

THE CONTRIBUTION OF BREEAM TO SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

Over the past few years, the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) accreditation is quickly becoming the norm for building projects in the UK, particularly in public projects. BREEAM is currently touted as one of the governments 'mandated mechanisms' for sustainable procurement. Recent government reports suggest that BREEAM contributes to sustainability by instilling sustainable behaviour in design teams to ensure sustainable design for buildings, which then means that BREEAM can serve to bring the issues of sustainability to the forefront of designers' minds. This research examines the extent to which BREEAM contributes to sustainable design. The research is expected to be using empirical data derived from on-going case study building projects in the UK. The research should conclude with directions for future research.

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