

BREEAM

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Ecohomes is a version of BREEAM for homes. It provides an authoritative rating for new, converted or renovated homes, and covers houses, flats and apartments.

Ecohomes balances environmental performance with the need for a high quality of life and a safe and healthy internal environment. Many of the issues are optional, ensuring Ecohomes is flexible enough to be tailored to a particular development or market.

Ecohomes Assessments can be carried out at both the design stage or post construction for:

- New build
- Major refurbishment projects

In April 2007 the Code for Sustainable Homes replaced Ecohomes for the assessment of new housing in England. EcoHomes 2006 will continue to be used for refurbished housing in England and for all housing in Scotland and Wales.

EcoHomes is the homes version of BREEAM (BRE Environmental Assessment Method). EcoHomes covers houses as well as apartment buildings and can be applied to both new and renovated homes. Other types of accommodation, such as sheltered homes, student flats or nursing homes, can be assessed using BREEAM Multi-residential

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The issues assessed are grouped into eight categories:

1. Management
2. Energy
3. Water
4. Pollution
5. Materials
6. Transport
7. **Land use and Ecology**
8. Health and well-being

All the issues are optional, ensuring EcoHomes is flexible enough to be tailored to a particular development, site or market.

What ADK Environmental can offer: 'Ecological Enhancement Reports'

Following initial consultation with the client and preferably following a site scoping visit of a proposed site and scheme, ADK will formulate and produce a draft 'Ecological Enhancement Report' that can then be discussed, amended, adapted and tailored to suit the clients' needs and final development scheme.

This Ecological Enhancement Report can then be used by the client to gain 'credits' under the scheme and relevant section i.e. **Land use and Ecology**.

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