

Site layout planning for daylight and sunlight - a guide to good practice

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If new housing is planned next to existing trees, we can use our specialist software to show whether enough daylight and sunlight is provided with the trees in place. General considerations 5 Other issues Introduction. History The acetate sheet which comes with the hardcopy publication is not available with the PDF.

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We can also carry out more complex calculations using climate based daylight modelling for special applications like education buildings and museums, or to assess the performance of solar shading devices. Guidance is given on site layout for good sunlighting and daylighting; safeguarding of daylight and sunlight within existing buildings nearby; and the protection of daylighting of adjoining land for future development.

Site layout planning for daylight and sunlight : a guide to good practice (Book, 1991) [perssongroup.materialsproject.org]

This authoritative document is widely used to provide advice during the planning and design stages of building development in the UK and Ireland. This document suggests that adequate daylight in interiors is achieved at an unobstructed 25° angle from a point 2m above floor-level at the facade. In most cases, however, and in order to develop and maintain an attractive townscape, it is desirable for this spacing to be less.

Planning an Extension or New Build?

Daylight Factor calculations were traditionally performed using a highly simplified formula based on the glazed area of the window, the light transmittance, the total area of the room surfaces and the angle between the top of the window frame and the obstruction outside the window. We can also undertake specialist calculations of natural light for plant growth, for example grass in stadiums or plants in nature reserves or internal atriums.

The updated BRE report for Daylight and Sunlight

A further more detailed assessment is called the Average Daylight Factor. Information NBS NBS has produced specification systems and information products for construction industry professionals for more than 40 years.

Daylight and Sunlight

The quality and quantity of natural light in an interior depend on two main factors. Where can I find out further information? A neighbour to a proposed development may have grounds to object within the planning process based upon loss of daylight and sunlight. But the design of the external environment also plays a major role: eg if obstructing buildings are so tall that they make adequate daylighting impossible, or if they block sunlight for much of the year.

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The guide uses a number of different calculations to help analyse the impact on an existing property and their amenities. This usually involves: site visit to survey the existing buildings calculations of daylight and sunlight using our own computer software report provision or a chapter in an Environmental Statement, suitable for submission as part of a planning permission application.

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