# Uttlesford DC PassivHaus – September 2010

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### Hastoe

- Leading Rural Housing Association
- Lead Investment Partner 3 Regions
- 4,000 Homes
- Little Chesterford office
- Developing 450 500 homes pa



Quality, innovation and sustainability



# Rural Living – Property Market

- Rural prices fallen 13% in last year
- Urban prices fallen by 18%
- Average rural house price of £203,535 is 21% higher than urban house of £168,376 (15% higher a year ago)
- First-time buyers = 27% of all rural home buyers (highest % since 2000)
- FTB = 44% of all urban home buyers



# Rural Living – Housing Data

20% of England's population live in rural areas

11% of homes in rural areas are for social rent
 c.f. 21% in urban areas

 £17,000 income buys a home in 28% of rural wards c.f. 50% of urban wards



#### The Outside World

- CSR October 2010
- HCA 2010/11 programme
- Rural targets
- LA role
- New HCA design standards
- Energy bills/ rural issues
- Economic uncertainty







## Why PassivHaus

- Low (ish) technology
- Innovative, but tested
- European experience
- Benefits to residents
- An exemplar but one we can replicate
- First rural affordable PH in the UK



#### PassivHaus

- Building shape & orientation
- Super insulation/ windows
- Air tightness and solar panels
- Mechanical ventilation and heat recovery
- Heating load up to 90 % less
- Capital cost grants/ rents











## Grand Designs

- "Is it going to be a glorious hot pot or a dog's dinner?"
- "Exercise in vanity"

- High quality, affordable homes
- Able to do more
- It's what we do!



## PassivHaus





# In Summary

- Look at things differently
- High quality
- Low energy bills
- The way forward



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