Improving your home with retrofit:

Planning, grants and other information

Planning restrictions: Some retrofitting of homes needs planning permission. This mostly affects homes which are listed or in a conservation area. Winchester City Council published *A Guide To Making Your Historic Building More Energy Efficient* in 2023 There are a very few things that everyone needs planning permission to do. The same guide tells you what these are.

Pre-Applications planning advice and enquiries: Winchester City Council offers an extensive pre-application advice service, to assist building owners in planning changes to their historic building. Details, including fees, here: https://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning/pre-application-service#:~:text=The%20service%20encourages%20early%20proactive,be%20more%20efficient.

Listed building consent: Winchester City Council Historic Environment Team Leader Daniel Ayre dayre@winchester.gov.uk

Building Regulations: Separate to planning permission and listed building consent, you may need Building Control approval under Building Regulations. The Building Regulations address issues of the safety, quality and efficiency of new building work. For advice, contact the Building Control Team BuildingControl@winchester.gov.uk 01962 848176.

Financial help

Boiler Upgrade Scheme : one grant per property. Current grants are available for:

- £7,500 towards an air source heat pump
- £7,500 towards a ground source heat pump (including water source heat pumps and those on shared ground loops)
- £5,000 towards a biomass boiler

The system you install must meet certain standards, such as minimum efficiency levels. The maximum capacity is 45kWth for individual systems and 300kWth for shared ground loops. Find out more about heat pumps and biomass boilers at https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/energy-at-home/heating-your-home/

More information

WinACC's website has links to much useful information in retrofitting: https://www.winacc.org.uk/retrofit-your-historic-home/

Cambridge City Council have published a very detailed report on 'Retrofitting your home' which shows the many ways that homes of different sizes can be retrofitted to make

them more energy efficient.- https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/media/11677/retrofitting-your-home-report-non-accessible-version.pdf