

Energy Performance Certificate



Flat 1002 The Heights,
25, St. Johns Street,
BEDFORD,
MK42 0FW

Dwelling type: Mid-floor flat
Date of assessment: 09 February 2011
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Reference number: 0518-1022-6372-8039-3910
Type of assessment: SAP, new dwelling
Total floor area: 37 m²

This home's performance is rated in terms of the energy use per square metre of floor area, energy efficiency based on fuel costs and environmental impact based on carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions.

| Energy Efficiency Rating | | Environmental Impact (CO ₂) Rating | |
|---|-------------------------|--|---|
| | Current | Potential | |
| Very energy efficient - lower running costs | | | Very environmentally friendly - lower CO ₂ emissions |
| (92-plus) A | | | (92-plus) A |
| (81-91) B | 87 | 87 | (81-91) B |
| (69-80) C | | | (69-80) C |
| (55-68) D | | | (55-68) D |
| (39-54) E | | | (39-54) E |
| (21-38) F | | | (21-38) F |
| (1-20) G | | | (1-20) G |
| Not energy efficient - higher running costs | | | Not environmentally friendly - higher CO ₂ emissions |
| England & Wales | EU Directive 2002/91/EC | | England & Wales |
| | | | EU Directive 2002/91/EC |

The energy efficiency rating is a measure of the overall efficiency of a home. The higher the rating the more energy efficient the home is and the lower the fuel bills are likely to be.

The environmental impact rating is a measure of a home's impact on the environment in terms of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) emissions. The higher the rating the less impact it has on the environment.

Estimated energy use, carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions and fuel costs of this home

| | Current | Potential |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Energy use | 155 kWh/m ² per year | 155 kWh/m ² per year |
| Carbon dioxide emissions | 1.0 tonnes per year | 1.0 tonnes per year |
| Lighting | £28 per year | £28 per year |
| Heating | £152 per year | £152 per year |
| Hot water | £103 per year | £103 per year |

Based on standardised assumptions about occupancy, heating patterns and geographical location, the above table provides an indication of how much it will cost to provide lighting, heating and hot water to this home. The fuel costs only take into account the cost of fuel and not any associated service, maintenance or safety inspection. This certificate has been provided for comparative purposes only and enables one home to be compared with another. Always check the date the certificate was issued, because fuel prices can increase over time and energy saving recommendations will evolve.

To see how this home can achieve its potential rating please see the recommended measures.



Remember to look for the energy saving recommended logo when buying energy-efficient products. It's a quick and easy way to identify the most energy-efficient products on the market.

For advice on how to take action and to find out about offers available to make your home more energy efficient, call **0800 512 012** or visit **www.energysavingtrust.org.uk**

Certification mark

About this document

The Energy Performance Certificate for this dwelling was produced following an energy assessment undertaken by a qualified assessor, accredited by Elmhurst Energy Systems Ltd, to a scheme authorised by the Government. This certificate was produced using the SAP 2005 assessment methodology and has been produced under the Energy Performance of Buildings (Certificates and Inspections)(England and Wales) Regulations 2007. A copy of the certificate has been lodged on a national register.

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Related party disclosure: No related party

If you have a complaint or wish to confirm that the certificate is genuine

Details of the assessor and the relevant accreditation scheme are as above. You can get contact details of the accreditation scheme from their website at www.elmhurstenergy.co.uk together with details of their procedures for confirming authenticity of a certificate and for making a complaint.

About the building's performance ratings

The ratings on the certificate provide a measure of the building's overall energy efficiency and its environmental impact, calculated in accordance with a national methodology that takes into account factors such as insulation, heating and hot water systems, ventilation and fuels used. The average Energy Efficiency Rating for a dwelling in England and Wales is band E (rating 46).

Not all buildings are used in the same way, so energy ratings use 'standard occupancy' assumptions which may be different from the specific way you use your home. Different methods of calculation are used for homes and for other buildings. Details can be found at www.communities.gov.uk/epbd.

Buildings that are more energy efficient use less energy, save money and help protect the environment. A building with a rating of 100 would cost almost nothing to heat and light and would cause almost no carbon emissions. The potential ratings in the certificate describe how close this building could get to 100 if all the cost effective recommended improvements were implemented.

About the impact of buildings on the environment

One of the biggest contributors to global warming is carbon dioxide. The way we use energy in buildings causes emissions of carbon. The energy we use for heating, lighting and power in homes produces over a quarter of the UK's carbon dioxide emissions and other buildings produce a further one-sixth.

The average household causes about 6 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Adopting the recommendations in this report can reduce emissions and protect the environment. You could reduce emissions even more by switching to renewable energy sources. In addition there are many simple everyday measures that will save money, improve comfort and reduce the impact on the environment. Some examples are given at the end of this report.

Visit the Government's website at www.communities.gov.uk/epbd to:

- Find how to confirm the authenticity of an energy performance certificate
- Find how to make a complaint about a certificate or the assessor who produced it
- Learn more about the national register where this certificate has been lodged
- Learn more about energy efficiency and reducing energy consumption

Recommended measures to improve this home's energy performance

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Summary of this home's energy performance related features

The following is an assessment of the key individual elements that have an impact on this home's performance rating. Each element is assessed against the following scale: Compliant / Average / Good / Very good.

| Elements | Description | Current performance | |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------|---------------|
| | | Energy Efficiency | Environmental |
| Walls | Average thermal transmittance 0.28 W/m ² K | Very good | Very good |
| Roof | (other premises above) | - | - |
| Floor | (other premises below) | - | - |
| Windows | Fully double glazed | Good | Good |
| Main heating | Community scheme, mains gas | Good | Good |
| Main heating controls | Flat rate charging, programmer and TRVs | Average | Average |
| Secondary heating | None | - | - |
| Hot water | From main system | Good | Good |
| Lighting | Low energy lighting in 83% of fixed outlets | Very good | Very good |
| Air tightness | Air permeability 5.0 m ³ /h.m ² (as tested) | Good | Good |

Current energy efficiency rating

B 87

Current environmental impact (CO₂) rating

B 84

Thermal transmittance is a measure of the rate of heat loss through a building element; the lower the value the better the energy performance.

Air permeability is a measure of the air tightness of a building; the lower the value the better the air tightness.

Low and zero carbon energy sources

None

Recommendations

None

Further measures to achieve even higher standards

None

About the cost effective measures to improve this home's performance ratings

Not applicable

About the further measures to achieve even higher standards

Not applicable

What can I do today?

Actions that will save money and reduce the impact of your home on the environment include:

- Ensure that you understand the dwelling and how its energy systems are intended to work so as to obtain the maximum benefit in terms of reducing energy use and CO2 emissions. The papers you are given by the builder and the warranty provider will help you in this.
- Check that your heating system thermostat is not set too high (in a home, 21°C in the living room is suggested) and use the timer to ensure you only heat the building when necessary.
- Turn off lights when not needed and do not leave appliances on standby. Remember not to leave chargers (e.g. for mobile phones) turned on when you are not using them.
- Close your curtains at night to reduce heat escaping through the windows.
- If you're not filling up the washing machine, tumble dryer or dishwasher, use the half-load or economy programme.