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Timber frame company first to meet 'sustainable' codes

Offsite manufacture company Kestral Timber Frame is set to become the first Lincolnshire company to meet new government green build guidelines.

The Code for Sustainable Homes sets tough targets for new builds across the UK, in terms of both sustainability - such as water and energy efficiency - and environmentally-friendly construction techniques.

Karl Hick, managing director of Larkfleet Group - which owns Kestral - told 24dash.com: "Building using timber frames is not only more environmentally friendly than using more traditional methods it also allows houses to be built more quickly at very high standards of quality."

Homes meeting the guidelines are rated on a six-star scale, with one star representing the minimum standard.

By 2016, the government plans to enforce legislation ensuring all new builds in the UK are constructed in accordance with the top level, code six.

The Code for Sustainable Homes was developed by the government in association with the Building Research establishment and CIRIA.

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