



**Date** 2002

**Location** Various

**Client** Various

**Service** Technical advisory and assessment service

**Schal Directors wished to expand the sustainability service offered by Carillion and undertook internal and external consultations with Carillion and other organisations, including Casella Stanger (for technical services) and KPMG (for social responsibility auditing). As a result a matrix of advisory and technical services was drawn up, structured by project stage.**

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**Business Benefits**

- **Fee earning service**  
Commercial benefits from consultancy / assessment service
- **Increased profile in environmental sector**  
Buckingham Palace presentation and mailshot to all Housing Associations
- **Opportunity to influence clients**  
Supporting the client's environmental policy from concept to completion
- **Improve social impacts**  
BREEAM model includes some social responsibility aspects
- **Direct impact on project sustainability impacts**  
Adoption of the measures reduces impact in key areas

Two members of Schal's professional staff trained as BREEAM and EcoHomes Assessors, qualifying in Spring 2002 for BREEAM for Offices and in summer for EcoHomes. Schal was duly accepted onto the BRE's schedule of Licensed Assessors.

The first full commission won was from Land Registry to achieve an Excellent BREEAM rating for its new-build office complex at Plymouth. The advice of the Schal assessors was able to boost initial ratings from Pass to Excellent. As a result of this involvement, the client will achieve this rating in advance of the Government's Green Ministers' policy of achieving Excellent from April 2003. This commission also resulted in an environmental consultancy for HMLR's headquarters refurbishment projects.

Adoption of the measures reduces impact in key areas:

- Optimal operation
- Health & well-being of occupants
- Energy and CO<sub>2</sub>

- Transport
- Materials
- Pollution
- Water Usage

Schal are now involved in several Carillion projects, assisting the project teams to achieve higher ratings. Other opportunities include the high profile National Assembly for Wales, the Scottish Prison Service, and Detention Centres.

In October, the Housing Corporation announced that from Spring 2003, no Housing Association project would receive ADP funding without an EcoHomes Assessment. The level of funding will depend on the rating obtained. Schal has mailed over 100 Housing associations with this news and setting out its qualifications as Licensed Assessors.

Schal were invited to Buckingham Palace Queen's Gallery to present the BREEAM methodology to senior building procurement officers from Government Departments.