



# ESG in Real Estate

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- Certifications
- **Asset Management**

- ESG Strategy / Reporting
- Net Zero Strategy
- **Acquisition Advice**







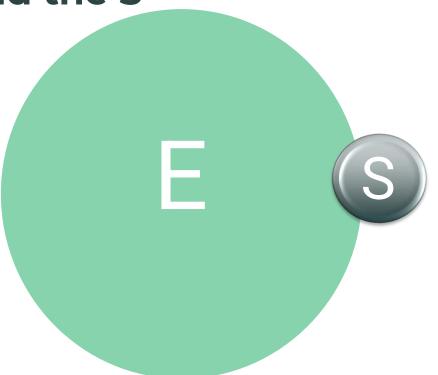
ESG in Real Estate is complex but standards and approaches are aligning

- E is for Easy To understand at least
  - New Build Standards to align with net zero
  - GHG emissions pathways for existing real estate in line with Paris Agreement
  - Eliminating fossil fuels
  - Nature a growing issue

- S is for S'complicated
  - Overheating
  - Jobs, supply chains, culture, inclusivity, healthy lifestyles
  - Productivity (I hope)
  - ESG Strategies are leading to more thinking

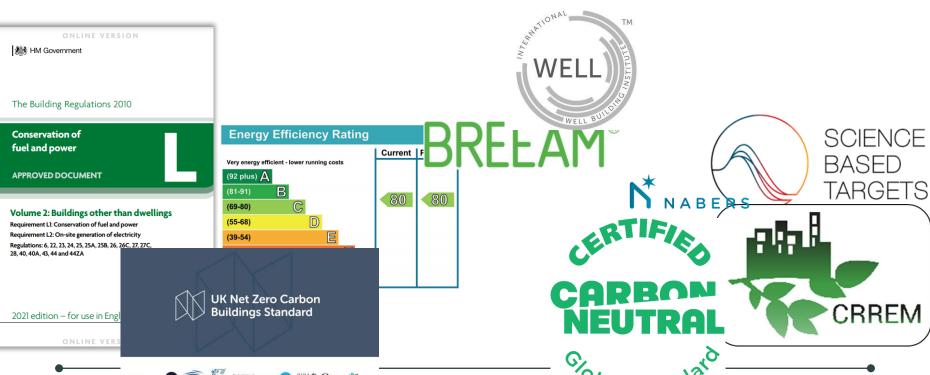


The E and the S





### Landscape slowly aligning









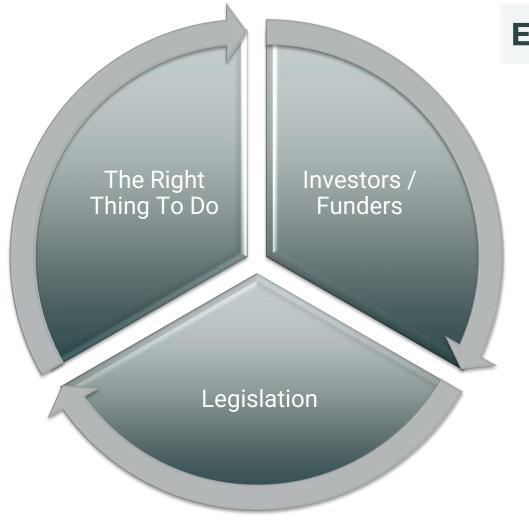












### **ESG Drivers**



# **Investors / Industry**

#### **Real Estate**

- · Carbon Risk Real Estate Monitor (CRREM)
- NABERS
- GRESB

#### **Corporate**

- Science Based Targets Initiative (SBTi)
- Carbon Neutral
- CDP

#### **New Development**

- · UK Net Zero Carbon Building Standard
- WELL
- BREEAM
- Active Score

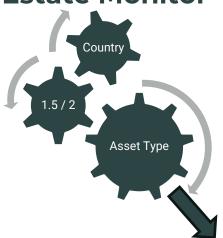




### **CRREM** – Carbon Risk Real Estate Monitor



- Originally EU tool
- · Uses global carbon budget to align with Paris Agreement
- Applies to countries and then to asset classes
- Sets pathways for decarbonisation / energy
- Increasingly standard in portfolio reviews / pre-acquisition

