

INSTITUTE OF HISTORIC BUILDING CONSERVATION

Consultation response from on-line form

Consultation: Energy performance in historic buildings (EN 16883)

Response date: 11 September 2015

Response in general comments box at the start of the form:

We support the proposed draft EN 16883. However we would like to see a more proactive approach by BSI to its distribution than has been the case in the past for many BSs. The building industry is largely unregulated, including the heritage sector, and, while some building components have required or accepted standards, there no general requirement for adherence to British Standards in building and surveying work. A very significant proportion of heritage practitioners see BS7913:2013 Guide to the conservation of historic buildings (for example) as an unnecessary extravagance because of BSI's extremely high pricing policy and not the essential tool that it should be. The IHBC therefore urges BSI to review its pricing structure for documents that could achieve significantly wider sales with pricing in line with publishing industry norms or (even better) a very significantly reduced rate for electronic copies. We suggest £15

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