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Dear Mr Griffiths,

Congratulations from NHBC

On behalf of NHBC, I would like to congratulate you on your re-election as Chair of the Local Government and Housing Committee. As NHBC's new Regional Director for Wales, I would welcome a meeting in the near future to discuss the upcoming work of the committee and how we can support it.

As you will be aware, NHBC has tried to support the work of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee in the fifth Senedd on a host of issues within the housing sector, including building safety, climate change, modern methods of construction, affordable housing and increasing the rate of housebuilding.

As the UK's largest new home warranty provider and single building control body, we want to continue to share our experience, expertise and knowledge on these issues so that they can meet our shared goals for higher quality homes in Wales.

NHBC's core purpose is to build confidence in the construction quality of new homes, and we have a dedicated service to provide this for innovative homes. I would be particularly interested in discussing with you *NHBC Accepts*, which helps increase the adoption of innovative Modern Methods of Construction (MMC), while also maintaining confidence that both the components and completed homes are built to the highest standards. I have attached a briefing on NHBC Accepts and the success we have had since its launch last year.

I would be delighted to discuss this in more detail with you. If you would like to arrange a meeting or if NHBC can be of any assistance, please contact my colleague Thomas Stevenson [REDACTED]

I wish you the very best luck in your new role and look forward to our productive working relationship.

Yours sincerely,

Luke Carter MCI0B
Regional Director West & Wales

NHBC Accepts - 12 months on

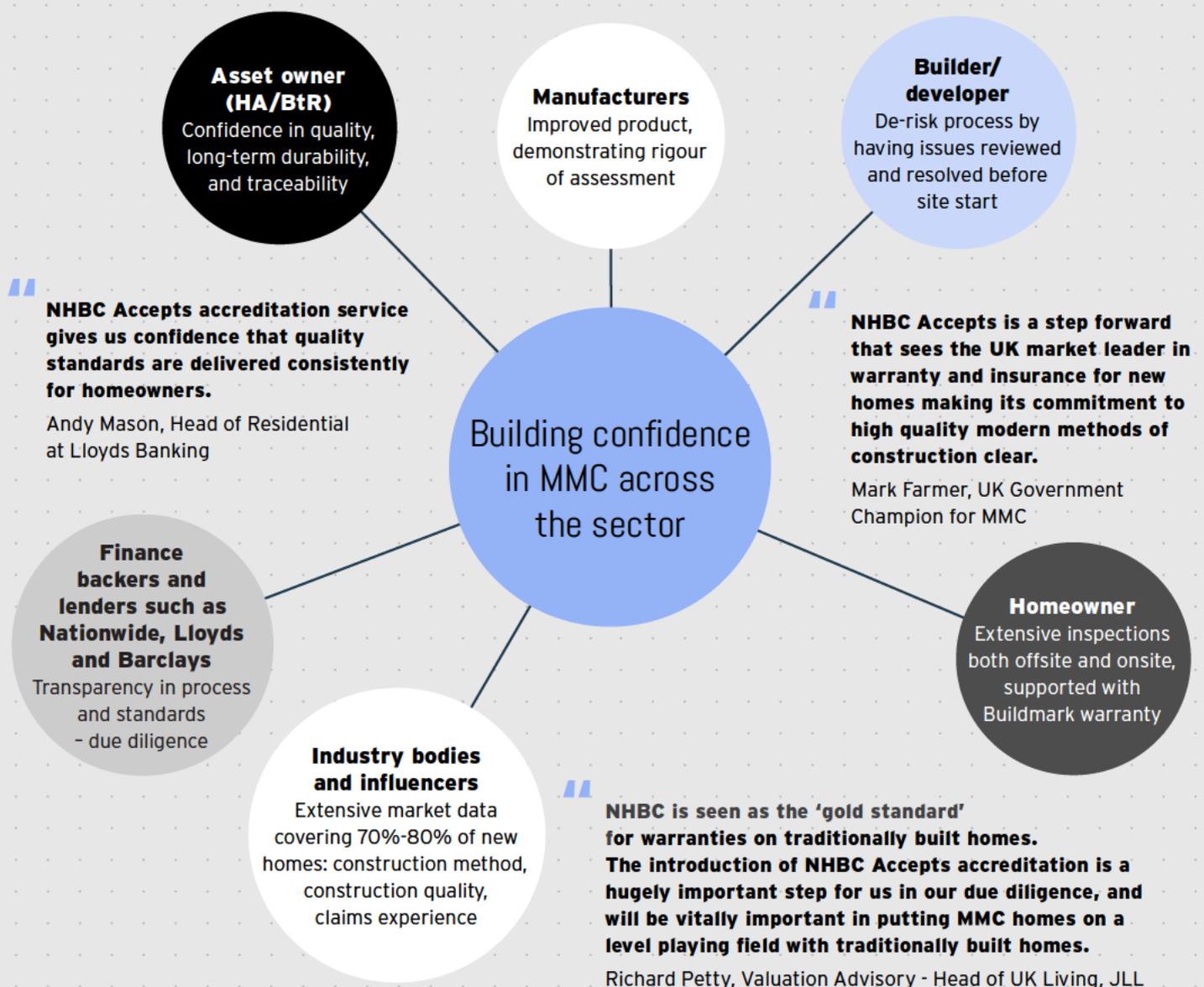
Supporting innovative construction in housebuilding



