My Ockford Ridge

Summer 2022



New homes at Laurel Close will cut energy bills!

Our modern, sustainable housing in Ockford ridge is highly energy efficient. Each home has double glazing and enhanced floor insulation and many of our homes have solar panels to provide tenants with what is essentially free electricity and homes that are net zero on carbon emissions.

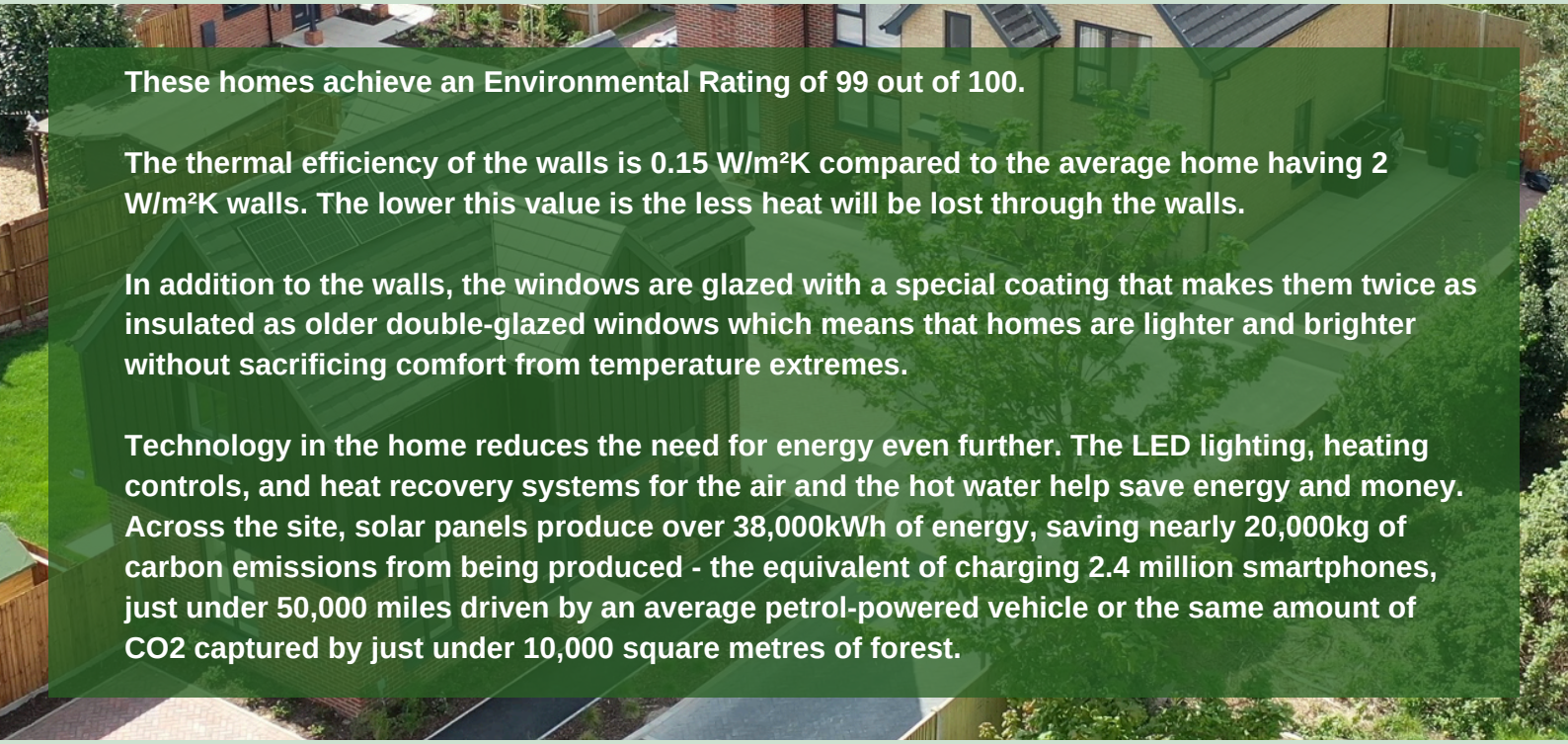
Site B

These developments and their energy efficiency capabilities could not have come at a better time, considering huge rises in energy prices. Our homes are 11 times more insulated than the average home which we believe provides our tenants with a greater degree of financial security from fluctuations in energy prices especially during winter, due to less energy being required to heat their homes.

