

# CP3 - Open-loop groundwater source heat pumps

Harnessing energy from water in the ground  
for heating and cooling

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# WHAT IS A CODE OF PRACTICE?

- Sets Minimum Standards
- Sets Best Practice standards where possible
- Avoids reproducing existing guidance
- Provides confidence in the technology
- Connects the supply chain
- Underpins tendering & contracts
- Underpins training and accreditation
- Provides confidence to developers/specifiers
- Takes the sector to the next level

## Heat networks:

### Code of Practice for the UK

Raising standards for heat supply

[www.cibse.org/CP1](http://www.cibse.org/CP1)



The Association for  
Decentralised Energy

CP1  
2015





# CP3 is the 3<sup>rd</sup> in the series

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heat pumps:**  
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Harnessing energy from  
the sea, rivers, canals and lakes





  **GSHP**  
association **CP2**  
2016

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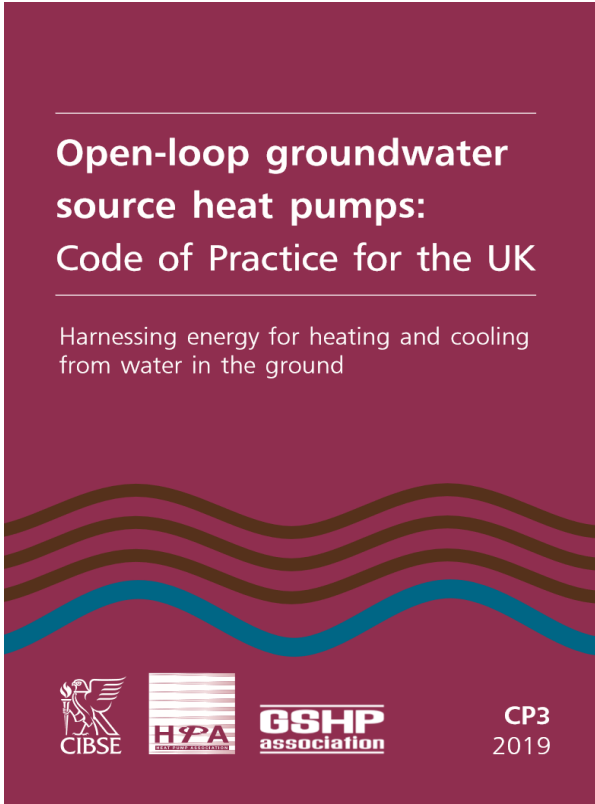
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## Part A: How to use this Code

The Code comes in 3 parts

### **A1 Introduction**

A1.1 Strategic purpose

A1.2 What is an open-loop groundwater source heat pump?

A1.3 Why install an open-loop groundwater source heat pump?

### **A2 Readership and scope of the Code of practice**

A2.1 Readership

A2.2 Scope

### **A3 Structure of the Code of Practice**

A3.1 Themes

(A) To deliver low environmental impact

(B) To deliver a high-performance system with a high coefficient of performance

(C) To achieve optimum flow and return temperatures

(D) To deliver a practical and compliant system using engineering solutions to overcome technical barriers

(E) To deliver a cost effective reliable system with a long life and low maintenance requirements

