Bespoke Green Guide Ratings for projects seeking to achieve Code Level 5 and 6

Projects seeking to achieve Code Level 5 and 6 tend to have their element specifications designed to surpass the current Building Regulations requirement by a considerable margin. With the current generic Green Guide element specifications being generated based on the Building Regulations requirements, we believe that for these levels, many designs have significantly different construction details in order to accommodate the required amount of insulation and that this is likely to have an effect on the embodied impact of the building. Where this impact is substantially increased there is obviously a trade off between embodied impact and operational impact which needs to be reflected within the Code assessment. We would therefore like to remind assessors again that they need to submit bespoke green guide proformas for each of the external envelope element specifications to BREEAM Materials in the case where a particular project is seeking to achieve Code Level 5 and 6.