of biomass-fuelled district heating systems and Modern Methods of Construction.

Sustainability also applies to the lifetime of buildings and their ability to respond to the changing needs of their users over time. We believe that buildings should be designed for a long life and wherever possible we build in future flexibility, including design to 'Lifetime Homes' standards.