(F) To deliver effective metering/monitoring of the GWSHP

(G) To deliver a safe, high quality scheme where risks are managed

A3.2 Responsibilities

## Part B: Challenges and opportunities

### B1 The heat pump

- B1.1 Types of heat pump
- B1.2 Heating and cooling
- B1.3 Key design issues

### B2 Groundwater sources and their characteristics

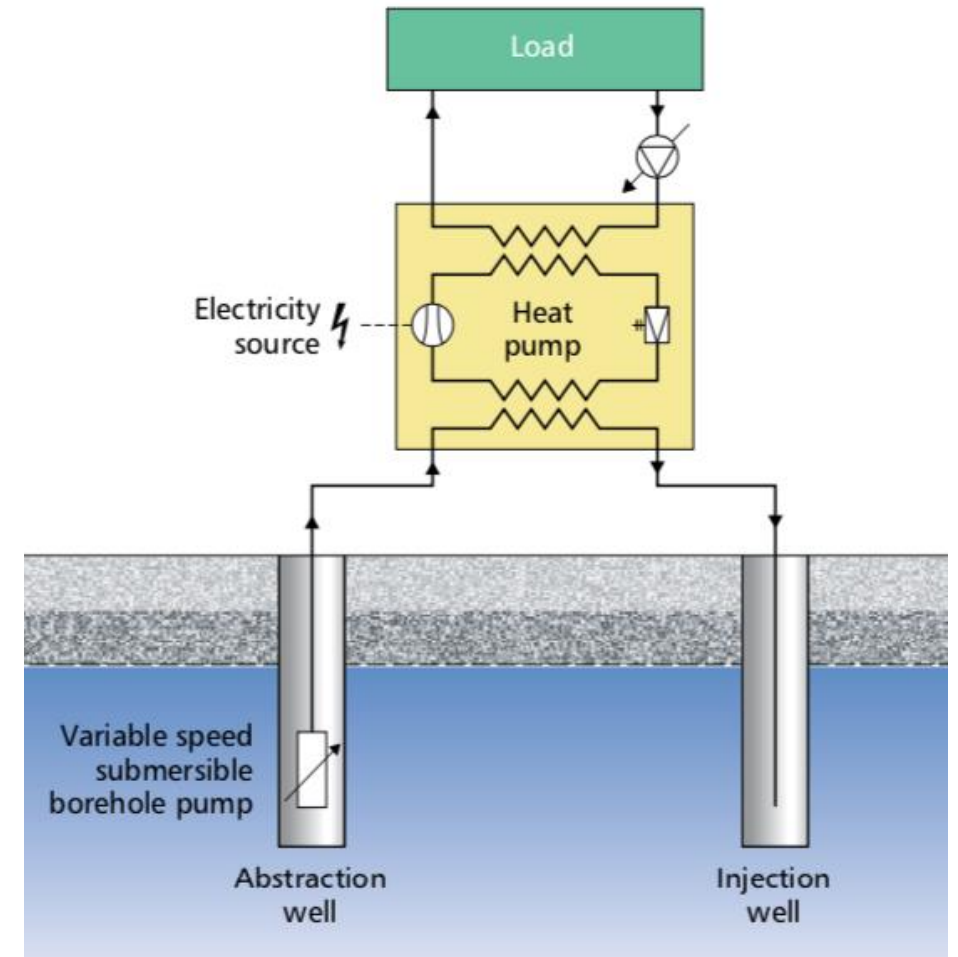
- B2.1 Aquifers: the occurrence of groundwater in the subsurface
- B2.2 Water wells and boreholes
- B2.3 Groundwater from flooded mines and quarries

### B3 Types of installation

- B3.1 Open-loop doublet systems: abstraction with injection to aquifer
- B3.2 Open-loop systems: abstraction only with discharge to surface water or sewer
- B3.3 Standing column wells (SCWs): abstraction and injection to the same well or shaft
- B3.4 Hybrid and mixed technologies

### B4 Challenges and opportunities

- B4.1 Heat networks (load side)
- B4.2 Source side networks (SSN)
- B4.3 Multivector and multivalent systems
- B4.4 Retrofit installations
- B4.5 Free cooling and heating
- B4.6 Aquifer thermal energy storage (ATES)



# Part C - Requirements

## Themes

- A. To deliver low environmental impact
- B. To deliver a high performance system with a high coefficient of performance
- C. To achieve optimum flow and return temperatures
- D. To deliver a practical and compliant system which effectively uses engineering solutions to overcome technical barriers
- E. To deliver a cost-effective reliable system with a long life and low maintenance requirements
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### Strategic aims:

