

November 2007 PROCESS NOTE**RE:****General Information: N/A****Process Information: N/A****Technical Information: Code, EcoHomes**

This letter is sent to the main contact in your organisation. Please can you ensure that this information is copied to all other EcoHomes/BREEAM assessors within your organisation.

The following contains important information and news regarding all of our BREEAM Schemes.

General Information

N/A

Process Information

N/A

Technical Information**Code for Sustainable Homes****Ene 3: Dedicated Energy Efficient Light Fittings**

Tubular fluorescent light fittings will automatically comply with the requirements for this credit. No further information is required where this type of lighting is specified.

Dedicated fittings that only accept compact fluorescent lamps will automatically comply with the criteria for this credit. A description of the fitting type will need to be provided to demonstrate that the fitting is dedicated. No further information is required where this type of lighting is specified.

Where any other lighting is specified, full details, including the fitting type and efficacy of the lamp, must be provided.

Was 1: Recycling Bins

The function of the recycling bin must not be compromised as a result of its dedicated position and vice versa. Examples of non-compliant situations include:

- Pedal bins sited in cupboards
- Recycling bins where lids are not fully openable
- Freestanding bins placed directly on the floor

Amendment of the Ene 1&7 calculator

- The calculator has been amended to allow a greater number of dwellings to be entered into the tool.

- Amendments have been made to notes within the tool to clarify the types of renewables acceptable, in particular the acceptability of offsite renewables, in accordance with the Technical Guide, October 2007.
- The emission factor for electricity displaced from grid (i.e. exported to the grid) has also been clarified. This is quoted under Ene 1 in the technical guide as 0.422; however, it should be 0.568 in accordance with SAP 2005, as is quoted in Ene 7.

Amendment of the Wat 1 calculator

- The calculator has been amended to clarify the requirement to measure taps at 1/3 of maximum flow rate.
- The methodology for calculating the volume of water to be offset from water softeners has been incorporated into the tool.
- The requirement to always assume a dishwasher and washing machine has been incorporated into the tool.
- The methodology set out for calculating rainwater collection has been updated. This update revises the method for calculating the number of occupants for blocks of flats where a shared central rainwater harvesting system is specified. This is to recognise that the formula to estimate the number of occupants can only be used on a dwelling by dwelling basis. The calculator has been updated to allow this to be calculated on a dwelling by dwelling basis to work out the total number of occupants for the block.

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Amendment of the Hea 1 view of sky calculator

The output of the previous version of the calculator was the distance of the no-sky line from the window wall. As the credit requirement specifies that 80% of the working plane must have a view of the sky, the calculator has been amended so that its output is the actual percentage of the working plane that has a view of the sky. The new calculator has been uploaded on the extranet; it is called EcoHomes_2006_software_tool_v2_-_Hea_1_Sky.xls

Amendment of the Eco4 change of ecological value calculator

The 'Change of Ecological Value Calculator' has been amended to allow actual species per hectare values to be entered into the tool where these have been provided by a Suitably Qualified Ecologist.