



Relish™ scoops 2010 sustainability award from Constructing Excellence London and South East

July 2010:

Relish™ has picked up the Legacy (Sustainability) award in the Constructing Excellence London and South East 2010 awards.

Our submission demonstrates the application of the principles of sustainable construction and sustainable development and how we are delivering a sustainable legacy.

This is the fourth series of Constructing Excellence awards. Since the inaugural series of awards in 2007, which Worthing Homes were winners of the Client of the Year award, the Constructing Excellence awards have become one of the leading built environment awards in the UK. The awards have now grown to include nine regional awards encompassing ten regions of the UK. The series of awards culminates in a national final which this year will take place in London on 18 November 2010.

“We are delighted with this, our third award from Constructing Excellence” comments Robin Roberts, Property Services Director of Worthing Homes, “Relish™ was already recognised as the first ‘Innovation in Practice’ project by Constructing Excellence and we have been encouraged by their positive feedback and the fact that the Homes and Communities Agency and the Minister for Energy are also advocates of the programme.”

Relish™ is a simple but powerful idea

The Relish™ programme has been designed by Worthing Homes in collaboration with key partners specifically to benefit residents and for registered providers to draw upon. The programme is designed to demonstrate proven strategies that bring real benefits, including supporting families in fuel poverty and helping to meet the UK’s Climate Change Act.

Our six month results from the pilot programme phase 1, show that by implementing a Relish™ programme, a 20% reduction in carbon emissions over and above ‘decent home’ works can be achieved, which represents a 63% reduction from 1990 RdSAP levels.

The initial Relish™ pilot will be completed this year and we will bring lessons learned into the larger phase 2, where we will be refurbishing 160 occupied homes. The Relish™ pilot phase 2 begins with planning in July 2010, with the actual programme scheduled to start in the homes in January 2011.

For more information on the Constructing excellence awards go to <http://www.constructingexcellence.org.uk/ceawards/>