



sustainable construction consultancy



Providing advice to developers, architects, builders and contractors, local authorities, housing associations, clients, surveyors and others on policy, design and construction.

We advise on all sizes of developments, ranging from individual buildings to sustainable neighbourhoods and urban extensions.

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Our consultancy services

Strategy and Policy

- Sustainable construction planning policy
- Sustainable construction evidence base
- Corporate sustainable construction policy and targets
- Setting up and running community property trusts

Design and Construction

- Advice on specific buildings and developments for clients, local authorities, construction industry, developers and others
- Code for Sustainable Homes and EcoHomes assessment
- Advice on meeting the Code and EcoHomes, including least cost design guidance
- Advice on sustainable construction costs, including the Code and EcoHomes costs
- Design reviews and strategy
- Planning application assessment and pre-planning advice
- Advice on sustainable construction materials and technologies, including cost, effectiveness and sourcing
- Waste Management Plans

Training and Development

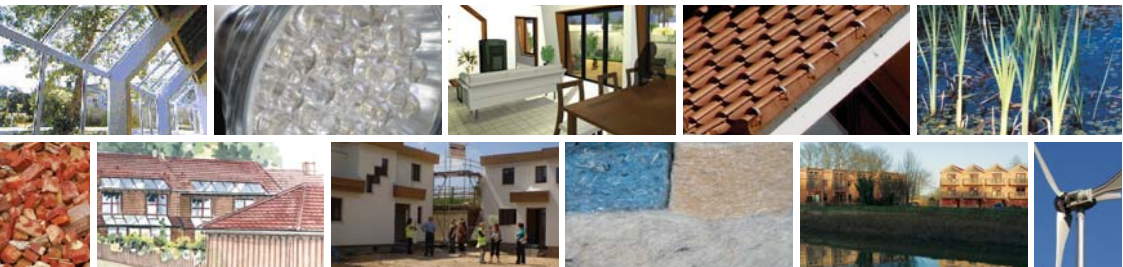
- Training on all aspects of sustainable design, construction and policy
- Continuing Professional Development training provided
- Site based training available

About Ecos

Ecos has been at the leading edge of sustainable construction since we started in 2000. We provide advice based on our real life experience in regeneration and new developments done to high sustainable standards. Our developments have won a number of awards including CABE's Building for Life Gold Award and *The Daily Telegraph* What House Gold Award.

Ecos has a proven track record in:

- Innovation in sustainable design
- The use of renewable energy technologies and sustainable materials
- Working within an historic context and refurbishment of listed buildings
- Working with community organisations and development trusts



Sustainable building is now a major issue for every part of the construction industry

- Building Regulations are continuing to change to meet ever more stringent energy efficiency and low-carbon standards
- Planning policy now requires sustainable construction to be considered in new developments
- Local councils, housing associations, education authorities and many other clients require green design to be an integral part of their buildings

Building occupants are increasingly realising the benefits of greener buildings. A desire to reduce their own environmental impact combined with the financial benefits of lower running costs mean that people are seeking greener design and construction in both new and refurbished property.

The consultancy we offer is based on practical experience within the sustainable construction field. We advise the construction industry and related professions, local authorities, housing associations, clients and others on sustainable design, construction and policy. We also undertake developments through our subsidiary Ecos Homes which provide examples of best practice in sustainable design and construction.

We can advise on a wide range of sustainable construction issues including:

- Low and zero-carbon buildings
- Meeting the Code for Sustainable Homes
- Sustainable building costs
- Waste management and minimisation
- Renewable energy technologies
- Meeting policy requirements
- Maximising energy and water efficiency
- Rainwater harvesting
- Green roofs
- Using and sourcing sustainable and reclaimed materials
- Sustainable timber
- Orientation and passive solar design
- Timber-frame construction
- Natural insulation products
- Ecological landscaping



Consultants



Charles Couzens (BA MA Environmental Management) is Executive Director of Ecos and a specialist in sustainable development. He is also a director of Ecos Homes, Wessex Reinvestment Society and Regen SW. Formerly an environmental manager in the public and third sector and an advisor to local authorities and regional development agencies on sustainable regeneration initiatives for urban and rural development.



Gareth Walton is Director of the Devon Sustainable Building Initiative (DSBI) and has extensive knowledge of national, regional and local sustainable construction policies. He has provided advice to a number of local planning authorities: reviewing developers' sustainability strategies, helping develop sustainable construction policies, embedding sustainable construction into design guides, acting as an expert advisor during discussions with developers and developing a sustainable construction evidence base. Other recent work includes a sustainable construction skills needs analysis and an assessment of the demand for onsite renewable energy in Devon over the next 20 years. Gareth also organises highly successful seminars, training events and conferences on various sustainable construction topics.



Tom Heel is the Project Manager for Ecos Homes and is experienced in the practical implementation of sustainable construction projects. He is responsible for ensuring compliance with high levels of the Code for Sustainable Homes, incorporation of sustainable materials and technologies and managing their cost and programme implications. He manages the continued development of Ecos' sustainable supply chain and the introduction of contractors to new materials and techniques. Before joining Ecos Homes, Tom worked as a private developer in mainstream building contracting and commercial property, with a specific interest in sustainable construction.



Julian Brooks (BSc Hons Environmental Studies) is a Director of Brooks Devlin, Environmental Design Consultants. Julian is one of the most experienced consultants in this field. He has provided sustainable construction advice to major developers and housebuilders as well as a number of local authorities. He has been appointed to the UK Green Building Council's Zero Carbon Task Force and advises the Energy Saving Trust on the market for sustainable homes. He is a Code for Sustainable Homes assessor and a renewable energy advisor.

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- Blackdown Hills AONB
- Bridport Property Trust
- Countryside Commission
- Dartmoor National Park Authority
- Development Trusts Association
- Devon County Council
- East Devon District Council
- Energy Saving Trust (EST)
- Learning and Skills Council (LSC)
- Little Keyford Developments
- Moose Roper Developments
- North Somerset Council
- Raglan Housing Association
- Renewable Energy 4 Devon (RE4D)
- Somerset College for Arts and Technology
- South Hams District Council
- South Somerset Homes
- South West Climate Change Impact Partnership (SWCCIP)
- Surrey County Council
- SW Co-op Housing Society
- Town and Country Planning Association (TCPA)

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