

SIXES AND SEVENS

THE NEW SCOTTISH BUILDING STANDARDS SECTION 7

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A new section of the Building Standards Technical Handbook came into force on 1st May in Scotland. The new Section 7 is designed to strengthen the sustainability requirements presently detailed in Section 6. The aim of the new Section is to:

- ✓ reinforce the significant advances in energy performance directed in the 2010 amendments
- ✓ encourage more demanding sustainability levels
- ✓ encourage consistency between planning authorities that use supplementary guidance, with reference to the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.

At present only the aspect of carbon dioxide emissions is defined within a non-domestic sustainability standard. However it is expected that non-domestic buildings will follow a similar approach to domestic buildings where areas of sustainability that are verifiable via the building standards system are defined.

The labelling – applicable to domestic and non-domestic premises – is a mandatory requirement for most new buildings and has the scope to go beyond the criteria established in Section 6 and contains elements akin to BREEAM. A sample of the proposed label is indicated adjacent.



If you would like to find out more about this please do not hesitate to get in touch with Bill Ritchie or Peter Kerr.

Please also see the CIBSE link below which contains an Article on Atelier Ten and our Principal Patrick Bellew



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