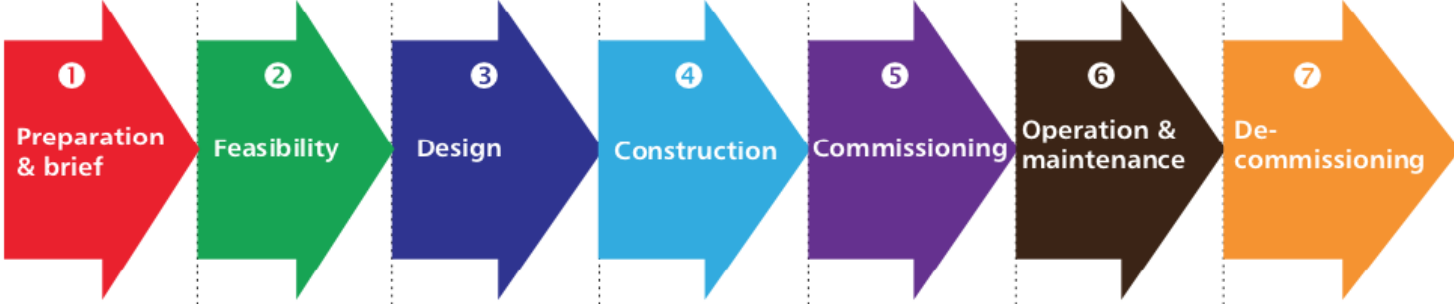
To reduce CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gas emissions

To reduce the overall cost of providing heating and/or cooling

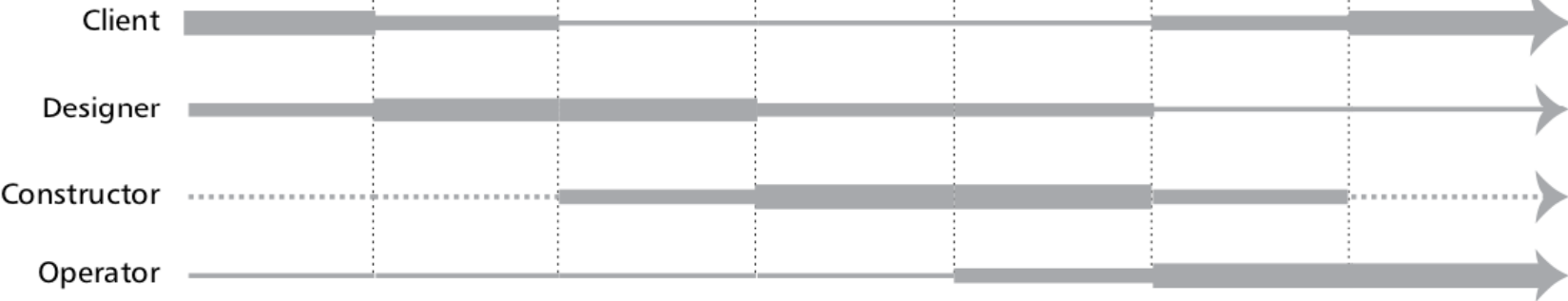
To use natural resources sustainably to reduce or replace consumption of fossil fuels

- ..... Not applicable
- Of some importance/relevance
- Important/relevant
- Highly important/relevant

