Sustainable Building
Performance and Design
A guide to finding information

1. Books
If you are looking for a particular book and know the author or title, you can search the Library catalogue to see if it is held. The catalogue will give the exact location (shelfmark) for that book. There are a large number of ebooks which can also be accessed via the library catalogue.

You may also wish to browse the shelves – here are some key shelfmarks:

Climate change - Britain 551.6941
Solar energy 621.47
Environmental aspects of building materials 691 + 720.47
Building regulations 692.9
Energy efficiency 697.7
Solar heating in buildings 697.78
Sustainable development 711.132 + 333.7
Urban planning 711.4
Sustainable/green architecture 720.47
Twenty-first century architecture 724.7
Low energy housing 728

Shelfmarks are on the 3 floors as follows:

- 000 - 499 Level 2
- 500 - 719 Level 3
- 720 - 999 Level 4

2. Journals
Both print and electronic/online journals are listed by title on the Library catalogue. (NB: look under the journal title, not the title of the article you need).

3. Journal articles
Journal articles can be accessed by either using Discover or a specialist journal collection (see below). These can be accessed via the home page by clicking on the button Find a database and then entering the title of the database.

- Academic Search Complete – full text peer reviewed journal articles
- Avery – journal articles relating to architecture
- Business Source Complete – full text peer reviewed journal articles
- Detail Inspiration
- Emerald - full text peer reviewed journal articles
- LexisLibrary (law)
- ScienceDirect
- Westlaw (law)
If the article you require is not available in any of the library’s collections then you may be able to obtain a copy via the library’s Inter-Library Loan service or by using the Bodleian Library.

4. **Cost information, British Standards, Building Regulations, technical reports**

   **Building Cost Information Service (BCIS)** - is available online and we also have access to the Online Rates Database. Access is through the Library Home Page and clicking the button *Journal Articles on a Topic*.

   **British Standards** – are available via the library home page by clicking on the button *Journal Articles on a Topic*.

   **Technical reports (Architects Working Details, BRE, CIRIA, TRL etc)** - are available online by using the *Construction Information Service (CIS)*. Access to this is via the library’s home page click on the button *Journal Articles on a Topic*. Please note there is also the full text of a large number of ebooks relating to the built environment available on the CIS.

   **Building Regulations** and books commenting on them are kept in the main book sequence at 692.9. Building regulations are also available online via:

   - The Construction Centre at [www.theconstructioncentre.co.uk](http://www.theconstructioncentre.co.uk)

5. **Dissertations and theses**

   - Brookes PhD and MPhil theses are held in the Library (ask at Enquiry Desk).
   - Brookes Masters and undergraduate architecture dissertations are held in the Built Environment Resource Centre (AB215, Abercrombie Building)
   - PhD and MPhil theses submitted at other UK universities are indexed on the *Index to Theses* (access via *Find a database*)

**Your Academic Liaison Librarian (Geoff Morgan)** – is available to help you use the library’s resources and find the information you need. Please contact him via email: g.morgan@brookes.ac.uk or phone: 01865 483137. He also has a subject help page which you can access via the library’s home page by clicking on *Subject Help* and then selecting *Architecture* from the list.

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