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**VALIDATION CERTIFICATE.**  
**Sustainable Construction and Design.**

App No.....

**Policy EQ1 of the Harrogate District Core Strategy.**

**Please read the certificate and Guidance Note carefully before completion.** Complete the 'Details' section below, and then please complete and sign **either** Certificate A **or** Certificate B (overleaf) and submit this form with your application.

**Details**

Description and address of proposal: .....

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Name of accredited BREEAM/Code Assessor (please print): .....

Accreditation Number: .....

Name and address of company: .....

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Telephone No: ..... Email Address: .....

**Certificate A**

In order to comply with the requirements of Part B of Policy EQ1: (Please tick **each** of the boxes that apply).

- 1. The proposal is for new build dwelling(s) (including outline applications where appearance and /or layout is considered, and reserved matters applications) and will achieve at least Code Level 4 of the Code for Sustainable Homes. A pre-assessment estimator completed by an accredited assessor is included showing that the development is likely to reach the required Code Level.
- 2. The proposal is for new build detached non-residential development (including outline applications where appearance and /or layout is considered, and reserved matters applications) and will meet at least the 'very good' standard as set out in the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM). A pre-assessment estimator (or equivalent for BREEAM Bespoke) completed by an accredited assessor is included, demonstrating that the development is likely to reach the required standard. (NB - some development is exempt, please see Guidance Note).
- 3. The proposal is for a non-residential conversion or extension of 500m<sup>2</sup> or more of gross floor area and will meet at least the 'very good' standard as set out in the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM). A pre-assessment estimator (or equivalent for BREEAM Bespoke) completed by an accredited assessor is included, demonstrating that the development is likely to reach the required standard. (NB - some development is exempt, please see Guidance Note).
- 4. The proposal is for Outline Planning permission with no appearance or layout matters being considered. I understand that, should permission be granted, the decision will be subject a condition that requires:
  - o Non-residential development to achieve the 'very good' rating of BREEAM.
  - o Residential development to achieve Code Level 4 of the Code for Sustainable Homes if completed prior to the end of 2015, and Code Level 6 if completed from 2016 onwards.

**Declaration: I confirm that the above information is correct.**

Signed.....

Date.....

In **exceptional** circumstances, the need to comply with Part B of Policy EQ1 may be waived. However, very clear and robust reasons must be given why, having regard to the type of proposed development and its design, it is not viable or feasible to achieve the standards set out in the Policy. These reasons must be explained in writing before the Council would validate a planning application without the additional information usually required. You should be aware that reasons related to cost alone are unlikely to be considered sufficient justification to waive the requirements of the Policy.

For proposals relating to Policy EQ1, a pre-assessment estimator demonstrating what level of the Code for Sustainable Homes or BREEAM can be achieved should still accompany the application, even if it is considered that the minimum requirements cannot be met.

**Certificate B**

**Only complete this certificate if you consider that there are exceptional circumstances that justify why the minimum requirements of the policies cannot be met. In order for the application to be registered these claims will need to be substantiated by the Local Planning Authority, and countersigned by the relevant Council Officer.**

I confirm that the attached Pre Assessment Estimator (or equivalent for BREEAM Bespoke) demonstrates what standard of sustainable construction and design is likely to be attained for the proposed development. The information submitted gives clear and robust reasons why, having regard to the type of development involved and its design, the minimum standards set out in the policy are unlikely to be feasible or viable.

**Signed..... (applicant)**

**Date.....**

**Signed..... (HBC)**

**Date.....**