

## **Richard Hurford, MA, BSc, MEI – South East Regional Manager, Energy Saving Trust (EST)**

Richard Hurford is Head of the Energy Saving Trust for the South East of England and is responsible for the work of the Energy Saving Trust advice centres for the South East and for SE stakeholder relations and development.

Before joining the EST, Richard worked for many years in regional and local government, first as an Energy Manager and then on sustainable development issues. Prior to this he worked for an American multi-national and a UK contractor, both in energy management. In addition to his work in energy and sustainable development, Richard has worked in sustainable procurement.

Richard has an MA in Sustainable Development, a BSc in Energy Engineering and Management Studies and is a Member of the Energy Institute.

## **Matthew Morris, CEN and ESTac**

Matthew is representing both Creative Environmental Networks and the Energy Saving Trust Advice Centre for Kent. He has joined Richard to field any questions which are more specific to Kent.

## **Suggested Themes and Questions**

1. (After both gentlemen have introduced themselves, Richard will give a PowerPoint Presentation, which may cover a number of the questions below.)
2. Could you please clarify whether government grants are still available for energy efficiency measures and for the installation of renewable energy technologies?
3. Obtaining FIT and RHI payments depends on use of certified installers but can significantly increase the capital cost, reducing the value of any incentive – in your view – what could be done about this?
4. What safeguards are available to householders who wish to undertake energy efficiency work or install renewable energy systems, in terms of quality standards or certification?
5. Could you tell us about the use of infrared photography to demonstrate the energy losses from buildings and about any work done in this regard in Kent – could this tool be used more widely to raise the profile of energy efficiency?
6. CEN<sup>1</sup>, indicated in their written evidence that there was a lack of large area-based programmes in the South East. What, in your opinion, is required? Could you refer us to successful schemes elsewhere.
7. What is the purpose of the Standard Assessment Procedure?

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<sup>1</sup> who operate the Energy Saving Trust Advice Centre (ESTac) in Kent (previously known as the Kent Energy Centre)

8. What is the energy performance profile of common housing types in the UK and what level of refurbishment is needed to meet the overall carbon reduction target of 80% by 2050? How is energy performance measured?
9. What is the role of building regulations in reducing carbon emissions by improving the energy efficiency of homes and in your view do they go far enough?
10. Can you tell us something about the 'whole house approach' to retrofitting and refer us to any case studies where this approach has been particularly successful?
11. How important is it to carbon reduction aims that renewable technologies are installed and what, in your view, is the 'order of work' that produces most benefits in terms of carbon reduction and cost savings?
12. Could you tell us about the Kent Low Carbon Communities Toolkit and whether this has been successful (is the scheme still in use)?