NHBC has been a longstanding supporter of innovation in housebuilding for decades. NHBC Accepts is an end-to-end service that enables high-quality Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) to be fast-tracked for NHBC's leading warranty, Buildmark and in July 2021 the service celebrates its first anniversary.

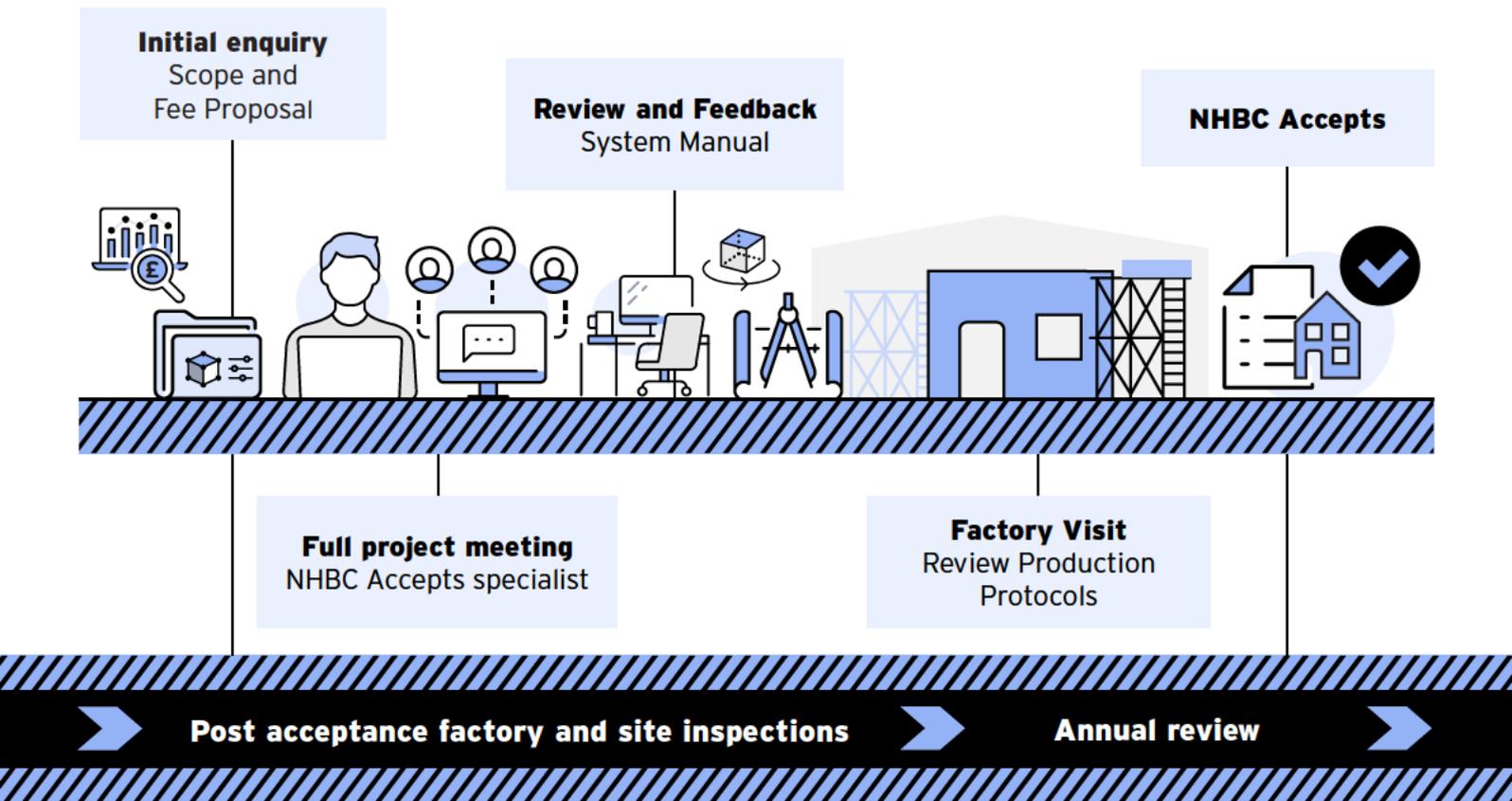
Building confidence in MMC

- **NHBC Accepts helps to build confidence in MMC.** When a system has been accepted, builders, homeowners, lenders, and local authorities can be reassured it can meet the standards of NHBC's leading 10-year Buildmark warranty.
- **NHBC Accepts actively assesses the quality of construction** both off-site and on-site to verify it is able to be accepted onto Buildmark.
- **This is not solely an assessment process.** NHBC will also actively work with the manufacturer to improve their product so that it can be accepted, and post-acceptance, continually improved.
- **Our ambitions are to continue to expand the number of accepted systems** so that more MMC can be used in housebuilding to increase housing supply while retaining high construction quality.

