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# Gresham House

Specialist asset management

## Shared Ownership Environmental Charter

### Energy performance

All newly built dwellings or dwellings developed by Gresham House will have a minimum EPC rating of B or above. As a comparison, the minimum EPC for rented domestic and non-domestic properties in England and Wales is an E rating.

Hence, this requirement for Gresham House's properties goes beyond current requirements and protects against future changes as it is expected that the minimum EPC will be increased to C in 2028.<sup>1</sup>

For existing homes, we will work with shared owners to help them upgrade their home to a minimum EPC rating of D by 2022, and of C by 2028, with provision of advice, proven products, and finance.

### Energy efficiency

Gresham House will invest in high-quality new build properties which must meet the latest environmental requirements, leading to energy efficiency and reducing carbon intensity.

Homes with high-quality insulation and heating systems will benefit the shared owner (lower energy costs) and the environment (lower emissions).

### Net zero carbon goal

Gresham House is committed to the delivery of sustainability and carbon reduction targets. We aim to increase the proportion of homes we deliver annually that meet the Future Homes Standard, which is expected to be implemented by the government for all new homes by 2025.

1. Only 34% of all homes meet the requirements for energy efficiency bands A to C - English Housing Survey, 2018.

Our goal is to begin to deliver operational net zero carbon homes by 2023. Measures will include 'fabric first', air source heat pumps, hydrogen grid ready boilers, heat and humidity recovery, and heat networks.

We will work with industry partners to achieve net-zero carbon (including embedded carbon) for all new homes by 2050.

### Energy use

Where possible, energy purchased for shared owners within apartment buildings will be sourced from renewables.

Shared owners will be encouraged to use renewable energy providers via engagement with energy service companies committed to renewables.

In larger apartment buildings or wider estates, we will work with developers and providers to explore the feasibility of community heating systems or low carbon heating solutions as an alternative to individual gas boilers.

### Water

Properties will be designed to moderate water usage.

### Flooding

We do not develop new homes in flood areas with medium or high risk as recorded by the Environment Agency unless mitigated in conjunction with the Local Planning Authority.

### Countryside

We aim to minimise the impact of development on our countryside by developing at least 60% of our new homes on brownfield sites.