



# Your energy performance certificate

Energy efficiency information for your new home.





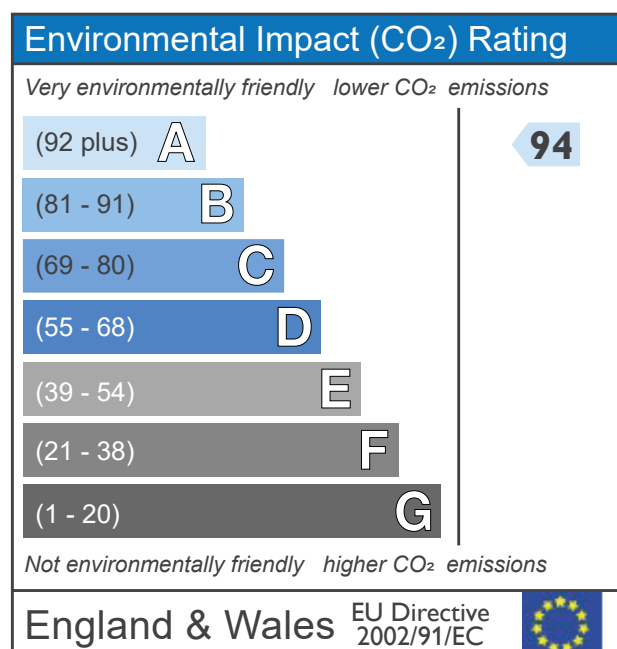
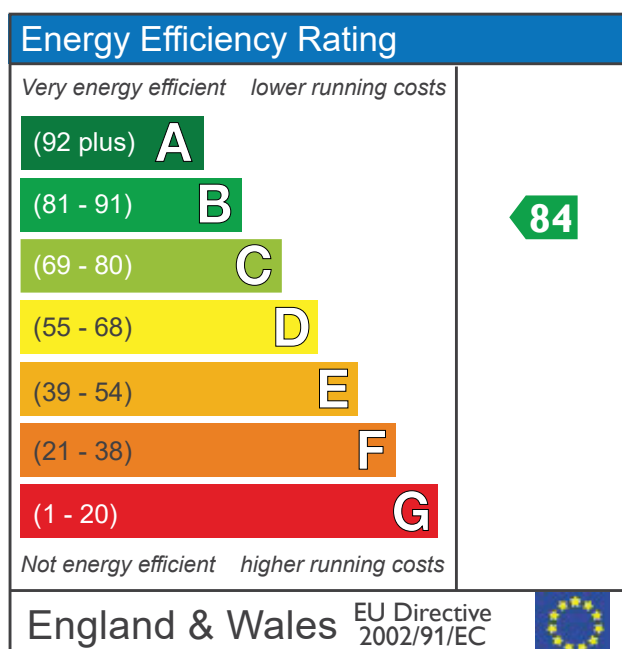
## Energy performance certificates

Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) have been introduced by the Government, as part of the Energy Performance of Buildings Regulations 2007.

Saxon Weald is required to provide all new and prospective residents with an EPC for the home that they are going to move in to. This leaflet provides guidance on the information provided in the EPC for your new home.

### What is an EPC?

There are two main parts to an EPC. These are the energy efficiency rating, which relates to running costs of a property and the environmental impact rating, which provides information on the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of a property.



Each rating is shown on an A – G scale, similar to those used for fridges and other electrical appliances. These ratings are accompanied by a recommendation report that suggests ways to improve the property's energy efficiency. The complete document must be provided to the person viewing or moving in to the property.

The energy efficiency and environmental impact ratings also give an indication of the possible ratings which could be obtained if all the recommendations were carried out.

The EPC also includes 'further measures'. These are steps which can be taken to make the property more energy efficient. However, these are likely to be costly and are unlikely to make any short term savings.

### Estimated running costs

Estimated costs are based on statistical data and are not tailored to specific occupants. They take into account costs for heating, lighting and hot water but not appliances. The estimates are also based on average fuel prices at the time the EPC was issued, and do not take into account any

higher prices for prepayment meters.

It is important to note that estimated running costs give an indication only, and Saxon Weald cannot accept liability for any differences between estimated and actual running costs.

## Implementing the recommendations

Saxon Weald is not obligated to implement any recommendations, however the information will be used to help develop future programmes of work. To ensure that work can be planned and to achieve value for money, improvements will not normally be carried out on an ad-hoc basis.

Some recommendations, such as turning down a thermostat or buying low-energy light bulbs, are intended to be carried out by those living at the property.



### Frequently asked questions:

#### **Q. How long is an EPC valid for?**

**A.** An EPC is valid for 10 years from the date of issue. As long as we have a valid EPC for a property, we will use the existing one when a new resident moves in. For this reason, running costs may be different to those shown on the document.

#### **Q. Is there any charge?**

**A.** EPCs are supplied free of charge to prospective residents.

#### **Q. Where can I obtain further advice or assistance?**

**A.** A number of organisations can provide residents with energy efficiency advice and guidance on possible grants. Some contacts are listed below:

### Energy Supply Companies

Most gas and electricity suppliers offer advice on the most cost-effective tariffs. Many suppliers offer home insulation grants. Contact your existing suppliers or UK Power.

### Green Deal

Advice and help towards better, energy efficient (less carbon emissions) properties using cost effective methods. Less energy consumed = less money wasted.

[www.gov.uk/green-deal-energy-saving-measures](http://www.gov.uk/green-deal-energy-saving-measures)

### UK Power

Independent body providing price comparisons of the tariffs offered by energy suppliers.

Tel: 0800 188 4906

[www.ukpower.co.uk](http://www.ukpower.co.uk)

### The Energy Saving Trust

Independent body providing a range of energy advice and grant opportunities.

Tel: 0300 123 1234

[www.energysavingtrust.org.uk](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk)

### Age UK

Advice for older residents on energy costs, and reduced tariffs for eligible householders on limited incomes.

Tel: 0800 169 2081

[www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk)





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