

Building Regulations Part L 2013 Consultation

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Part L consultation proposals

Aims

- Take a meaningful step towards zero carbon, whilst respecting deregulatory commitments
- Recognise the opportunity of the introduction of the Green Deal to drive retrofit agenda

Process

- Part of the wider Building Regulations review package
- Proposals draw heavily on input from industry working groups, the Hub and BRAC over summer 2011. Contributions have been (and will continue to be) vital to the process
- 12 week consultation on most elements, but accelerated timetable (8 weeks) for elements which link to DECC's Green Deal timetable

Part L consultation proposals

New homes:

- Two options for 2013 **improvement in CO₂ performance standards** – broadly equivalent to introducing FEES, and more ambitious ‘halfway’ to 2016 Hub targets
- Introduce an **‘absolute’ regulatory energy demand target** – either at
 - full 39/46kWh/m²/year FEES levels, or
 - less demanding interim levels of 43/52kWh/m²/year – to provide some flexibility for sites where full FEES is hard to meet. Designers could still build to full FEES levels where economic.
- **Compliance and Performance:** Proposals to use quality assurance processes to help ensure as-designed performance of new homes is delivered on completion

New non-domestic buildings

- Two options for aggregate **improvements in CO₂ standards** – 11% and 20%.

Existing buildings

- **‘Consequential improvements’** to drive retrofit of existing stock
- Phased introduction – start with domestic extensions from Oct 12

Consultation closes for responses on consequential improvements on
Tuesday 27 March 2012

Consultation closes for all other responses (incl all new-homes-related proposals) on
Friday 27 April 2012

Find the consultation proposals, impact assessment, technical guidance and response forms at:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/buildingregulations/buildingregulationschanges/>