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Housing Workshop Flip chart notes

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Best Practice Activities

FSC timber

- Chain of custody – so you can claim that you are using FSC → raise awareness of consumers of the FSC logo
- Influence timber sellers to only purchase FSC timber e.g. B&Q
- Educate the public so they wish to specify FSC only
- Use of reclamation waste, promotion of reclamation yards, salvo (website)
- Site management of demolition waste to avoid unnecessary transport

BP Activities

- Waste of new construction materials (over ordering) – problems of crime/stealing
- Housing density – should encourage residents to get used to
 - architects to consider ways to make high density living more attractive/liveable
 - location and design are key (e.g. Mayfair v. desirable but also high density)
 - Transport/car parking provision needs to be considered
- Sustainability tax – 5% of cost if don't meet sustainability criteria – makes more commercially advantageous
- No VAT on new build – shouldn't be on refurbishment of existing buildings
- Sustainable Communities Plan - many of these are included in here 'sticks' are the key driver

One Action YOU Will Do

- Keep plugging away!
- Champion the high density development
- Make more noise about reduced car usage in and around estates
- Biodiversity more compatible with human habitation – will do more! (in small increments)

One Action You Will Do Following Today

- Sell FSC rather than non-FSC – need to promote to more people
- Will try to make use of timber frames in flats more appealing
- Will launch a website about FSC products (home-garden-centre.co.uk)
- Drive sustainability ABCD project in Wolverhampton , promote Cross St South project 'Complete Sustainable "pocket"'