

The Code for Sustainable Homes requires that all Public Sector Housing (Housing Authorities etc.) achieve a minimum of Level 4 and all Private Sector Housing to achieve a minimum of Level 3 in 2010.

Within the Code the achievement of each 'Level' is determined by a 'credit score':

- Level 3 – minimum credit score 57%**
- Level 4 – minimum credit score of 68%**



CSH 2010: Section 9 - Ecology Credits

- EC1 – Building on Land of inherently low ecological value – 1 Credit**
- EC2 – Enhancing the ecological value of the site – 1 Credit**
- EC3 – Ensuring protection of and existing ecological features – 1 Credit**
- EC4 – Change in ecological value of the site – up to 4 Credits**
- EC5 – Minimisation of building footprint – up to 2 Credits**
 - **Maximum credits available: 9. The weighting attached to ecological credits increases the potential total maximum 12 credits.**
 - **This is the 3rd highest weighting out of 9 categories.**



CBE Initial Appraisal:

- Site Inspection
- Public ecological records search
- Ecological Report (Phase 1 Habitat + species identification)
- Constraints analysis
- Identify potential ecological credits

Design and Implementation

- Review site layout and design being proposed
- Prepare ecological enhancement and landscaping specifications
- Provide CSH 2010 credits score to ecologically profile the site

Normal Fee Range from £375

Normal Fee Range from £400

