

## Achieving excellence in a sustainable university refurbishment

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### **UCEM** Context

- Founded in 1919 by Royal Charter
- Awarded **TDAP** in 2013
- **QAA Higher Education Review** (Alternative Providers) in 2016
  - Met expectations
- Leading provider of **supported online learning** for existing and aspiring real estate & construction professionals worldwide
- **Degree programmes** at Foundation, Bachelor and Masters levels
  - Degree Apprenticeships and Level 3 Apprenticeships
- Over **3000 part-time students** from **over 100 countries** benefitting from our degrees to meet industry needs

### **UCEM Vision & Core Purpose**

#### 2019 Vision

• To be the 'leading, vocational, online university'.

#### Core Purpose

- ensures that we provide truly 'accessible, relevant and cost effective education, enabling students to enhance careers, increase professionalism and contribute to a better built environment'.
- One Mission, One Team





### **Sustainability Policy**

Our strategic ambition is to develop and implement genuine sustainability credentials as a socially responsible organisation by:

- ensuring our students are conversant in best practice to nurture sustainable built environment.
- making sustainability a central focus for UCEM at organisational, departmental and individual levels through driving forward long-term and effective behavioural change.
- establishing UCEM as a leader in the sustainability agenda through actively influencing industry and conducting research.



## BREEAM UK Non-Domestic Refurbishment and Fit-out 2014

# James Honour RIBA BREAM UK RFO Scheme Manager

# Agenda

- 1. Background & benefits of BREEAM RFO
- 2. How does it work?
- 3. How to engage with the scheme
- 4. Technical overview of the scheme
- 5. Refurbishment scenario session





Certification

Consultancy

# What is BREEAM?

- The world's longest established and most widely used environmental assessment method for buildings
- Launched in **1990** (First Offices, then Industrial, Retail etc...)
- Driven and first piloted by London market following 80's energy crisis
- Process and outcome focused
- Robust, evidence based criteria
- Drives **innovation** and standards above the regulatory minimum
- Credible label showcasing CSR



# Around the world ... over 540,000 certified buildings



...across 77 countries, with 2m+ registered

# BREEAM Family - Whole Life Cycle



BREEAM scheme by built environment lifecycle stages

# Key headlines – Non-domestic refurbishment in context

**18%** - of UK emissions are from non-domestic buildings

90% - of properties are EPC 'Band C' or worse

62% - of commercial properties are tenanted

# BREEAM UK ND Refurbishment and Fit-out

First **dedicated** BREEAM version specifically for refurbishment and fit-out projects with a focus on what <u>can</u> be influenced.

# Scope of each part

Part

1

Fabric and Structure: external envelope including walls, roof, windows & floor

Part 2

**Core Services:** centralised M&E plant including heating, cooling & ventilation

Base build issues

Local Services: localised services including lighting, local heating, cooling & ventilation

Part 4

Part

3

**Interior Design:** Interior Finishes, Furniture, Fittings & Equipment Fit-out related issues

# Example assessments: University

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### **BREEAM UK RFO 2014** - Environmental sections



#### Management

Overall management policy, commissioning site management and procedural issues

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### Health & Wellbeing

Indoor and external issues affecting health and well-being



### Energy

Operational energy and CO<sub>2</sub> issues



Transport

Transport-related CO<sub>2</sub> and location-related factors

### Water

Consumption and water efficiency



### **Materials**

Environmental implication of building materials



### Waste

Reducing waste during both construction works and operation



### Land Use & Ecology

Ecological value conservation and enhancement of the site



### Pollution

Air, noise and water pollution issues

Benefits of BREEAM Refurbishment and Fit-out

- Only assess aspects which are within **your scope of works**
- Provides **comparability** between projects
- Empathetic with **historic buildings** e.g. grade 1, 2, 2\* listed buildings
- Assists with **CSR** obligations
- Get ahead of your competition & showcase industry best practice
- **Reduced running costs** and risk as a result of minimising water use, energy use, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and waste
- Enhance occupant comfort increase productivity

## Adding value "Investment costs not as high as perceived"

World Green Building Council report 2013



## "BREEAM is the preferred certification body across Europe"

DLA Piper: Towards Greener Future 2014

## "Potentially significant life cycle cost savings"

BSRIA: The Value of BREEAM report 2012

"Increased value, suggested higher staff productivity levels"

RICS: Supply, Demand and the Value of Green 2012

# 'The value of BREEAM' – Briefing Paper 2016

- Average CO2 saving is **22%** with BREEAM
- BREEAM 'Excellent' 33% carbon emissions reduction expected
- Operational costs savings from 2% higher capital costs can be paid back within 2-5 years
- Green certified buildings sales prices increase by up to 30% - World Green Building Council 2013
- Staff costs account for 90% of business' operating costs

# Case study – Aztec West business park, Bristol

- Aztec West first RFO Office in Bristol
- Awarded design stage 'Very Good' rating for Parts 2 and 3
- £5 million, 30-week, 51,000 square feet project
- Improved EPC rating to achieve an EPC A.
- New steel-frame reception extension
- New toilet facilities, floor, ceiling & wall finishes to extension
- Replaced window and curtain walling
- Replaced the mechanical and electrical systems
- Installed photovoltaic panels on the ro
- Enhanced the airtightness of the build
- Improvements to the site landscaping.



