

# HBF Policy Conference 2008

## Zero Carbon – where are we ?

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Building A Greener Future:  
Towards Zero Carbon Development



Consultation

TOMORROW'S CLIMATE  
*Today's Challenge*

December 2006

## Building A Greener Future Towards Zero Carbon Development

- Dec 2006 – consultation doc:
- July 2007 – policy statement
- Set timetable for zero carbon
- 2010 - 2013 - 2016

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## Set timetable for zero carbon

2010 - Code Level 3 - 25%

2013 - Code Level 4 - 44%

2016 - Code Level 6 - Zero Carbon

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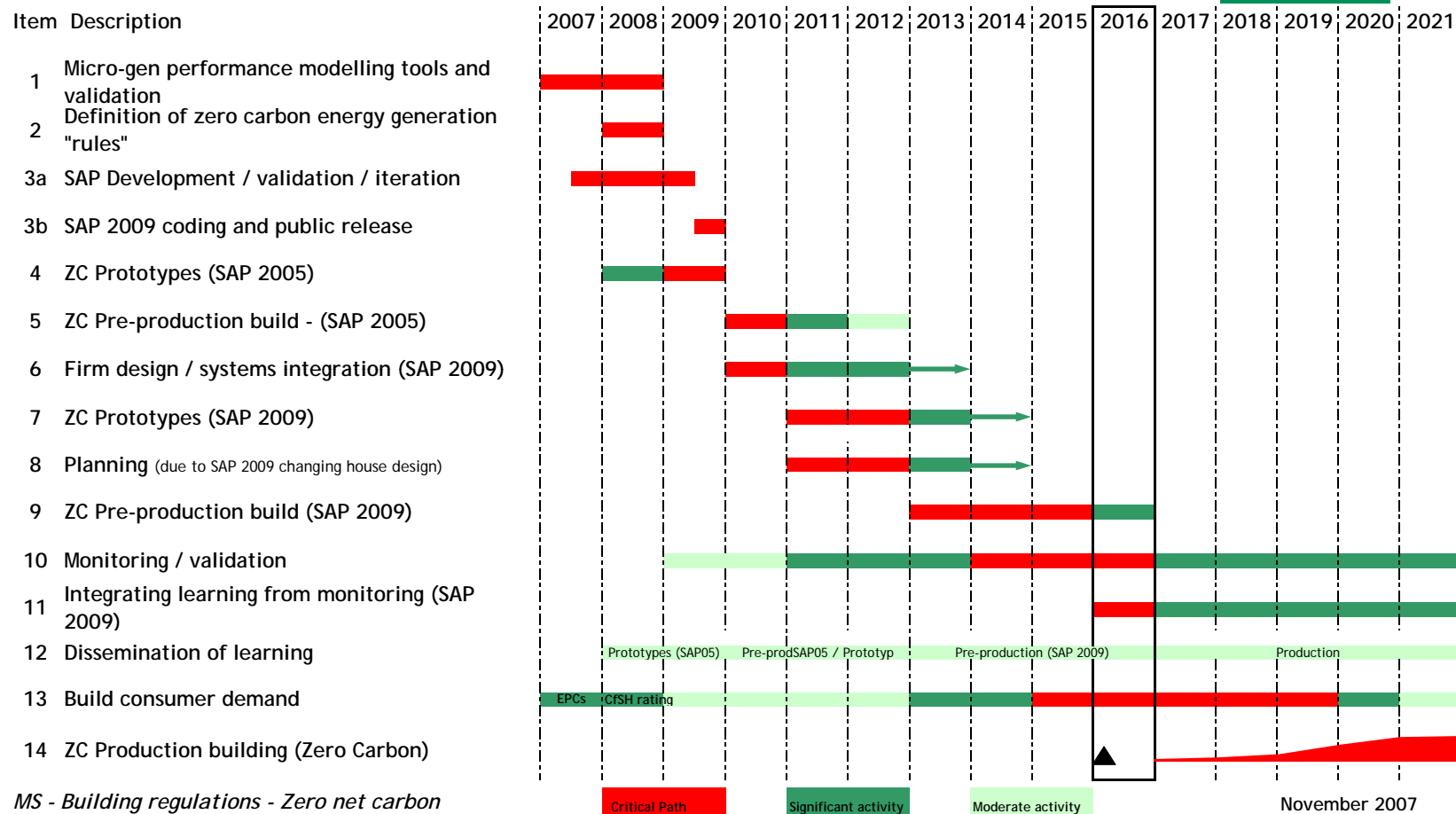


- Code for Sustainable Homes – Dec 2006
  - 2016 Task Force – Jan 2007
  - The Callcutt Review – Nov 2007
  - 2010/2013 Part L changes – 2008
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- Carbon Challenge
  - English Partnerships
  - Planning Conditions

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Figure 25: Critical path to delivery of zero carbon homes



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## SAP methodology

- Required now
- Needs to develop
- Needs to be flexible

## Zero Carbon definition

- Exact definition required now
- Role of on plot/development renewables
- Role of local/remote renewables
- Industry needs clear understanding of what is required

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# Zero Carbon – where are we

- Where do we find the answers ?
- Everyone's 'An Expert !!!'
- Groups looking at how to help us
- Futures Group
- Kingspan Group
- BEAMA

# Futures Group and Kingspan Group

- Improving the thermal efficiency of the structure
- Reduce thermal bridging
- Reduce air permeability of the dwelling as far as is practical
- Can we achieve a 25%/44% improvement on the 2006 Part L without renewables ?
- Look at the most cost effective way of reaching these targets
- Move on to Zero Carbon

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# District Heating

- Average development size
- Economics/viability
- Ongoing maintenance

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# On plot renewable technologies

- Ground source heat pumps
- Air source heat pumps
- Solar hot water collectors
- Photovoltaic cells
- Micro combined heat and power
- Micro wind turbines

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# Consumers

- Will Zero Carbon houses look different ?
- How will the consumer view this
- Does the consumer want to be responsible for the upkeep/maintenance of on plot renewables
- Will it end up as 'Eco Bling'

# Conclusions

- Need new SAP methodology & Zero Carbon definition
- House builders are researching and trialling homes at levels 3, 4 & 6 of the code
- We are reaching the stage where we need to be looking at building these in volume
- Carbon Challenge & English Partnerships will help this
- We are making progress

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Thank you

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