### Stages



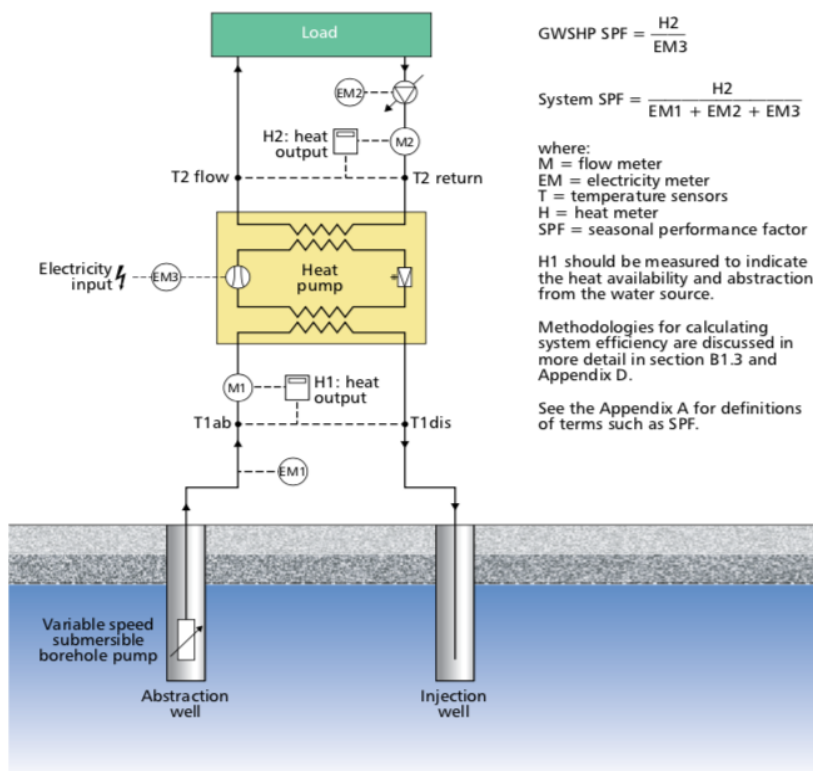
### Responsibilities



### Objective 3.9: To design a data collection system to accurately record performance

#### Why is this objective important?

A comprehensive metering and monitoring system is important to ensure ongoing operational performance (see Figure 49 below for typical metering arrangements). The feasibility stage should have established the performance monitoring requirements in line with any permissions necessary, such as abstraction licence and discharge permit (see Objective 2.2). Other requirements, such as metering for relevant grants and incentives, the client's own performance records and other relevant bodies should also be determined (see Appendix C).



**Figure 49** Typical metering arrangements for an open-loop GWSHP system, allowing calculation of the efficiency of the GWSHP and of the overall system (see also section B1.3); additional meters may be required in order to provide more detailed reporting, e.g. for grants and incentives

Modern BMS, BEMS, AMR or SCADA equipment (see Appendix A for definitions) can be used to monitor the installed meters/temperatures to allow ongoing performance to be determined and displayed continuously (see Figure 50).