Furthermore, our soft landscaping provides plants that bees and other pollinators will love, as well as bat boxes and swift bricks. Many of our gardens have fruit trees, which all work towards enhancing Waverley Borough's biodiversity.

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If you're interested in the science...



These homes achieve an Environmental Rating of 99 out of 100.

The thermal efficiency of the walls is 0.15 W/m²K compared to the average home having 2 W/m²K walls. The lower this value is the less heat will be lost through the walls.

In addition to the walls, the windows are glazed with a special coating that makes them twice as insulated as older double-glazed windows which means that homes are lighter and brighter without sacrificing comfort from temperature extremes.

Technology in the home reduces the need for energy even further. The LED lighting, heating controls, and heat recovery systems for the air and the hot water help save energy and money. Across the site, solar panels produce over 38,000kWh of energy, saving nearly 20,000kg of carbon emissions from being produced - the equivalent of charging 2.4 million smartphones, just under 50,000 miles driven by an average petrol-powered vehicle or the same amount of CO2 captured by just under 10,000 square metres of forest.

On programme with Site F

Now that the final tenant on site F has moved into their new allocated home nearby and the site is fully hoarded and secured, arrangements for final utility disconnections are being made.



We look forward to sharing the proposals for the site at a 'Drop in' consultation event at St Marks in Autumn.

The Green

Some might be a little concerned to see work underway on The Green. This will be undertaken by Thakeham to formalise and improve the set-up of the site compound. It is a temporary change whilst we work on the remaining three sites at Ockford Ridge and when they are finished will be removed and landscaping and improvement works will be completed. The new compound has full planning permission and we have consent for the improvement works to follow. Proposals for The Green were shared at the consultation event held for Site C and The Green and are shown on the right. Further detail agreed as part of the planning consent (WA/2021/0122) can be found on the Waverley website. Not only will the area be significantly improved but also it will make contributions to reducing carbon and increasing the biodiversity of The Green and surrounding estate.



From little acorns and other trees grow…

The partnership between Waverley Borough Council and Godalming Town Council continues to bear fruit in Eashing Cemetery, with the completion of the first phase of re-wilding. The council's main contractor fulfilled one of its community benefit commitments by funding COPSE – the Community Orchard Project Southeast – and a new orchard and springtime blossom displays. This work, coupled with the newly redesigned Garden of Remembrance which is underway all form a part of the Town Council's desire to make the cemetery more attractive and accessible to the local community.



Friends of Eashing Cemetery

A 'Friends of Eashing cemetery' group is in the process of being formed to help the community can support regeneration in the area and COPSE's project co-ordinator, Claire Matthes was pleased to report positive feedback to their questionnaire about future plans for the area.

She said: "Eashing Cemetery is already a beautiful, award-winning green space, and the planting and development of this orchard trail is a unique opportunity for individuals and community groups to come together and help create a stunning outdoor trail for both wildlife and people, which will grow and develop over time".

Site C

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed our preferred contractor, Thakeham Partnerships Limited (TPL) to start construction work on the next phase of the estate's regeneration. Keen followers may recall that we tendered this site publicly and received returns late last year. Following a period of clarifications with potential contractors, as our preferred contractor, TPL has been working with the Council using a pre-contract services agreement to complete construction design work ahead of entering into a JCT contract to deliver the new homes.



Learning to look after the planet

School children at Surrey Wildlife Trust's Nower Wood Centre

Our resident eco-warriors, Eddie and Ellie took students from St Mark's and All saints school to Surrey Wildlife Trust's Nower Wood Education Centre for what proved to be an exciting and engaging fieldtrip for all of the children.

Snapshots at the centre depict the day's adventures – pond-dipping and orienteering. It was a great way to introduce the local natural environment to children at a crucial stage in their development as future custodians of the planet. Thanks to all at Thakeham, the school and the centre for making the day so enjoyable the children.





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