

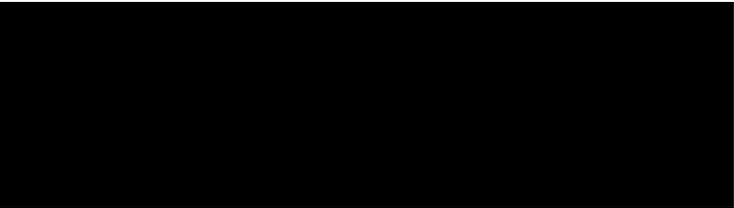


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Dear 

Environmental Information Regulations 2004 – Information request (ref: EIR_19-165)

We have now considered your request of 14 June 2019 for information relating to the sustainability and carbon emissions of the construction of Sky House at UEA.

Our response is on page 3 of this letter, together with a copy of your request.

On this occasion, it is not possible to provide all the requested information. The Regulations contains a number of exceptions that allow public authorities to withhold certain information from release. In line with our obligations under Regulation 14 of the EIR, we have applied the following exception to your request.

Exception	Reason
Regulation 12(4)(a), Information not held	Requested information was not held at the time of the request

Exception explanation

Regulation 12(4)(a) is cited in relation to some of the requested information, as it was not held by the University at the time that the request was received.

Specifically, UEA does not hold information on how embodied carbon will be measured. We also do not hold any sustainability criteria specific to Sky House itself. Further information is provided on page 3 of this letter.

We hope this response will meet your requirements, however if you are not satisfied you have the right of appeal. If you wish to appeal, please set out in writing your reasons for appealing and send to the above address. You must appeal within 40 working days of the date of this letter. In line with section 5.3 of the UK Government’s Freedom of Information Act Code of Practice, we are not obliged to accept internal reviews after this date.

You also have a subsequent right of appeal to the Information Commissioner’s Office. Further information is available on their website:

https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us, or by telephone on 0303 123 1113.

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Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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Response to Environmental Information Regulations 2004 request (EIR_19-165)

Can you please provide me with a copy of the sustainability criteria for Sky House in general terms, and provide information on how they will be assessed and rated.

General guidelines for the sustainability of all new buildings erected at UEA are contained within the UEA Building Design Guide 2018, available on our website:

<https://portal.uea.ac.uk/estates/building-design-guide>

[Information excepted pursuant to Reg. 12(4)(a), Environmental Information Regulations]

There are no specific sustainability criteria that apply solely to the Sky House, nor do we hold any recorded information on how they will be assessed and rated. However, UEA does have environmental goals in relation to this building, as follows:

- The project will be of a highly sustainable design
- The current design reaches Passivhaus energy in use standards
- It is intended that the project will proceed with a 'fabric first approach', with U values and air permeability requirements far in excess of building regulations
- The University is targeting air permeability rates of 3/hr/M₂ @ 50 N/m₂ (a target more than 300% better than UK building regulations)
- Natural ventilation and daylight strategies will be used where possible
- Wherever possible the project will embrace the circular economy philosophy
- The project will seek to minimise waste and pollution
- The building will seek to achieve an EPC rating of 'A'
- The current proposal for PV is 688 panels rated at 300 watts each providing 206kW
- Lifecycle carbon modelling will be undertaken
- It is planned to have a bespoke sustainable aftercare service for the building, to help ensure the building performs as designed
- The project will capitalise on learning from the wealth of sustainable knowledge around the built environment that exists at the UEA.

Can you please provide me with information on how embodied carbon, i.e. the emissions resulting from constructing the fabric of the building, will be measured

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No decision has as yet been taken regarding how embodied carbon is to be measured so we do not hold any information on measurement methodologies.

However, we do intend to measure embodied carbon and energy in use but the methodology has yet to be determined.