# A more prescriptive written style

## Minimum requirements

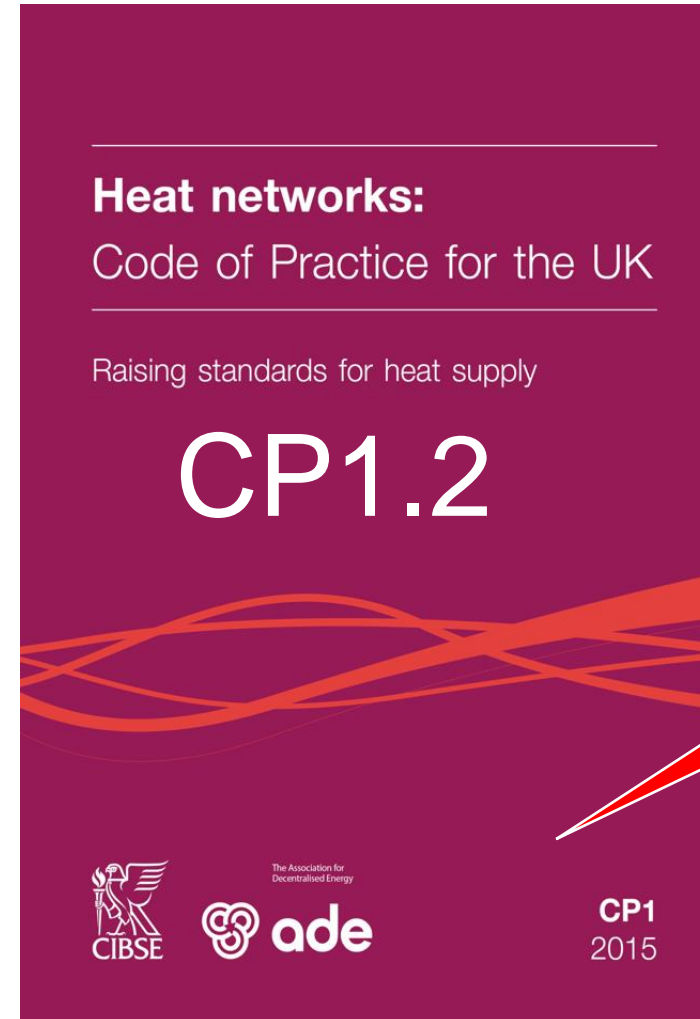
- 3.9.1 The metering and data system shall be designed to ensure that system efficiency can be measured and recorded. This shall also include the necessary data outputs and reports required for maintenance, environmental permissions and incentive schemes, see Figure 49.
- 3.9.2 Expected system efficiency shall be calculated to enable comparison at commissioning (5.3.4) and operation and maintenance (6.4.7) stages. (See section B1.3 for suggested methodology.)

‘Shall’ rather than ‘should’



