



# Sustainable Public Procurement: The Opportunities

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# Public procurement

- Procurement in two senses – direct and on behalf of the community
- Obstacles to be overcome
- Accelerating innovation
- Working with construction sector

# CDC Procurement



- Not all local authorities are the same – there is a great variety out there
- Chichester's Climate Change Strategy 2004-09 sets out BREEAM 'excellent standard for all buildings on CDC owned land.
- BREEAM does not by itself ensure innovation but it does act as a lever for change

# East Pallant House



# Procuring future communities



- Planning regime has changed, PPS1, PPS22 etc
- New Chichester LDF
- Policy Sus3 reduce water consumption, minimise energy consumption, minimise water, utilise sustainable materials.
- Proposed to be implemented through BREEAM and EcoHomes standards
- Not alone in this but not all LDFs will tackle this issue head on



# New development



# Planning and re-development





# New technologies?

- Specific innovation and products not required now but will be as standards increase over time
- Costs of sustainable construction – economies of scale, mainstreaming technology
- Renewable energy and microgeneration - local authorities will be pushing ahead of the Government's limited programme
- LDF policy Sus7, 30% requirement for new build?





# Obstacles

- Accountancy procedures – the fight for whole life costings
- Uncertain planning regime – it's new to us and to developers and to the planning inspectorate
- Building Regulations
- Energy Policy?
- Cultural / aesthetic perceptions and stereotypes
- Training the construction industry
- Fear of the new



# Pressing the accelerator

- Local authorities can move faster and further than central and regional government
- Planning policy will be patchy but it will help stimulate the market
- Once costs come down and designers get used to it then should spread
- Costs are an issue, but who are we developing and building for?



# Thank you for listening

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