

## McCarthy & Stone – Lighting the way for a greener future.

The UK Building Regulations currently have a mandatory requirement that approximately 30% of the light fittings in all new homes are dedicated low energy. Most builders will comply with the minimum number to meet the regulations, but McCarthy & Stone, Britain's largest builder of private retirement properties, have taken the positive decision to increase that figure to 100%.

With immediate effect every room in all their developments will be fitted with dedicated low energy pendants. At a time when green issues are a daily topic of conversation, this is an easy, cost effective way to show a commitment to producing housing which won't have a damaging impact on our environment.

Nick Pace, Purchasing Manager at McCarthy & Stone, said, "We take environmental issues very seriously and, as a responsible company, want to do what we can to make our developments as green as possible. The low energy pendants and battens we are using look like regular incandescent ones and will take a standard ceiling shade. They will save our home buyers 80% on lighting running costs and they won't have to replace a lamp for around 3-5 years".

The light fittings have been sourced from tp24, who specialise in the manufacture of dedicated low energy fittings and supply many of the UK's major house builders and contractors. tp24 are focused on removing the stigma of fluorescent lighting and making design led, small and attractive solutions that are affordable to everybody. They have produced a range of over 250 decorative light fittings and are constantly coming up with more designs to meet the needs of today's consumer.

Other major builders look set to follow this example; Crest Nicholson are now fitting 75% dedicated low energy fittings in all of their developments and a number of major builders are reviewing their policies. We can all expect to see more low energy lighting in our new homes, the good news is that there are now some great looking products on the market and they are constantly improving. Even better the price is no longer a premium, with low energy lights costing much the same as the equivalent incandescent options.

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### **Editors' Notes**

Image attached; high resolution dedicated low energy pendant set.

### **More about tp24**

tp24 are world leaders in the design and manufacture of low energy lighting. Their core business is providing quality lighting packages to new home buyers through builders. tp24 offers a complete service for the builder including creating a schedule, labelling up each individual box for the room in which it needs installing and delivery to site, ready for installation before the purchaser moves in.

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