# Viability, Passivhaus and Cost

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#### Overview

Hamson Barron Smith

**Examples of Viability** 

Housing and Planning Act 2016

London Plan

Sales and costs





#### Hamson Barron Smith

Hamson Barron Smith is an integrated design and building consultancy founded on the principles of quality, innovation, respect and trust.

We operate from a national network of key strategic geographic hubs: London, Brighton, Exeter, Haywards Heath, Norwich and Wakefield.

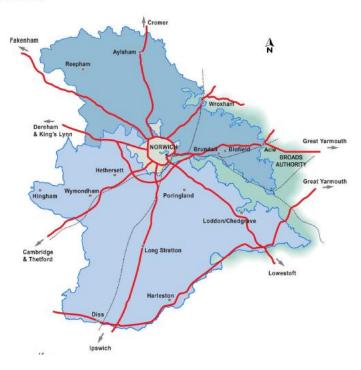
The core services we provide are architecture, surveying, building services engineering, engineering and strategic development & consultancy.



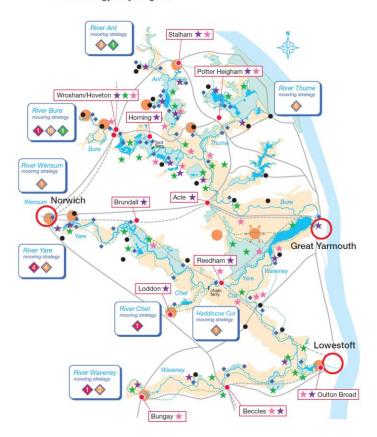


### Review of Local Plans

Figure 1 The GNLP area



#### Core Strategy: Key Diagram







### Herefordshire Council

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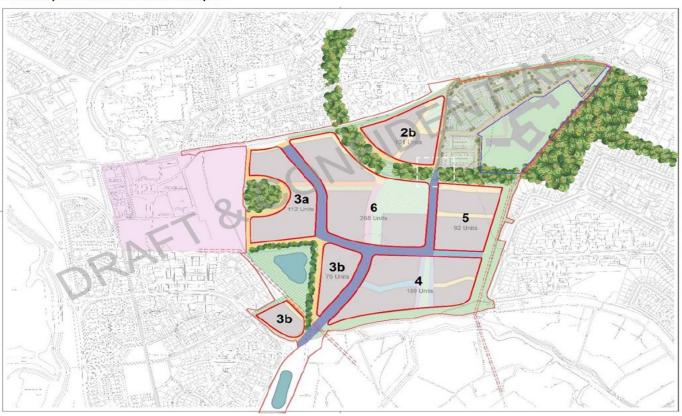






# Norwich City Council

#### **Bowthorpe Threescore Phase 3 Report**







# Which Housing?







# Housing and Planning Act 2016



- Change affordable definition to include Starter Homes at 80% of OMV
- Encourages councils to sell off high value assets - £450,000 in London and £250,000 in the rest of the UK
- Right to buy extended to RSLs
- Further changes to come?





# End of zero carbon, but not in London from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016

'Zero carbon' homes are homes forming part of major development applications where the residential element of the application achieves at least a

35% reduction in regulated carbon dioxide emissions (beyond Part L 2013) on-site.

The remaining regulated carbon dioxide emissions, to 100%, are

to be off-set through a cash in lieu contribution to the relevant borough to be ring fenced to secure delivery of carbon dioxide savings elsewhere (in line with policy 5.2E).





# End of zero carbon, but not in London 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016

The technical implementation of this policy should be in line with this guidance document. The

Mayor's Housing Standard's Viability Assessment assumed a Carbon off-set

price of £60 per tonne of carbon dioxide for a period of 30 years.

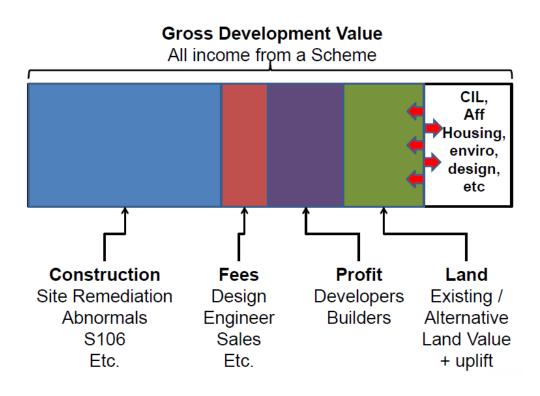
Where the borough applies a carbon dioxide off-set price of £60 per tonne, it is not considered necessary for boroughs to carry out a further viability assessment of the policy approach. High level

calculations suggest approximately up to £2,000 per dwelling.





## Assumptions: Harman Guidance



- Design fees: 10%
- Contingency: 5%
- Preliminaries, OHP: 20%
- S106 varies
- Developer profit: 20%
- Sales costs 2%-3%
- SUDs
- No abnormals





