

Sustainable Construction and Refurbishment Policy

Trinity Laban is planning the future expansion of the Conservatoire with refurbishment of existing buildings as well as construction of new buildings. As such it is necessary to consider the environmental sustainability of both refurbishment and construction works while ensuring that carbon emissions are minimised.

Policy

The construction industry uses the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) as the benchmark for delivering sustainable buildings. Trinity Laban should therefore strive to achieve BREEAM standard in all future developments.

For all refurbishment works, the Conservatoire should work with the project design teams and contractors to ensure sustainable low energy design solutions and appropriate levels for condition comfort.

Control Measures

In order to ensure a robust and compliant approach to sustainable construction and refurbishment, we have implemented the following control measures:

- BREEAM assessment to be carried out on all new buildings with a target to achieve a rating of 'excellent' but with a minimum rating of 'very good' in cases where there are good and explicit reasons why an excellent rating could not be achieved.
- BREEAM assessment to be carried out on all major refurbishments with a target to achieve a rating of 'very good' but with a minimum rating of 'good' in cases where there are good and explicit reasons why a very good rating could not be achieved.
- Ensure all project design team meetings incorporate sustainable low energy design solutions while minimising building pollutants and increasing recycling and recoverable materials.
- Set benchmark targets for waste to landfill on both refurbishment and demolition projects.
- Increase water re-use by establishing targets for all new build and refurbishment projects.

- Include a requirement in all future refurbishment and construction contracts a requirement for a travel plan to be submitted.