



**HERE WE GO:** Saffron Housing start work on building an eco-home in Skelton Road in the morning, above, and by nightfall, top right, it is nearly finished. 9DE0304008 & 024.

# How to build a house in days

A FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND eco-home has been built in just six days in Diss.

Although common in Sweden, the flat-pack house assembled this week in Skelton Road, is the first one in this country and it is expected to be a blueprint for the future of housing construction.

After the concrete foundations were laid in four days, the house's panels were then installed in two and a half days and residents on the social waiting list will be able to move in within weeks.

David Daniels, board member of Saffron Housing Trust, which assembled the house, said: "It is such a quick, simple and efficient way of building new homes and it can be localised by using builders from our area

and making the panels in nearby factories.

"It works like a Thermos flask, keeping it warm in the winter and cool in the summer."

Internal panel walls can be moved around to change room layouts and heating bills are expected to be no more than £150 a year.

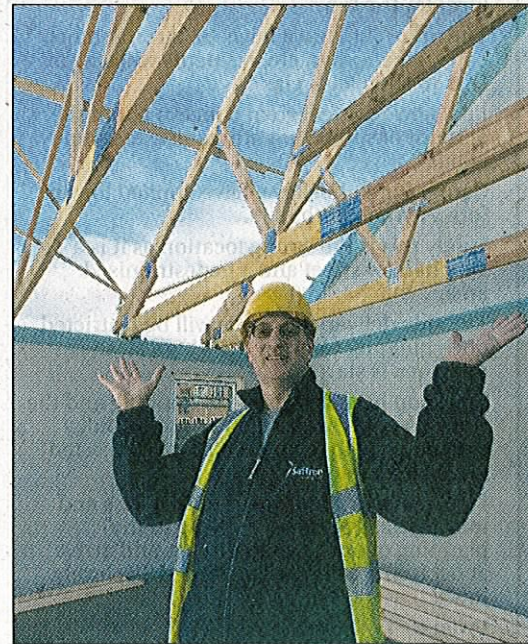
A further four sites in Diss are being considered for similar projects, as well as locations in Long Stratton and Kenninghall.

Graham Minshall, Diss town councillor and Saffron Housing Trust board member, said: "This could be the solution to south Norfolk's long waiting list for homes."

**WEBWATCH:** [www.saffronhousing.co.uk](http://www.saffronhousing.co.uk)



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**UP AND AWAY:** David Daniels of Saffron Housing is pleased with the progress of the house. 9DE0304020.