#### Sales Revenue

Unit Type	%	#	P/U	it Price	m2 GIFA	Si	es Value	Social Rents	Starter Homes	%age afforda le		able: social rents % of GDV		ble: Starter Homes % of GDV
udio flats A3	0%	0	£	100,000	39	£		0	0	#DIV/0!	£	50%	£	80%
ped 2 person flat - (50sqm) A1	0%	0	£	125,000	50	£		0	0	#DIV/0!	£		£	
ped 4 person flat - (61sqm) B1, B2	10%	9	£	155,000	61	£	1,395,000	0	0	0%	£		£	
ped 3 person house - (terraced 70sqm) C1, D1, D2	29%	27	£	170,000	70	£	4,590,000	0	0	0%	£	-	£	
ped 3 person house - (semi detached 70sqm) C1, I, D2	7%	6	£	200,000	70	£	1,200,000	0	0	0%	£	-	£	-
ped 3 person house - (detached 70sqm) C1, D1, D2	0%	0		ı/a	70									
ped 4 person house - (79sqm) J1	0%	0	£	190,000	79	£		0	0	#DIV/0!	£	-	£	
oed 4 person house - (2 storey 84sqm) E1	0%	0	£	200,000	84	£		0	0	#DIV/0!	£		£	-
ped 5 person house - (3 storey terraced 99sqm) F1, F	18%	17	£	230,000	99	£	3,910,000	0	0	0%	£		£	
ped 5 person house - (3 storey semi detached sqm) F1, F2, J2	7%	6	£	240,000	99	£	1,440,000	0	0	0%	£	-	£	-
ped 5 person house - (3 storey detached 99sqm) , F2, J2	2%	2	£	260,000	99	£	520,000	0	0	0%	£	-	£	-
oed 6 person house - (3 storey terraced 112sqm) I, G2	8%	7	£	250,000	112	£	1,750,000	0	0	0%	£	-	£	
oed 6 person house - (3 storey semi detached 2sqm) G1, G2	17%	16	£	275,000	112	£	4,400,000	0	0	0%	£		£	
oed 6 person house - (3 storey detached 112sqm) I, G2	2%	2	£	290,000	112	£	580,000	0	0	0%	£	-	£	-
ped 7/8 person house - (3 storey 121sqm) H1, H2	0%	0	£	255,000	121	£		0	0	#DIV/0!	£	-	£	
oed 7 person house - (three storey125sqm) I1, I3	0%	0	£	265,000	125	£		0	0	#DIV/0!	£	-	£	-

GDV:

No uplift for Passivhaus

2 bed 3 person house - (70sqm) £170,000-£200,000

3 bed 4 person house - (2 storey 84sqm) £200,000

3 bed 5 person house - (3 storey terraced 99sqm) £230,000-£240,000

4 bed 6 person house - (3 storey semi detached 112sqm) £275,000

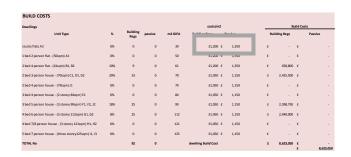
Social rents is 50% OMV Starter Homes is 80% OMV Affordable % based on local authority policy







#### **Build costs**



10%-20% uplift in cost for Passivhaus



Standard % for fees, contingency, OHP, preliminaries



Site specifics







# Assumptions

Assumptions	Maximum affordable	Mixed affordable and Passivhaus	Maximum Commercial
affordable	33%	30%	20%
social	80%	50%	0%
starter homes	20%	50%	100%
Passivhaus	0%	50%	0%





# Assumptions

#### **Surplus**

Maximum Mixed affordable affordable and Passivhaus

5.78%

16.28%

Maximum commercial

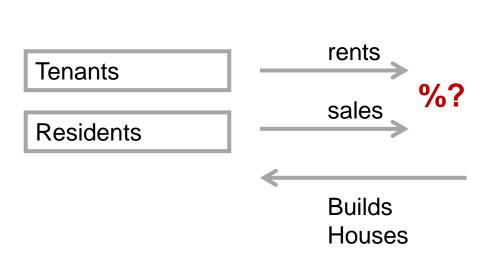
18.75%

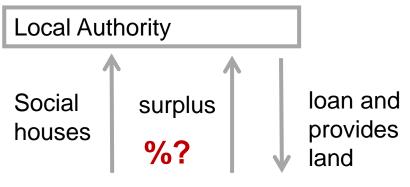
10% uplift in Passivhaus GDV





# Delivery Vehicle





Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) a 100% council owned subsidiary





# Summary

- Passivhaus adds cost –10%-20% or more in viability subject to client aspirations
  - Cost of zero carbon for London Plan is £2000 per dwelling or 1%-2% premium
- No uplift in GDV for Passivhaus sales yet (!)
  - However, if there is a 10% premium for Passivhaus sales it has a significant impact on viability
- To achieve 20% surplus on a 100 dwelling development with 50% Passivhaus and 30% affordable (50% social and 50% starter homes) will require 3 bed terrace selling for £300,000
- For councils, there are options on company structure and financing





#### General Exclusions

- The costs included are high level costs and have been completed without the benefit of detailed intrusive site investigations and surveys and without the benefit of the design team.
- Flood Risk Assessment and recommendations therein
- Abnormal ground conditions including remediation
- Removal of asbestos
- Loose FF&E and ICT installations
- Client finance costs and insurances
- Local Authority charges, road closures, etc.
- Diversion / upgrade of services outside the site
- Capital allowances or other incentives/grants
- Underpinning to any existing owned or neighbouring structures
- Value Added Tax
- Phasing of construction
- Stamp Duty







# Cost Value the business case for Passivhaus

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#### **Hastoe Housing**



- Innovation
- Rural specialist
- Environmental sustainability
- Quality new homes & services











#### Hastoe overview



- 50 years old
- 7,500 homes
- Working in more than 200 villages and 70 local authorities
- Subsidiaries:
  - Hastoe Wyvern
  - Sustainable Homes









## Why Passivhaus

- Low (ish) technology Contractors risk
- Innovative, but tested
- European experience
- Benefits to residents
- Cost more to Build values now starting to reflect this.







#### Over 100 Passivhaus homes built

Hastoe – Rent arrears

Open Market sales

Customer satisfaction

RICS valuers









# Quality

❖ Defects

Maintenance

Getting the right contractors







