

AECB members offer Passivhaus Certification



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Several members of AECB, the sustainable building association, now offer a Passivhaus Certification service, accredited by the Passivhaus Institut in Darmstadt, Germany.

To view a list of certifiers, please see the CarbonLite pages of our website, here:

<http://www.carbonlite.org.uk/carbonlite/accreditation.php>

Passivhaus is the leading European low energy standard for building construction: the European Parliament is pressing for it to be a requirement for new buildings by 2011.

Passivhaus is based on reducing the energy demand of buildings at source, principally by advanced insulation and airtightness methods.

Currently there are over 1000 buildings certified across Europe, but the UK has only two, both recent certifications.

The AECB also now offers certification of AECB Silver Standard buildings (performance version).

More information about Passivhaus and Silver Standard certification, and a sheet of Frequently Asked Questions, is available at <http://www.carbonlite.org.uk/carbonlite/accreditation.php>.

The AECB CarbonLite programme also delivers training courses in the use of the Passivhaus software (PassivHaus Planning Package or PHPP 2007), as well as selling the software. See www.carbonlite.org.uk/carbonlite/software.php.

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Notes for Editors:

1) In January 2008, the European Parliament called on the Commission "To propose a binding requirement that all new buildings needing to be heated and/or cooled be constructed to passive house or equivalent non-residential standards from 2011"

2) For more information about low-energy building standards, please see

<http://www.aecb.net/carbonlite/energystandards.php>

3) AECB, the sustainable building association (www.aecb.net), is a network of individuals and companies with a common aim of promoting sustainable building. It brings together over 1300 builders, architects, designers, manufacturers, housing associations and local authorities. AECB is run by its members and is an independent, not for profit organisation. Tackling climate change is an urgent priority for the AECB and it has amongst its membership many of the UK's leading practitioners in low energy building.

For more information, please call 0845 456 9773

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