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## COTMAN HOUSING PARTNERS WITH ENERGY COMPANIES TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE

Norwich-based Cotman Housing Association has teamed up with one of the country's leading energy suppliers, a leading green support services company and the Government's national affordable homes agency to reduce carbon emissions across its housing stock by sending out energy efficient light bulbs to its households.

Cotman joins the Housing Corporation, EDF Energy and eaga, one of the largest providers of domestic energy solutions in Europe, to distribute the light bulbs, donated by EDF Energy, and issued to homes where tenants might be vulnerable to fuel poverty.

Each household was sent four light bulbs with a life span ten times longer than regular bulbs and an energy usage 80% less than a standard one. In total the scheme aims to save 1.14 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> over a ten year period, which would equate to over 230,000 Olympic-size swimming pools.

Cotman is one of the first Housing Associations in East Anglia to take part in the scheme and distributed its light bulbs in February.

Speaking about the partnership, Cotman's Housing Services Director Wayne Tatlow said: "Making our homes more energy efficient and supporting vulnerable people in doing this is one of our key priorities.

"We were delighted to join up with The Housing Corporation, EDF Energy and eaga in 'greening' our housing stock and, at a time of rising energy prices, firmly believe this will help our residents save money whilst at the same time meeting our own commitments of making our homes more environmentally sustainable."

For more information about the work of Cotman Housing Association, telephone **01603 731699** or visit **[www.cotman-housing.org.uk](http://www.cotman-housing.org.uk)**.

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**Note to editors:**

**Cotman Housing Association** is a non-profit-making housing association registered as an Industrial and Provident Society with the Registrar of Friendly Societies and having the status of a charity. The Association aims to ensure that residents who need specialist housing care and support receive it effectively, and strives to provide our residents with appropriate homes, all designed, built and maintained to the highest possible standard.

**The Housing Corporation** is the Government's national affordable homes agency responsible for investing in new affordable homes and regulating nearly 2,000 housing associations.

**EDF Energy** is one of the UK's largest energy companies providing power to a quarter of the UK's population.

**eaga** specialises in providing residential energy efficiency solutions and is the leading company in the Green Support Services sector.