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Biminster Homes chooses Calor for prestigious off-grid development



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When Biminster Homes began developing the ‘Woodlands’ site at Edney Common in Essex on behalf of William Thompson Homes, mains gas was not available in the village. Biminster considered the range of alternative fuel options available for heating and hot water and selected LPG from Calor.

As a regional house builder with a small project team, Biminster Homes needed an option that was viable from a cost and ease-of-installation perspective. This was the first time the company had developed an off-grid site, so it was important it made the right decision to encourage prospective buyers.



Customer: Biminster Homes on behalf of William Thompson Homes

Application: Underground bulk tanks for a metered estate

Location: Woodlands at Edney Common, Essex

Project highlights:

- Neat and discreet tank installation for a small collection of 15 luxury homes
- Gas is a proven and reliable fuel, selected to appeal to prospective buyers
- LPG enabled the use of full gas central heating in each property
- Confidence in the Calor brand name and track record

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Case Study
Biminster Homes



Emma Allen, Project Manager at Biminster Homes, explains:

“Our primary concern was the aesthetics of the homes – we needed something that wasn’t going to affect the look and feel of a property’s interior and exterior.

Initially we considered using air source heat pumps, but found the outside units were quite noisy and made the exterior of the homes look cluttered, which we felt could put-off potential buyers.

It would also mean we would have to add hot water cylinders on some plots, affecting the design and layout of the property, which would be costly and impact on the interior of the home.

In addition to this, we had some concerns about the long-term reliability of ASHP, and wanted to offer our clients a fuel source that they would be familiar with, and which was both dependable and versatile.

Alternative options

“We also looked at oil, but this would require a large ugly individual oil tank in each garden, which we felt did not lend itself well to an exclusive luxury development - and electricity was just too expensive.

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Having never developed an off grid site before, Biminster was unfamiliar with the great number of benefits that could be offered by a metered LPG system.

“After meeting with Calor, the representative explained all the pros – including a communal supply of underground tanks which could be sited away from the houses, significantly improving the overall development aesthetics.

There were no restrictions on how far away the tanks had to be positioned, so we could place them at a good distance from the site, which would also make it easier when it came to refueling.

We liked the fact that LPG allowed us to offer our customers gas appliances too, for example if they wanted a gas fire, cooker, or AGA, we were able to accommodate this request easily.”

Household brand

Another big plus for Biminster was the reputation of the Calor brand name and the support it received during the specification process.

“The company has over 80 years’ experience in supplying LPG to homes in rural locations all across the UK, so we had a lot of confidence that our customers would be happy to have Calor as their supplier.

We’re really pleased with the outcome and would definitely recommend Calor LPG for other developments in the future”.