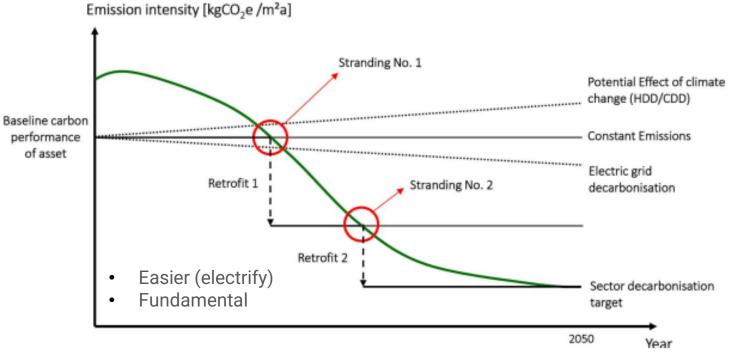


- 1. GHG Emissions Pathway
- 2. Energy Intensity Pathway



### **CRREM – GHG Emissions Intensity**

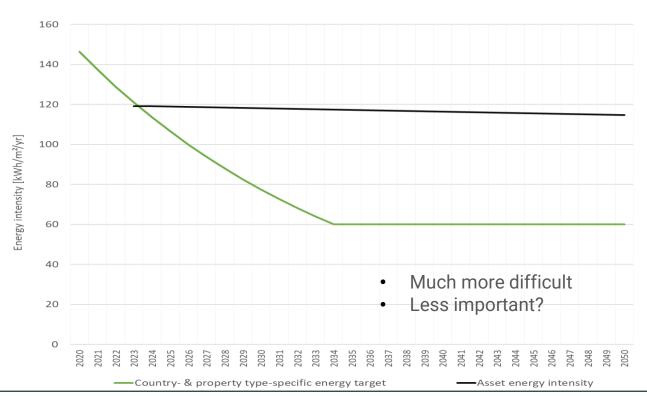






### **CRREM – Energy Use Intensity**







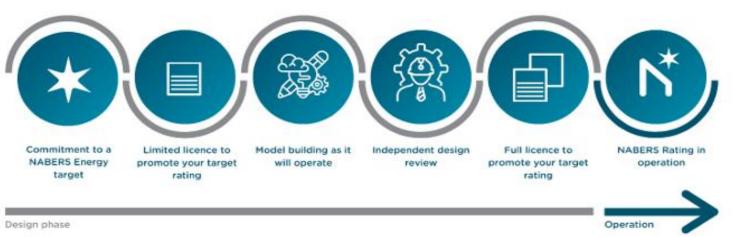
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### NABERS — National Australian Built Environment Rating System

- · Defining quality is measure of in-use performance
- · Focused on energy in offices in the UK
- Requires detailed modelling & analysis
- External Verification
- Updated annually based on in-use data
- Higher targets are very challenging







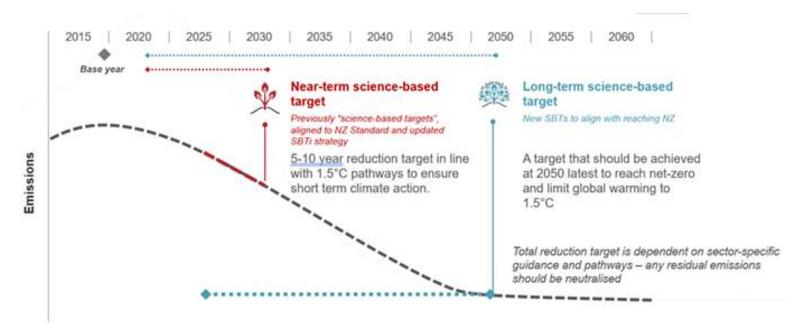
### **SBTi – Science Based Targets Initiative**



- UN led coalition
- Sets corporate pathway for Net Zero
- Increasingly universal standard
- Scopes 1 & 2
- · Scope 3 specific targets in some cases
- Requires absolute emissions reductions
- · Standard pathway and sectoral pathways
  - Aluminium
  - Maritime
  - Aviation
  - Buildings
  - Etc.