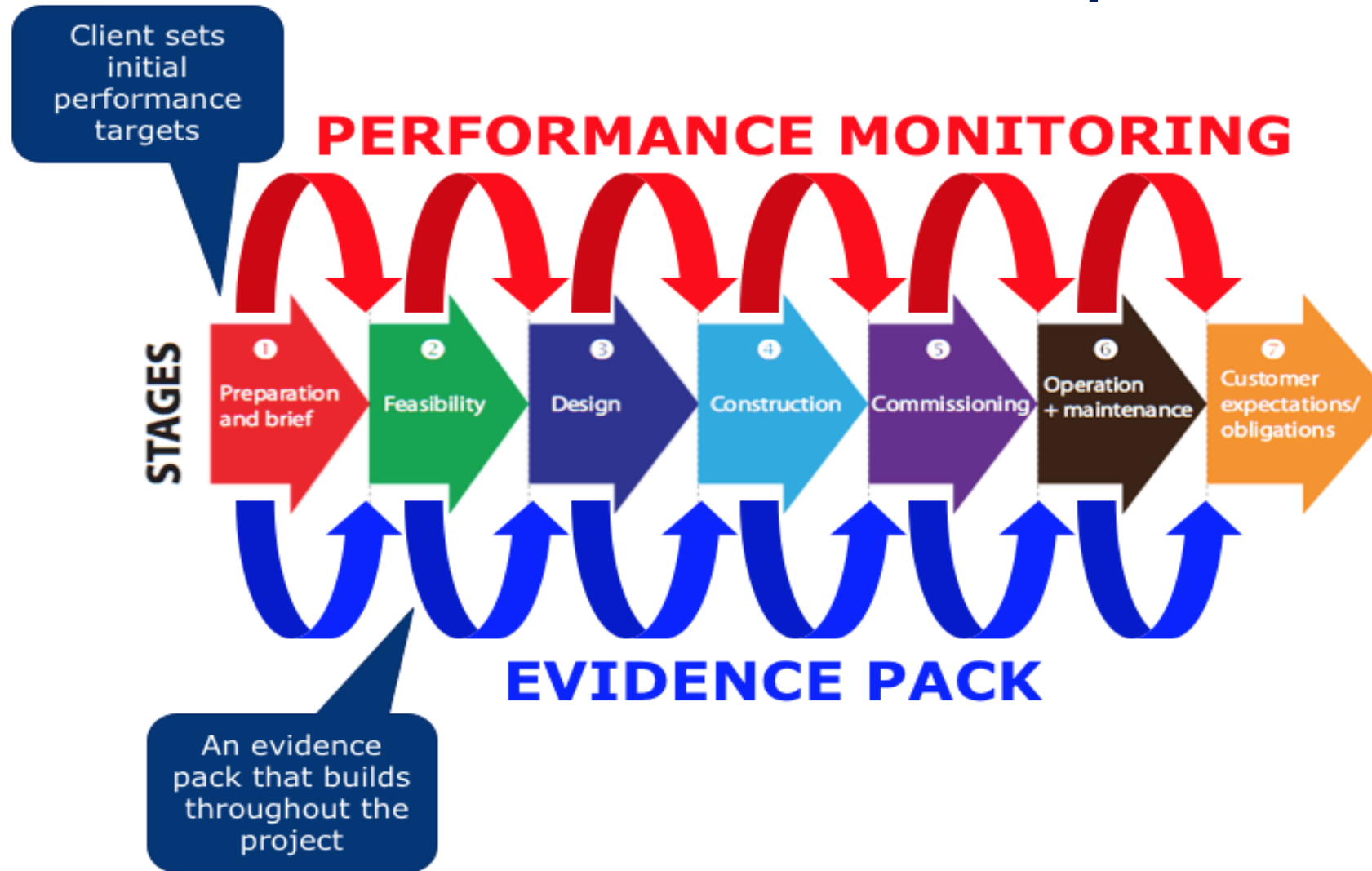
# Heat Networks Code of Practice CP1.2

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# The CP1.2 process



# The checklists

## CP1 STAGE 2 Feasibility checklist

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OBJECTIVE	KEY OUTPUTS	CP1 output developed?	Included in evidence pack?	Output signed-off?	RISK level	Risk mitigation	Change/Reason for variance/Exception
2.1 To achieve sufficient accuracy of peak heat demands and annual heat consumptions	Output 2.1a - Energy (heat, cooling & electricity) mapping report	YES	YES	YES	MEDIUM		
	Output 2.1b - Accurate estimates of heat demands	N/A	N/A	N/A	HIGH		
	Output 2.1c - Predicted future heat demands	N/A	N/A	N/A	HIGH		
	Output 2.1d - Report on potential stakeholders	NO	NO	NO	HIGH		
2.2 To identify the most suitable low carbon heat sources and location of an energy centre	Output 2.2a - Energy Masterplanning report	N/A	N/A	N/A	HIGH		
	Output 2.2b - Heat network energy model	N/A	N/A	N/A	HIGH		
	Output 2.2c - Heat source(s) assessment report	YES	N/A	N/A	HIGH		
	Output 2.2d - Energy centre location report	YES	YES	YES	MEDIUM		
2.3 To determine the location of top-up and standby boilers and use of existing boilers	Output 2.3a - Top-up & standby heat source(s) report	YES	YES	YES	HIGH		
	Output 2.3b - Control strategy report	YES	YES	YES	LOW		
2.4 To select suitable operating temperatures	Output 2.4a - Target operating temperatures report	YES	YES	NO	HIGH		
	Output 2.4b - Network control strategy report	YES	N/A	N/A	HIGH		
	Output 2.4c - Heat Exchanger approach temperatures report	NO	NO	NO	HIGH		
2.5 To define heat network distribution routes, pipe sizes and costs	Output 2.5a - Network pipe routes & sizing report	N/A	N/A	N/A	HIGH		
	Output 2.5b - Initial insulation thickness calculations	NO			HIGH		
	Output 2.5c - Initial network cost calculations	YES	YES	YES	HIGH		
2.6 To determine building connection costs including heat metering	Output 2.6a - Direct/indirect connection report	YES	YES	YES	HIGH		

