



Compliance Audit Report – 2023/24

29UB – Ashford Borough Council

Final Grade	Green - Meets requirements
Independent Auditor Organisation	TRIMMER CS LIMITED
Independent Auditor Name	Greg Trimmer

Report Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of the Compliance Audit report is to confirm that grant recipients have met Homes England's funding conditions and contractual requirements and have properly exercised their responsibilities as set out in the Capital Funding Guide.

We use the audit findings (which are confidential between Homes England and the grant recipient) to inform our future investment decisions and to reassure the Homes England Chief Accounting Officer that public funds have been properly used.

Where findings have been determined as breaches they are then used as the basis for recommendations and final grades for Providers. Grades of green, amber or red are awarded; definitions are provided at the end of this report. Where applicable the Provider is to use the recommendations to prevent similar breaches from reoccurring in the future and to aid good governance for complying with Homes England's policies, procedures and funding conditions.

Information about the audit process and guidance is available at:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/compliance-audit>

Compliance Audit Grade and Judgement Summary

Final Grade	Green - Meets requirements
Judgement Summary	On review of the evidence provided, the outcome of the audit has shown the provider has a satisfactory overall performance. A GREEN grade has been assigned. The audit has identified one low level breach with no risk of misapplication of public funds. The recurrence of breaches of a similar nature in future years may result in a failure to meet requirements. The provider should refer to the recommendation listed in the Compliance Audit system. The recommendation will assist the provider in ensuring further breaches of this nature do not reoccur in the future.



Scheme/Completions details

Scheme ID/ Completion ID	Address/Site ID	Scheme type
1010186	Halstow Way- Ashford-16/20,TN23 4EX	Rent

Audit Results

Number of Schemes/Completions Audited	1
Number of Breaches Assigned	1
Number of High Severity Breaches	0
Number of Medium Severity Breaches	0
Number of Low Severity Breaches	1

Details of Breaches by Scheme/Completion

Where there are breaches identified, remedial action must be taken in accordance with recommendations listed in the Compliance Audit Module to mitigate the potential for re-occurrence.

Breach 1

Scheme/Completion ID	1010186
Address/Site ID	Halstow Way- Ashford-16/20,TN23 4EX
Breach severity	Low
Breach description	7. Incorrect IMS data has been entered but there are no value for money implications. Examples might include typographical errors, or a failure to update the system with revised information
Breach comment	The audit has identified that key cost data detailed in the scheme file does not match the values entered in IMS and no variation has been sought. Submitted scheme data does not match with IMS approved scheme data and data held on scheme/site file at the point of practical completion. The IMS errors relate to works costs which increased but the increases were not recorded in IMS and also IMS records do not match the schedule of floor



	sizes within the audit file because six of the 2 bed units are shown as 4 person units (IMS records these as 3 person units). IMS data should be kept up to date at all stages of the development.
Recommendation	We note the provider's comment that revised processes are now in place for changes to data to be immediately recorded. Please ensure these revised processes have added the necessary steps to prevent similar issues reoccurring in the future and that these revised processes meet the Capital Funding Guide requirements and funding conditions. The provider is also expected to revise and correct the identified issue in all current grant funded developments.

Provider's Acknowledgement of Report

The contents of this report including all recommendations must be acknowledged by your Board's Chair or equivalent. Confirmation of this acknowledgement must be recorded in the IMS Compliance Audit System by your Compliance Audit Lead no later **than three calendar months** of the report email notification being sent.

Report acknowledged by:

Date:

Confidentiality

The information contained within this report has been compiled purely to assist Homes England in its statutory duty relating to the payment of grant to the Provider. Homes England accepts no liability for the accuracy or completeness of any information contained within this report. This report is confidential between Homes England and the Provider and no third party can place any reliance upon it.

Compliance Audit Grade Definitions

Green Grade	No high or medium severity breaches identified, although there may be low breaches identified. The Homes England audit report shows that the provider has a satisfactory overall performance but may identify areas where minor improvements are required.
Amber Grade	One or more medium severity breaches identified. The Homes England audit report will show that the provider has failed to meet some requirements but has not misapplied public money. The provider will be expected to correct identified problem(s) in future schemes and current developments.
Red Grade	One or more high level severity breaches identified, the Homes England audit report shows that the provider has failed to meet some requirements and there has been a risk of misapplication of public funds.



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