# Aviva Investors, One Southampton St, Covent Garden – BREEAM 'Excellent'

"All new acquisitions must have a BREEAM rating"

"BREEAM is a strong rating tool that helps sound, responsible property investment"

"Tenants will discard buildings that don't have BREEAM ratings"

Michael Borello, Aviva Investors, MIPIM UK 2014



# Importance of engaging with BREEAM early



# Management – Early collaboration and communication

### • Man 01 - Project brief and design

- Stakeholder consultation
- Sustainability Champion

### • Man 04 - Commissioning and handover

- Commissioning & testing schedule & responsibilities
- Commissioning building services
- Testing and inspecting building fabric
- Handover BUG and training schedule

### • Man 05 - Aftercare

- Support meetings & on-site training & data collection
- Seasonal commissioning occupation 1 year test & review
- Post occupancy evaluation

# Health and Wellbeing – Early considerations

## • Hea 01 – Visual comfort

- Daylighting window sizes glass to floor area ratio
- View out % of floor area 7m from a window wall
- Internal & external lighting levels, zoning & control

## • Hea 02 - Indoor air quality

- Minimising sources of air pollution IAQ plan, ventilation & VOCs
- Adaptability Potential for natural ventilation ventilation strategy

### • Hea 04 – Thermal comfort

• Thermal modelling, zoning and controls

### • Hea 05 – Acoustic performance

• Sound insulation, indoor ambient noise level & reverb times

# Design Stage issues – Other early considerations

- •Energy strategy Design & monitoring
- •Water Consumption, monitoring & leak detection
- Pollution Refrigerant impact, NOx emissions, light & noise

Reducing potential costs.



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Rob Callaghan – Sustainability Officer

Case Study – 'Horizons'





## Before Refurbishment



## Before Refurbishment



## After Refurbishment



## After Refurbishment



## **Project Management and Collaboration**



## **Challenges and Positive Outcomes**

- Producing a sustainable building should be relatively easy ... if you start with an unlimited budget and plenty of time.
- If you don't, then you must be creative
  - ... you really have to think about how you can deploy particular solutions in a building that are much more cost and time effective.

## Challenges and Positive Outcomes

- From the initial target of a BREEAM "Very Good" rating of 51.6% UCEM went on to achieve an "Excellent" rating of 73.1%
- All of this was achieved in around 6 months from the start of the works in January 2016 to UCEM taking occupation of the building in July 2016

Shortlisted for 'Sustainable Project Of The Year – News Awards

### 2017 Construction



## Case Study via the UCEM Online Academy

• You can take the tour for yourselves and learn more detail from the Case-Study and much more besides by visiting the UCEM Online Academy at:

https://onlineacademy.ucem.ac.uk/



### BREEAM Scenario – Exercise

15 minutes





# **RFO** Scenario building

- 1970s University building:
- Office
- Classrooms
- Small lab
- Lecture theatre
- Community space
- Computer suite
- Plant room



# Questions Man 01 - Project brief and design Stakeholder consultation

- Who are the Stakeholders?
- Who to speak to?
- What would you ask them?
- Who benefits?
- Consultation content aspects to consider?

# Man 01 - Consultation content – checklist - Answers

- Functionality, build quality and impact (including aesthetics)
- Provision of appropriate internal and external facilities Maintenance resources implications.
- Impacts on the local community, e.g. local traffic/transport
- Shared use of facilities and infrastructure with community
- Compliance with statutory consultation requirements
- Inclusive and accessible design
- Suitability of services from outside of the refurbishment area e.g. legionella prevention
- Educational building types, minimum content also includes:
- How the building/grounds best be designed to facilitate learning
- Changes to the internal layout and function appropriate?
- s containing technical areas or functions, e.g. laboratories, workshops etc., minimum content also includes:
- The end users broad requirements for such facilities, including appropriate sizing, optimisation and integration of equipment and systems.

# Questions Man 05 – Aftercare

## **Post Occupation Evaluation (POE)**

- Design, room comfort and use of building feedback
- What would you check?



# POE - Check brief is met & issues raised are included

## Answers

## POE needs to cover:

- A review of the **design intent** and **construction process** (review of design, procurement, construction and handover processes).
- Feedback from a wide range of building users including facilities management on the design and environmental conditions of the building covering:
  - Internal environmental conditions (light, noise, temperature, air quality)
  - Control, operation and maintenance
  - Facilities and amenities
  - Access and layout
  - Other relevant issues.
- Sustainability performance (energy/water consumption, performance of any sustainable features or technologies, e.g. materials, renewable energy, rainwater harvesting etc.).