

BEYOND DESIGN: A BEST PRACTICE APPROACH TO BUILDING COMPLETION, COMMISSIONING AND OPERATION

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While there is currently a large shift towards environmentally sustainable design when constructing or renovating buildings, there is little attention paid to the actual performance of sustainable buildings once completed. This has led to a level of 'greenwash' with buildings being marketed as environmentally friendly with little or no guarantee as to their actual performance. This paper outlines a process by which tenants / lessees can not only design and build a building which meets the needs of both themselves and the environment, but can also put processes into place ensuring the building achieves set goals over time. The building procurement process is discussed along with guidelines for building commissioning and post occupancy management plans. Finally the potential and application of green leases is discussed.