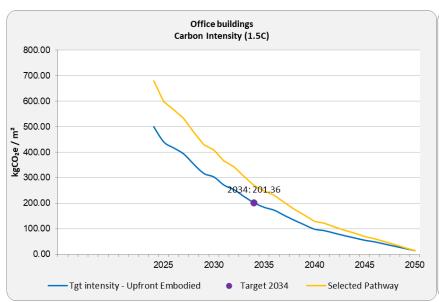
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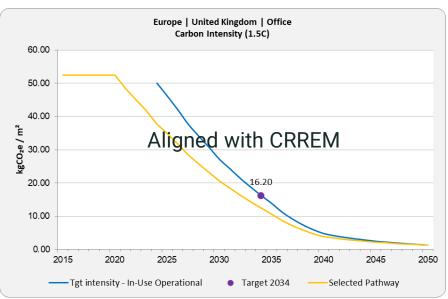




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# SBTi (Buildings)





**Embodied Carbon Pathway** 

**Operational Carbon Pathway** 



### **Carbon Neutral**

- Label applied to organisations, products and services
- · Previously simple balance of Emissions and Offsetting





- Now aligned to ISO14068
  - Near-term science-based GHG emission reduction targets
  - Long-term science-based GHG emission reduction targets
  - Then offsetting





### **UK Net Zero Building Standard**

- Industry Initiative for net zero buildings
- New Build and Existing
- Aligned to science-based targets
- Adopting whole life carbon approach
- 13 categories



















### **UK Net Zero Building Standard**

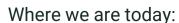












- Offsetting voluntary & explicit (inc. renewable elec.)
- Whole Building approach no landlord / tenant split
- Operational targets set in kWh per m<sup>2</sup> (fossil-fuel free)
- Process for validation before construction
- Verification once building is operational (Third-party)
- Launch in late 2024





### Legislation

#### **Real Estate**

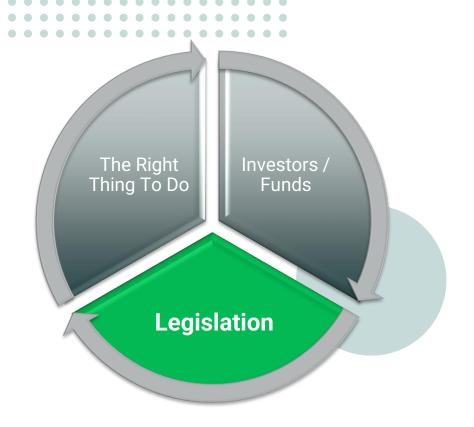
- Minimum Energy Efficiency Standard (MEES)
- Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (ESOS)

#### **Corporate**

- Taskforce on Climate-Related Financial Disclosure (TCFD)
- Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD)
- Streamlined Energy & Carbon Reporting (SECR)
- Taskforce on Nature-Related Financial Disclosure (TNFD)

#### **New Real Estate**

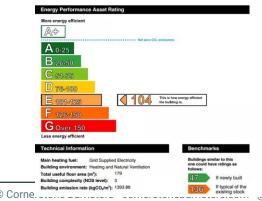
- Building Regulations
- Planning Policy
- Biodiversity Net Gain





### **Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES)**

- Aimed to be a ratchet to performance
- Lots of exemptions, caps, etc.
- Fundamental differences domestic / non-domestic
- EPC methodology in need of update
- Labour policy unclear Upgrade plan TBC



Non-Domestic MEES		
April 2018	E for all new tenancies	In Place
April 2023	E for existing tenancies	In Place
2027	C on all rented properties	Postponed
2030	B on all rented properties	Postponed

