

A few simple steps that can be easily undertaken ref the build environment in the Teignbridge area:-

1)TDC to enforce all their legal obligations by trading standards concerning the enforcement of both domestic and nondomestic EPC's and DEC's throughout the Teignbridge area including upholding the minimum energy efficiency standards for buildings which were introduced on the 1st April 2018.

This is the link

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/452481/DEC_Guidance_rev_July_2015_.pdf

<https://www.gov.uk/energy-performance-certificate-commercial-property>

2)A register of all the public buildings above 250 m² and their DEC ratings in the Teignbridge area should be produced and assistance given to those with the worst ratings.

3)Teignbridge should push for the penalty fines for non-compliance to be kept within the local area and used to combat climate change.

4)With regards to the retrofitting of homes PAS2035 should be adopted which is effectively publicly accepted government standard kite mark.

This is the link <https://trustmark.org.uk/ourservices/pas-2035>

5).TDC to immediately update current S7 policy on per capita Carbon emission levels (based on 80% reduction by 2050) to the updated national requirement of 100% by 2050. TDC to proactively monitor progress of Carbon Emissions as defined by the updated targets in S7. This will require every development application to include the expected Carbon emission level (as required by current Building Regulation, SAP), this is irrespective of it's floor space or number of housing units.

6)TDC to implement its EN3 policy requiring 'larger' developments to submit a Carbon Reduction Plan. This must be checked against targets in S7 and reduction/mitigation conditions applied to any approval if the expected emissions of the new development exceed the overall targets.

Should TDC be unsure on how to calculate any of these or lack the resources to implement them, ACT can offer advice on this so that TDC can fulfil its legal obligations.