



Department for Communities and Local Government

To: All holders of non-domestic Energy
Performance Certificates

5 January 2015

Notice of intention to publish non-domestic Energy Performance Certificate data; opportunity to opt out of having data disclosed publicly

In response to a request made under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) will be releasing approximately 723,000 records comprised of data from Display Energy Certificates and non-domestic Energy Performance Certificates belonging to non-domestic buildings in England and Wales. These records will be published at address level.

DCLG appreciates the value of information about the energy performance of buildings to researchers, local authorities and environmental organisations and believes it is in the public interest to make this information available.

The information will be released on <http://opendatacommunities.org/>, which hosts statistics on a variety of themes relating to communities and local government.

In the medium term, DCLG is committed to facilitating more suitable access to energy performance of buildings data. We currently publish experimental statistics based on data gathered since 2008 [available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/energy-performance-of-buildings-certificates>] and we are working towards releasing more energy performance of buildings data as open data from 2015.

However, for the purposes of this publication, a copyright notice will accompany the information advising that use of the data is subject to conditions including the prohibition of re-use of the addresses for commercial purposes.

DCLG recognises that holders of non-domestic Energy Performance Certificates may have concerns about information relating to their businesses being made public. Regulation 30 of the Energy Performance of Buildings (England and Wales) Regulations 2012 permits holders of Energy Performance Certificates to opt out of having the data from their certificates disclosed publicly in a manner which may identify them.

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In the spirit of processing data fairly, the Department is giving holders of non-domestic Energy Performance Certificates the opportunity to decide whether to opt out before the records are released in January 2015.

Holders of non-domestic Energy Performance Certificates may opt out by visiting <https://www.epcregister.com/opt-out/> before Friday 16 January 2015.

The option of opting-out is not available to holders of Display Energy Certificates.

If you have any further questions, please contact our EPC Enquiries team at the following email address: epc.enquiry@communities.gsi.gov.uk.

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