Domestic MEES			
April 2018	E for new tenancies	In Place	
April 2020	E for all tenancies	In Place	
April 2025	C for new tenancies	Cancelled	
April 2028	C for all tenancies	Cancelled	



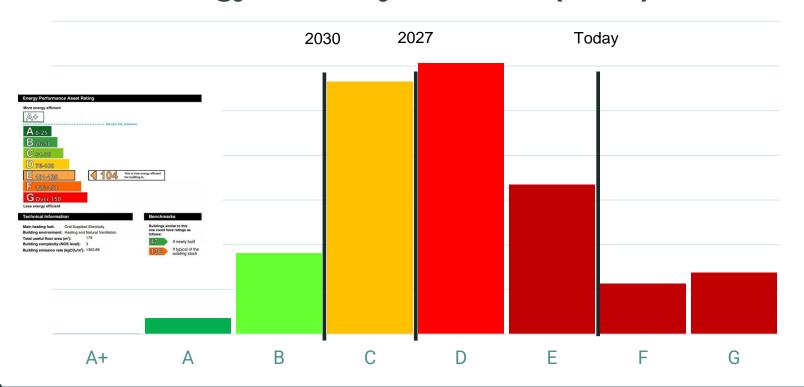
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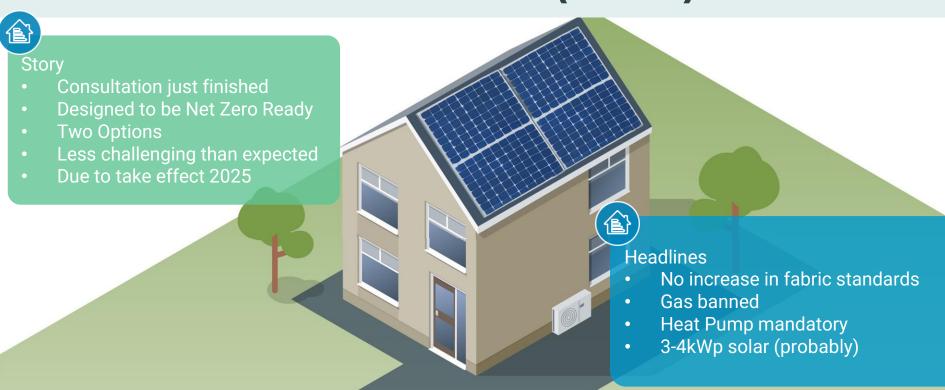
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### Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES) – Non-Dom.



