

Technical Sheet

What is it?

BRE's Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM – www.breeam.org) is a tool used to assess the environmental performance of both new and existing buildings. It is a sector specific assessment method covering a range of building types including retail, offices and industrial with bespoke assessments for building types not covered.

The purpose of BREEAM is to:

- Mitigate the impact of buildings on the environment;
- Provide a framework enabling best environmental practice to be incorporated in buildings;
- Improve environmental performance of buildings by demonstrating improvements over building regulation and using industry best practice;
- Raise the awareness of owners, occupants, designers and operators of the benefits of buildings with a reduced impact on the environment.

Why do it?

BREEAM is becoming widely used and increasingly present in local authority planning policy. This is through the emergence of core strategies, Government agenda and the Welsh National Assembly Government's decision to enforce the criteria for certain developments within Wales.

Using BREEAM criteria can offer significant benefits to building providers and tenants through design as cost savings can be achieved in the design and operation of the building. Flexibility can also be incorporated within the development for future use.

Our expertise

DPP Sustainability is able to carry out pre-assessments and provide BREEAM advice from submission of planning conditions through to certification.

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