

Case Study

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Oil Company BREEAM Assessment

The Challenge

To carry out a BREEAM Assessment of the new building headquarters of a large oil company.

The Solution

An assessment and report were carried out, detailing the interim design stage performance of the building development as measured against the Building Research Establishment Environmental and Sustainability Standard, BREEAM Retail version 4.0 for New Construction.

The building has achieved a BREEAM score of 49.80% which translates in to an interim design stage BREEAM rating of 'GOOD'. The BREEAM assessor determined this rating using an audit compliant trail of evidence, all of which is referenced throughout an assessment report. This report documented the status of the project prior to works on site.

The Outcome

As there were a number of design issues still to be confirmed by the appointed contractor, a number of credits were withheld and hence the design stage interim score was only an indication of the potential final score for the project. It is anticipated that the final score should exceed the 'Very Good' requirement.

The planning authority required all major development projects to take all reasonable actions to achieve a 'Very Good' score. The nature of this project is inherently against success under the BREEAM standard (particularly within the Land Use & Ecology and Health and Wellbeing sections), and although all reasonable measures have been taken to target the best score possible, certain physical and economic factors made this rating challenging for this type of development.



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