

Birmingham's First BREEAM Excellent Rating For Office Building

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Calthorpe Estates has been awarded a BREEAM rating of 'Excellent' for their new £2.2 million contemporary office building. The office building is located in 19 George Road, Edgbaston and is the first commercial scheme in Birmingham ever to receive the accolade.

The 12,545 sq ft office building has been professionally assessed for BREEAM, the Building Research Establishment's Environmental Assessment Method, and has exceeded current Building Regulations, incorporating some of the latest requirements for a sustainable building.

The development team including REID Architecture, DBK Back and ESC Ltd was pre let to Shaws, the largest independent firm of dedicated Chartered Tax Advisors in the UK.

As an integral part of the development team, ESC Ltd. has been instrumental in attaining the BREEAM rating.

Chris Read, Director, ESC said "We are passionate in our aim to promote sustainable development and have worked closely with Calthorpe Estates to set new standards in Birmingham".

Energy conservation measures include 'fresh cooling', flow regulators to strictly monitor water consumption and high efficiency lamps which have been used right the way through the building. Insulation throughout has been of the highest standard, with sto rendering, a kalzip roofing system and powder coated aluminium panels which have provided all the thermo requirements to keep it as environmentally efficient as possible.

David Povall, Commercial Director, Calthorpe Estates said: "We are proud of this achievement which has now created the benchmark for commercial schemes in Birmingham."

"Our commitment to sustainability has been at the heart of Calthorpe Estates for nearly three centuries. Today's challenging environmental standards are integral to our £350 million regeneration programme and all new office buildings are being built to exacting environmental criteria."

