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10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EPC
Welcome to the summer edition of Energy Matters.

I do not believe that there are many industry sectors that are affected quite so much by political change; whether that is Donald Trump wanting to withdraw America from the Paris Agreement, the fall in the value of sterling impacting energy prices, and therefore interest in energy conservation, or the impact of BREXIT on EPBD, the legal instrument that demands energy certification. But at least it’s exciting.

The Great Repeal Bill
With regards to BREXIT, it was great news for us all when the government’s, “Department for Exiting the European Union’ published the white paper document, the Great Repeal Bill. The document lays out principals by which our government will maintain our legislation when the links to Brussels are broken. In the document, the Government wants to “[ensure] that we become the first generation to leave the environment in a better state than we found it”. And because current EU law “has delivered tangible environmental benefits” the Great Repeal Bill will “ensure that the whole body of existing EU environmental law continues to have effect in UK law.” I am delighted because this is a clear indication that energy certificates are here to stay.

Housing
In a quarter which saw Government remove EPCs from the ECO policy, and thereby lost focus on those in fuel poverty. We also experienced stagnation in residential house sales that has impacted many of our members.

It is a mystery why the housing market is not more active when there is a high number of houses being built, the cost of borrowing is cheap and there is a demand for housing. It does appear that in times of political unrest homeowners batten down the hatches and stay put. It won’t last forever, and I am positive that once confidence is re-established the market will return to a normal level.

Scotland lead
With the American administration turning its back on climate change, even to the point of denial, and Westminster totally consumed with the thought of leading a country through BREXIT with a minority government, it is great to see Scotland lead the way on energy efficiency. The publication of ‘Energy efficiency and condition standards in private rented housing’ and Scotland’s Energy Efficiency Programme propose a long term strategy to achieve its high level climate change targets.
Elmhurst obviously welcomes the introduction of legislation in the private rented sector, which is similar to MEES in England and Wales, but in some someway SEEP is more exciting as it attempts to break the 18 month cycles that blight energy efficiency initiatives in the rest of the UK.

**New Build on the Up**
The new building housing market goes from strength to strength, which must inevitably lead to a positive impact on existing dwellings. Many On-Construction and Non-Domestic members are seeing an increase in activity and we know from our own training that many energy assessors are wanting to move into the new build and commercial sectors and become qualified.

**NHER integration**
It’s now nine months since Elmhurst took responsibility for the NHER scheme from NES and I have been delighted with how smoothly it has progressed and the positive feedback that we have received.

In February we successfully migrated NHER non-domestic members over to Elmhurst’s systems and now we are preparing to do the same for existing dwelling members, to coincide with the RdSAP changes in October 2017. Whilst we are proud of Elmhurst software, we know that some of the functionality that NHER offered was better, particularly around corporate accounts. We are currently busy understanding those differences and restructuring our own systems to allow all members, new and old, to benefit from the best of both systems. Details of what will change, and when, will be provided in August ensuring that you have time to digest these upcoming changes. Please be assured our primary goal is to minimise the impact on you, our members and customers, and for many of you the changes will be minimal.

Users of the NHER Plan Assessor (SAP) product are unaffected although we do have a long-term plan to launch a hybrid SAP software, taking the best from NHER and the best from Elmhurst, in late 2018 - when we expect SAP to change.

**New services from Elmhurst**
As Elmhurst Energy is now the largest accreditation body in the country, responsible for more EPCs than the rest of the schemes put together, it is important that we have a full range of services for members.

Firstly we have launched our Non-Domestic level 5 accreditation scheme. For many years this has been a low volume activity undertaken by a very small number of assessors but with increasingly complex buildings, some great new software coming onto the market and the demand of MEES, interest is certainly growing.

Finally in June I was delighted to announce our acquisition of Independent Airtightness Testing Scheme (iATS), the Government approved scheme created for companies and individuals undertaking air tightness testing services on commercial and residential buildings. More information about this recent acquisition is provided later in the magazine.

I hope you enjoy this summer edition of Energy Matters and, as always, your feedback is welcomed.
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Scotland Country Manager

As Scotland Country Manager, your role will involve developing business opportunities and maximising business profitability.

You will deal with mainly new clients to help expand Elmhurst’s market share across the range of services we offer, and maximise revenue for Elmhurst in Scotland.
It feels like more has happened in the political world in the last few years than I can ever remember.

Firstly we had the coalition Government in 2010 headed up by David Cameron and Nick Clegg; Scotland were offered a referendum on independence and in 2014 voted to remain part of the UK; the Conservatives won a majority in the 2015 election and Mr Cameron then asked the public to vote on membership of the European Union; in 2016 the result to leave, forced Mr Trump stated recently that he is taking the USA out. We are now on a countdown to BREXIT, which must conclude by March 2019.

Recent Manifestos
Is it any wonder that the world of energy efficiency is in a spin? We need to take stock and realise that in essence nothing has changed. Up until the last election we still have politicians advocating ‘switch campaigns’ as the only game in town; but interestingly both the Tories and Labour campaigned for a cap on utility bills in the last election, highlighting a small shift in thought to the price of bills, but neither party mentioned ‘energy efficiency’ as a policy tool. The Conservatives were very clear on ‘supply side’ policies, with a huge commitment to opening up of ‘fracking’ for gas in the UK.

