

Consultation Statement – December 2006
Milton Keynes Council Supplementary Planning Document
Sustainable Construction Guide

A draft version of this document was made available at a Building Control conference on 9th March 2006, attended by about 100 representatives of the construction industry. Copies were given to attendees and they were invited to make comments. No significant adverse comments were received.

The guide was then published in July 2006 in the form of interim guidance to enable its use by MKC staff and applicants to help with planning applications. Users of the guide have provided many useful comments, summarised below:

Main Issues Raised	How addressed in SPD
It should apply to all types of development, not just housing	Text revised to apply to all types of development
The questionnaire format is not very useful	Changed to checklist format
Uncertainty about how to calculate the renewables contribution	Adoption of the CO2 based method that is more common practice
Uncertainty about method for calculating energy demand	Clarification regarding use of building regulations method and benchmarks