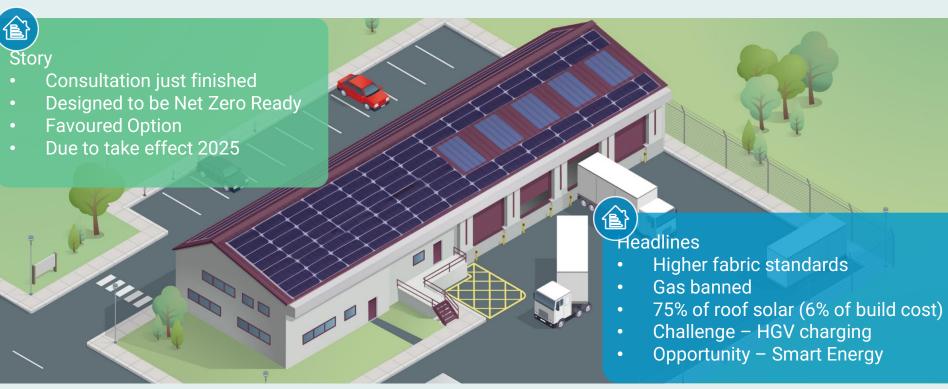


### **Future Homes Standard (Part L)**



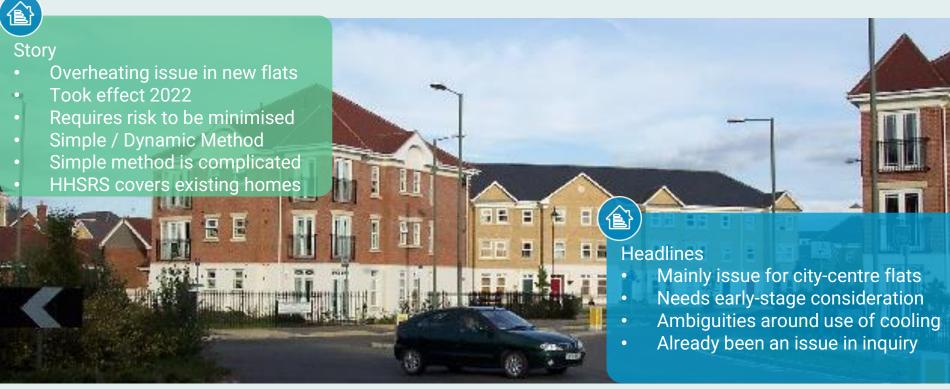


# **Future Buildings Standard (Part L)**





# Overheating in new Homes (Part O)

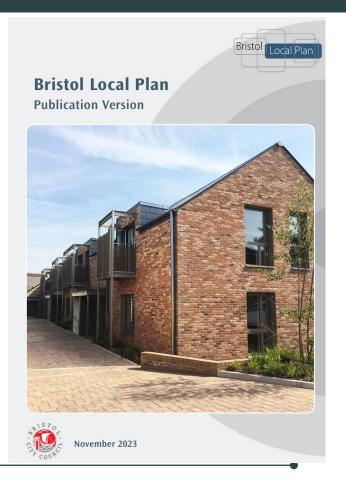




**Local Planning Policy Trends** 



- · Questions on feasibility and viability
- Increase in costs of ~£15k per home over FHS
- Also requires social value strategy





### Love it or Level it

- Increasing scrutiny over carbon associated with building materials e.g. "embodied carbon"
- More of a focus on <u>improving existing assets</u> rather than demolishing
- As with Planning generally, need a sense of balance





# **Right Thing to Do**

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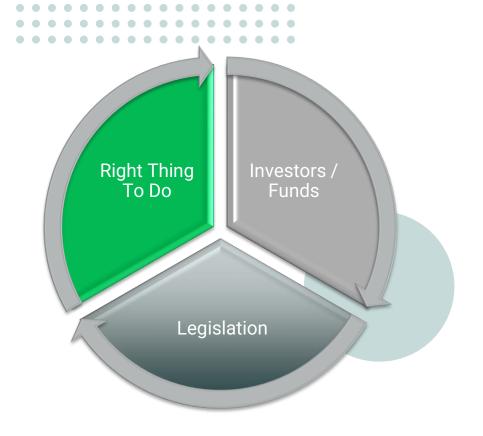
- Net Zero Operation
- Net Zero Asset Managers Alliance

#### **Corporate**

- ESG Reporting / Strategy
- UN Race to Zero
- B Corp

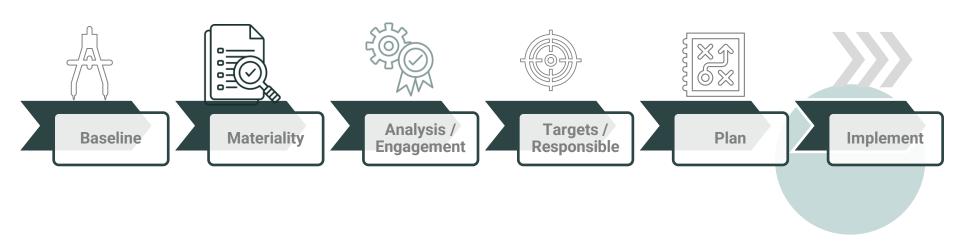
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- Net Zero construction
- LETI
- UKGBC





### **ESG Strategy**







# Thank you,



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