



ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CARBON REDUCTION POLICY 2015

Foreword

Northampton Partnership Homes (NPH) recognises the significant role that we can play in reducing carbon emissions and making building energy efficient.

As a major employer and service provider in Northampton, NPH has a responsibility to demonstrate best practice to our employees, tenants and business partners.

The purpose of this policy is to improve the energy performance of the existing housing stock and implement the procedures to monitor, record and publish NPH carbon emissions data from NPH own estate and operations.

Implementation of this policy will require NPH staff, members and our contractors, to think differently about how we operate and how we deliver the services.

NPH Energy Efficiency and Carbon Reduction Hierarchy

NPH is committed to continuous improvement in the efficient use of energy in order to reduce both energy costs and carbon emissions, to protect the natural environment.

NPH Offices

NPH approach to carbon management is to:

- ✓ Monitor and record energy use/carbon emissions.
- ✓ Reduce our energy consumption as far as possible through low cost/no cost measures, and optimise use of existing equipment.
- ✓ Ensure that we purchase energy through best value contracts.

Existing Housing Stock

NPH approach is to make our existing stock more energy efficient and invest in the renewable technologies:

- ✓ We will focus energy efficiency investment on those aspects where we can achieve the greatest energy and cost savings.
- ✓ We will identify opportunities and invest in the renewable technologies, such as solar PV where feasible and cost-effective.

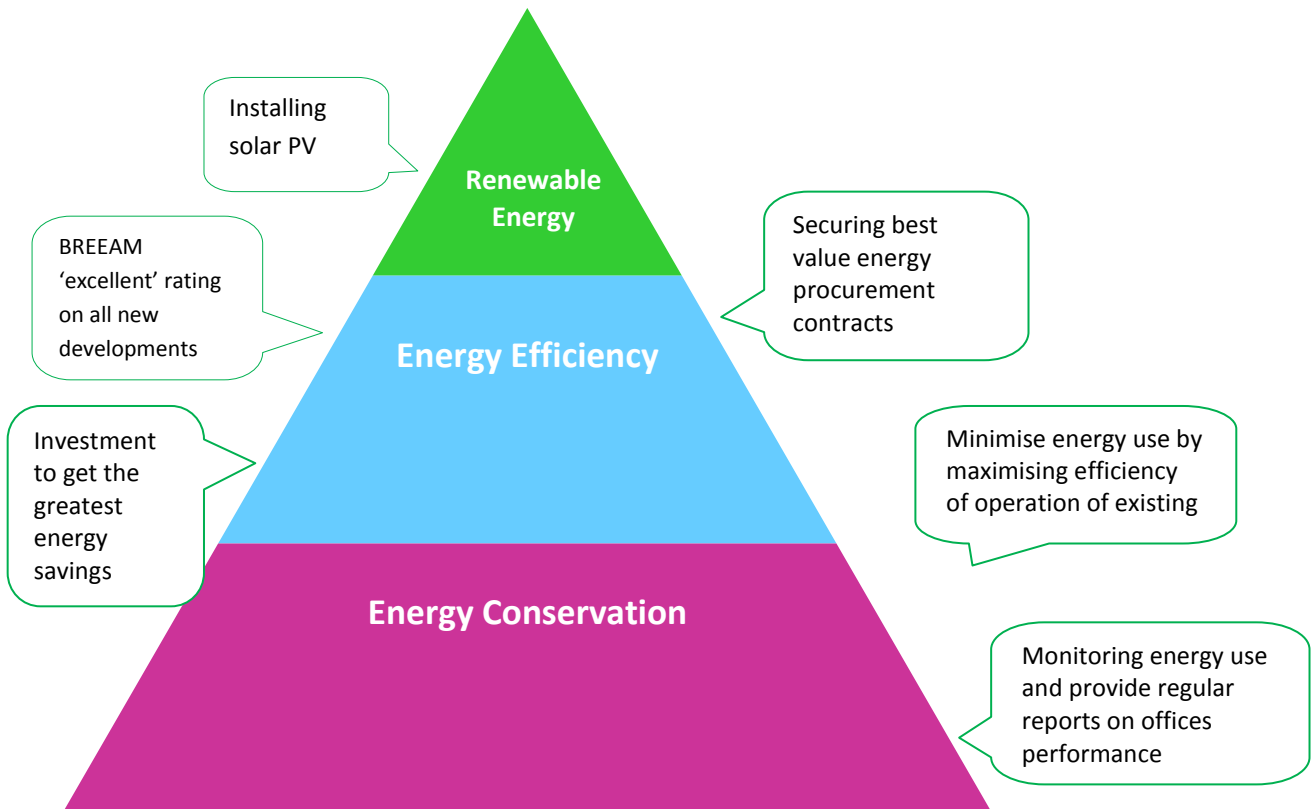
New development opportunities

NPH approach is to achieve a BREEAM 'excellent' rating (eq. Code Level 4)* on all new developments.

*The Code for Sustainable Homes has now been withdrawn

Housing Stock

NPH Offices



Our Commitment

NPH will:

- ✓ Monitor energy use and provide regular reports on NPH offices performance.
- ✓ Prioritise investment to get the greatest energy savings.
- ✓ Incorporate energy efficiency improvements into building refurbishment and responsive and planned maintenance works.
- ✓ Install small scale energy technologies, such as solar PV where feasibly and cost effective.
- ✓ Seek to secure any additional funding to support invest to save future projects.

NPH Board and Committee Members will:

- ✓ Ensure their decisions promote and maximise opportunities to improve energy efficiency.
- ✓ Demonstrate leadership in reducing energy and carbon emissions in their activities and actions.

NPH employees will:

- ✓ Ensure to conduct actions that contribute towards NPH low-carbon ambitions.

NPH contractors will:

- ✓ Work with us to identify carbon and energy savings.

Reporting

NPH will progress this work through a carbon reduction plan, which will be part of the Environmental Sustainability Action Plan developed by the Environmental Sustainability Working Group.

A quarterly review of the progress will be carried out by the Environmental Sustainability Coordinator.

The key actions for 2015/2016 are follows:

Existing Housing Stock

- ✓ To install solar PV on existing housing stock where technically feasible.
- ✓ To develop planned energy efficiency improvement programmes using the data provided by Savills, e.g. insulation improvements to homes.

NPH offices

- ✓ To review energy contract when they come up for renewal and to secure best value contract.
- ✓ To calculate the carbon emissions figures from NPH premises and to set specific target for reduction in carbon emissions.

Review

The Energy Efficiency and Carbon Reduction Policy will be reviewed every three years.