

A study conducted recently by Manchester University on Barratt Developments' Eco Village in Chorley serves to emphasise that there's no 'one size fits all' solution to the Merton Rule's requirement that all new developments generate 10% from on-site renewables.

So how do the technologies compare? And how do you choose the best solution for a specific project?

Ecobuild will bring together the foremost experts on micro-renewable technologies and the largest collection of suppliers of microrenewables to the built environment ever seen in the UK.

So, if you want to know how to choose the best technology for your project, attend Ecobuild's dedicated How to make microrenewables work series of free seminars. If you've got questions about solar-thermal, photovoltaics or BIPV, pay a visit to Solar City, which features dedicated solar seminars, a walk-up advice centre and a product showcase of the vast array of the solar technologies available. And if you want to see microrenewables in action, visit Ecobuild's Zero Carbon House (see page 37), which will reveal the design features, materials and systems that combine to make zero-carbon housing a reality.