DECARBONISATION & RETROFIT FACTSHEET: VENTILATION



WHAT IS IT?

Controlled ventilation is needed to make sure there is enough air flowing around your home, which will remove moist and stale air and stop moisture from building up, which could create damp spots, mould and condensation. This is especially important when we are increasing the insulation in your home. There are a number of ways we can add ventilation to your home. These include:

Upgrading existing or adding additional mechanical extract ventilation in kitchens, bathrooms and utility rooms. These are what we call 'wet' rooms and are likely to produce the most moisture through cooking, bathing and laundry. This could be a wall or ceiling mounted extractor fan, which runs permanently in the background with an inbuilt sensor to check humidity levels to boost the fan when required, for example when you are cooking or showering.



Checking that the internal doors in your home have enough of a clearance underneath them to allow the air to flow freely. This gap should be around 10mm.



Windows may need to have small vents – trickle vents – installed into them.

These vents should be kept open to reduce the likelihood of condensation building up on your windows and to allow fresh air to come into your home.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO ME?

By increasing the amount of ventilation in your home the likelihood of damp, mould and condensation will be greatly reduced. This means the quality of the air in your home will be improved making it a pleasant place to live.

WHAT WILL I NEED TO DO FOR THE WORK TO TAKE PLACE?

We will need access to your home to install any new extractor fans. They will need to be wired into your electric supply. This means there could be a disruption to your power during the installation as it may need to be switched off for a period of time.

If we are installing trickle vents or checking undercuts on doors, we will need access to all rooms in your home.



We will need clear and hazard free access so please ensure any loose items are safely packed away.

Please ensure all pets are kept secure and any children under the age of 18 are not left unattended.

AFTERCARE

You should keep your extractor fans switched on at all times to keep the air flowing around your home. If you do not use them correctly you may have issues with damp and mould.

If you dry laundry indoors, it is recommended you ventilate the room by opening a window, close the door to avoid the moist air moving through your home and avoid hanging items directly on radiators.

When showering or bathing you should keep the bathroom door closed and open the window to allow condensation to escape.

Trickle vents on windows should be kept open to ensure fresh air is able to enter your home.

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

CLC Contractors understand the inconvenience that these works may cause. Our aim is to complete the works as quickly and stress free as possible. We promise to keep you informed of our plans and updated of any changes if or when they happen.

Our Resident Liaison Officer will be in regular contact with you throughout the duration of the works to ensure any issues or concerns are answered quickly.

The dates and timescales of all works will be agreed with you in advance.

We will be courteous and will take care when working in or around your home and will leave your home neat and tidy at the end of each working day.

