

Planning Guidance

The performance recommendations indicated in the Building Research Establishment's design guide 'Site Layout Planning for Daylight and Sunlight' are those typically identified in local authority planning guidance as the ones by which the daylight and sunlight performance of a proposed development will be assessed.

Daylight Access (extract)

If the vertical sky component is greater than 27% then enough skylight should still be reaching the window of existing buildings. Any reduction below this level should be kept to a minimum. If the vertical sky component, with the new development in place, is both less than 27% and less than 0.8 times its former value, then occupants of the existing building will notice the reduction in the amount of skylight. The area lit by the window is likely to appear more gloomy, and electric lighting will be needed more of the time.