Evidence pack

## Building the evidence pack

# Assessing performance against targets

STAGE 2 Feasibility performance targets		STAGE 2 client targets	Calculated & included in evidence pack?	Output signed-off?	RISK level	Risk mitigation	Change/Reason for variance/Exception
<b>ECONOMIC VIABILITY Cost of heat delivered p/kWh (Annual average all inclusive)</b>	ENERGY CENTRE - Average variable cost (p/kWh)		NO	YES	MEDIUM		
	ENERGY CENTRE - Average fixed costs (£/yr)		NO	YES	HIGH		
	BUILDING/BLOCK (Additional to EC) - Average variable cost (p/kWh) [Block by block if different]		YES	YES	HIGH		
	BUILDING/BLOCK (Additional to EC) - Average fixed cost (£/yr) [Block by block if different]		YES	YES	HIGH		
	DWELLING - Average variable cost (p/kWh)		YES	YES	HIGH		
	DWELLING - Average fixed costs (£/dwelling/yr)		YES	YES	HIGH		
<b>ENERGY CENTRE EFFICIENCY (% annual average all inclusive)</b>	ENERGY CENTRE PLANT EFFICIENCY (%) of each plant item e.g. LZC1, LZC2, Boilers etc		YES	YES	HIGH		
<b>NETWORK HEAT LOSSES (Annual average kWh/yr)</b>	ENERGY CENTRE - Primary heat network loss (kWh/yr)		YES	YES	HIGH		
	BUILDING/BLOCK - Average primary Summer return temperature at the building/block (°C)		YES	YES	HIGH		
	BUILDING/BLOCK - Average primary Winter return temperature at the building/block (°C)		YES	YES	HIGH		
	BUILDING/BLOCK - Secondary heat network loss (kWh/dwelling/yr)		YES	YES	HIGH		
	DWELLING - HIU Average return temperature based on HIU performance and space heating design and set up (°C)		YES	YES	HIGH		
	DWELLING - HIU standby heat losses (W)		YES	YES	HIGH		
	DWELLING - Time to deliver 45°C to the kitchen tap		YES	YES	HIGH		
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL Heat carbon intensity Kg CO<sub>2</sub>/kWh heat</b>	ENERGY CENTRE - Kg CO <sub>2</sub> /kWh heat (Annual average all inclusive)		YES	YES	HIGH		

Does it do what the client asked for in the first place?

# Sign-off at each stage

STAGE 2 Feasibility SIGN-OFF			STAGE 2 fully signed-off?	Date both fully signed-off?	KEY Risk mitigation actions	KEY Changes/Reason for variance/Exception
Have all the CP1 outputs been produced for STAGE 2?	<i>Client signature</i>	<i>Client technical advisor signature</i>	YES			
Have all the agreed performance targets been set for STAGE 2?	<i>Client signature</i>	<i>Client technical advisor signature</i>	N/A			
Have the STAGE 2 outputs/targets been included in the evidence pack?	<i>Client signature</i>	<i>Client technical advisor signature</i>	NO			
Has the level of risk been allocated to the STAGE 2 outputs/targets?	<i>Client signature</i>	<i>Client technical advisor signature</i>				
Has an optional independent assessment been carried out and reported to the client	<i>Client signature</i>	<i>Heat Network Consultant signature</i>	YES			

A more formalised approach right across the supply chain

# THE HEAT SECTOR JUNGLE

A photograph of a dense tropical jungle. In the center, a line of firefighters in red gear is navigating a narrow, rocky path. The foreground shows a firefighter in a red helmet and jacket crouching down. The background is filled with lush green foliage and tall trees, creating a sense of a complex and challenging environment.

