

MTT/UPDATE...

BREEAM 2018

BREEAM is updated every four years or so by its operator, the Building Research Establishment (BRE), to maintain technical robustness and reflect evolving practice, technologies and market drivers (keeping abreast of changes within the industry, policy and regulations). These updates also allow the BRE to address feedback from assessors, project teams and clients to ensure BREEAM remains aspirational but also deliverable and relevant.

After a year of technical development, BRE's consultation on the DRAFT BREEAM UK New Construction 2018 (NC 2018) manual is now live and can be downloaded from <http://www.breeam.com/breeam-uk-new-construction-2018-consultation>. The consultation runs until Friday 3rd November 2017 and the BRE welcome all feedback. Details of how to do this can be found using the link. Following this consultation the BRE will then launch BREEAM UK NC 2018 early next year.

From our initial review of the manual and briefings we have received from the BRE, the key changes are expected to be:

- An updated approach to the detailed energy modelling criteria for the key energy issue, Ene 01.
- The addition of the new optional third assessment stage, the 'Verification Stage', which requires monitoring, reviewing and reporting on the building – in particular comparison of design and actual energy and water use - once occupied (at least 12 months after occupation).
- New approaches to sustainable transport options, beyond cyclist facilities.
- A move away from assessing materials using the 'Green Guide to Specification' in favour of life cycle impact assessment.
- Enhancement of Health and Wellbeing requirements - particularly relating to air quality – and further alignment of BREEAM with the WELL Building standard.

We will be digging deeper into the (463-page!) manual over the coming weeks, but if you have any questions or want to raise any issues in the consultation through us, we would very happy to hear from you.

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