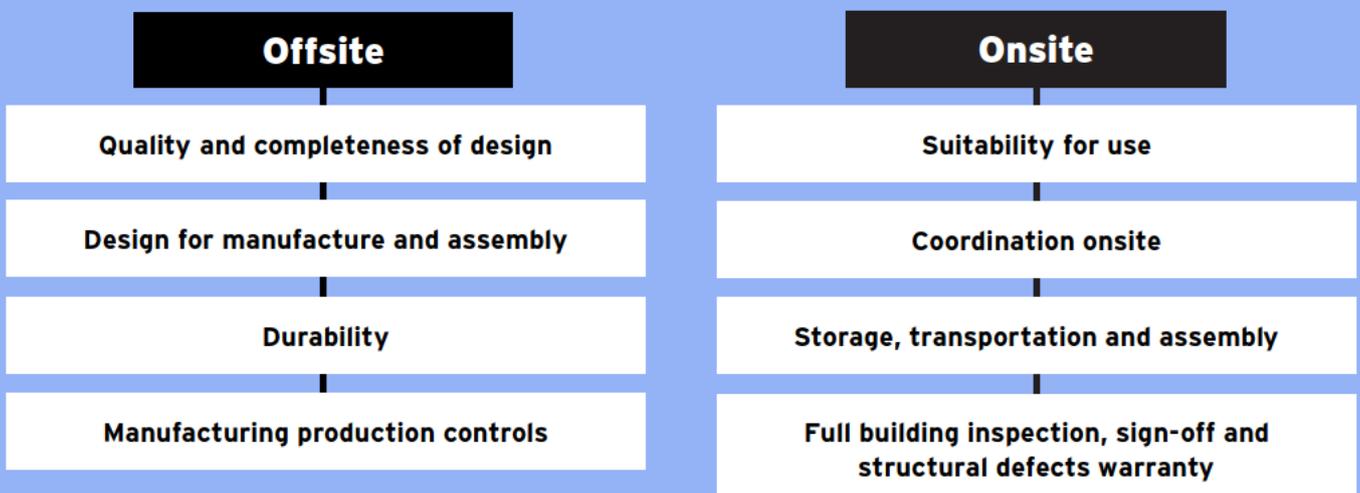


NHBC Accepts - the manufacturer's journey

NHBC Accepts undertakes detailed and robust technical reviews at key stages to accept an MMC system. The following is a high-level summary of what a manufacturer experiences when putting its system forward to NHBC Accepts.



Key risks assessed when reviewing MMC



NHBC Accepts - Results from the past 12 months

28

systems accepted
by NHBC Accepts

48

systems under
review by
NHBC Accepts

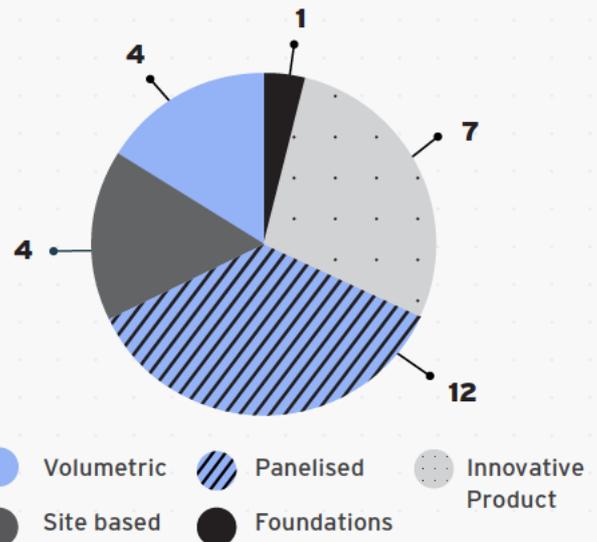
34%

increase in MMC
plots registered for
the 12 months to
June 2021

5,406

new homes being built
with MMC registered
by NHBC in the past
12 months

NHBC Accepts has accepted a wide
variety of MMC systems



Case studies



Type of MMC

Factory assembled light steel frame volumetric units to provide a range of standard house types.

NHBC Accepts outcome:

ilke Homes became the first offsite manufacturer to achieve accreditation under NHBC Accepts. ilke Homes also receives regular feedback as part of NHBC's Construction Quality Review process to allow them continually to improve and benchmark within the market.

What they say:

“ NHBC Accepts means that we now have the opportunity to discuss the requirements of the business so we can fully scope out the works, set a programme and agree a cost for our service. Our homes are also backed by some of the UK's biggest financial providers and the NHBC Accepts scheme helps provide added assurance.

Dave Sheridan, Executive Chairman, ilke Homes



Type of MMC

Volumetric timber frame system for apartment blocks of between 2 - 4 storeys.

NHBC Accepts outcome:

BoKlok, jointly-owned by IKEA and Skanska, had to submit detailed and robust technical information to be accepted which was comprehensively reviewed by the NHBC team against our robust standards. The system was reviewed in just 67 days and the first site is registered with NHBC and under construction in Bristol for 98 homes.

What they say:

“ We are very pleased to have been given a seal of approval for NHBC Accepts. We hope that this additional accreditation will provide further confidence in our home development to our customers and the wider industry.

Noel Sheehan, Housing Director, BoKlok

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