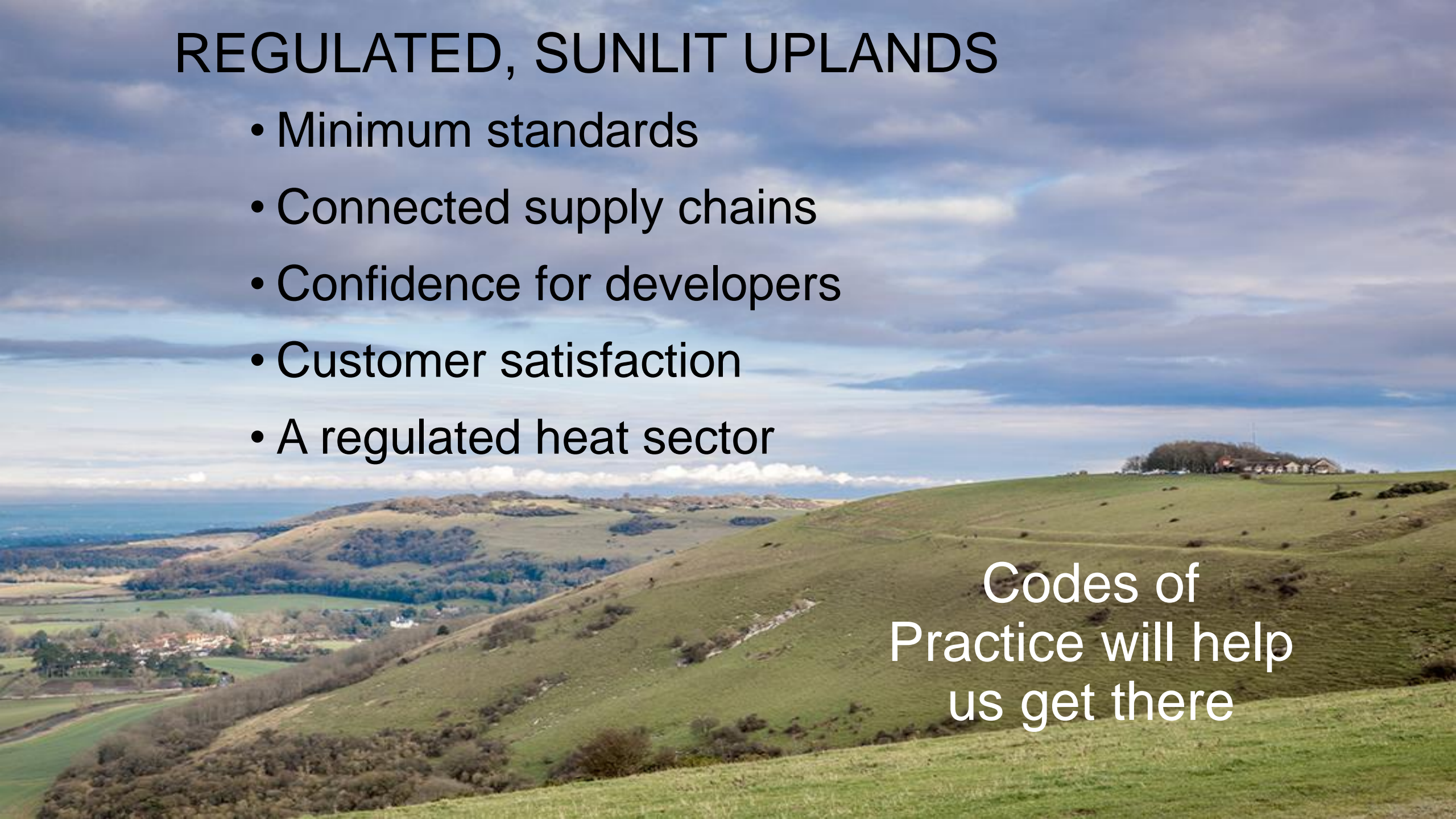
- An unregulated forest
- Unconnected supply chains

- Developers lack confidence
- Customer dissatisfaction

# REGULATED, SUNLIT UPLANDS

- Minimum standards
- Connected supply chains
- Confidence for developers
- Customer satisfaction
- A regulated heat sector

Codes of  
Practice will help  
us get there



# May the Code be with you!

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