Learn from Scotland
We hope that should the dust settle, the Houses of Parliament take stock and learn from our Scottish counterparts. In recent times Scotland has mandated that energy efficiency is a national infrastructure policy; and is consulting heavily on all future energy efficiency and energy supply targets, to which Elmhurst replied on behalf of our members.

During the coalition period (2010-15) it was evident that the Liberal Democrats ensured that ‘energy efficiency’ was promoted within the confines of Lib Dem-run Department for Energy & Climate Change (DECC) and the EPBD and Building Regulations was entrenched in Conservative blue at the Department for Communities & Local Government (DCLG). When the government changed so did the tide. The remit was now that there will be a slashing of red tape and bureaucracy, in the built environment, suggesting ‘this
would get Britain Building again’. With this came the scrapping of the long planned zero carbon targets for new home building. This occurred at the same time as a reduction in all energy efficiency policies such as ECO, FiTS, RHI, Green Deal etc.

In the new political world we hope that energy efficiency makes its way back onto the political agenda in this parliamentary term. Previous ‘sticking plaster approaches’ to policy have simply pushed the problem on and on. What we need is a long term vision, like Scotland is announcing, with a simple set of targets to make homes warmer and more efficient.

**Carrot, Stick and Noise**

Elmhurst has long campaigned for the base foundation to be the asset rating (the EPC) for each and every home; that what is needed is a series of ‘carrots’, ‘sticks’ and ‘noise’ surrounding each policy direction; the carrots are required to help families get appropriate funding where applicable, and sticks to ensure that there is regulation and policing of energy efficiency upgrades. Finally the bit that is often missing the noise. Historically, Government have seen little success with convincing families to be more energy efficient, which is an area that Elmhurst feels needs to be pushed. We all need to convince people to do the right thing, whether this is it at the national, regional or individual level. The appropriate benefits of ‘energy efficiency’ needs to be highlighted, and the language needs to be appropriate to the audience.

**Every Cloud**

As the saying goes ‘every cloud has a silver lining’, even when Mr Trump stated he was pulling out of the Climate Deal. The noise created by other countries, and indeed by individual states and cities in the US, showed that there is a real commitment to long term strategic direction and an end to short stop/start political sound bites. The UK should start to make strategic leadership a reality in this space, and they will need Industry to come along with it. The future must be a strategic vision set by Government which goes beyond parliamentary terms, and allows Industry to invest and commit; whether this is large, medium or small organisations. The message must be clear.

In England and Wales, Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES) is starting to make inroads into the efficiency of private rental homes, although there is still a long way to go. Elmhurst is also involved in the next wave of the Every Home Counts framework, which is aiming to fill the ‘energy efficiency’ void within Industry. We will contribute and attempt to steer this in a sensible and pragmatic direction.

The UK is definitely in somewhat politically turbulent times, but this has been true for over 10 years; hopefully out of the mix can come some sound energy efficiency debate and policy direction. We certainly think that the country and the families and businesses that live and operate here will be better off.
Elmhurst Energy has announced the launch of its ‘Elmhurst Digital’ arm, which will deliver bespoke software solutions to organisations nationwide. Elmhurst Digital will build upon the company’s history of delivering personal and flexible solutions to provide “excellence in innovation” to businesses within both the energy and buildings industry, as well as further afield.

Through its ability to create innovative and practical solutions, Elmhurst Energy is frequently asked to help both private organisations and Government departments. The launch of Elmhurst Digital is a natural extension of this business stream. The team will be specialising in the following solutions following their years of operation within the Elmhurst Energy business;

- Complex Calculators
- Data Capture
- Mobile Applications
- Integration
- Membership Schemes Management

“We have worked with many organisations (from small to large) and delivered successful solutions over a number of years. We enjoy working with like-minded clients and have a world class delivery system which maps the journey from initial concept with clients, through to a completed solution there to be seen by all,” explains Technical Director Stuart Fairlie, who is overseeing the new business venture.

“Elmhurst Digital can create cutting edge solutions and make organisations more dynamic and efficient. We have dedicated experts who will make the journey easy and understandable. But most importantly we deliver the quality that is expected - at the right price.”

For more details on Elmhurst Energy visit: www.elmhurstdigital.co.uk
At Elmhurst Energy we are proud of the quality of technical support we provide to members. One of the most beneficial and proactive ways we support them is through a wide range of Technical Bulletins, all written by our in house experts in a style that is easy to read and understand. These bulletins can offer anything between 15 and 45 minutes of CPD, with new and updated bulletins released fortnightly.

Elmhurst Members can access any Technical Bulletin appropriate to their accreditation through Access Elmhurst/My Documents. NHER Members who have not been migrated onto Elmhurst’s systems will also be sent the latest Technical Bulletins through email.

If you are not currently an Elmhurst Member and wish to access our first rate support, including this extensive list of Technical Bulletins, why not switch today at www.elmhurstenergy.co.uk/switch-to-elmhurst-energy

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- TB06 Secondary Heating
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- TB08 Sheltered & Alternative Walls
- TB09 Room in Roof Flats
- TB13 Tenure, Trans Type & Disclosure
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- TB85 A Guide to Inputting Walls in RdSAP

**NEW**
- TB87 Kitchen Area Extraction

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- TB64 SAP Conventions v6
- TB70 OCDEA Room in Roof
- TB86: OCDEA Curtain Walling
- TB88: OCDEA Electric Boilers in SAP
Approved since early April, DesignBuilder DSM can be used to certify Level 3, 4 and 5 non-domestic buildings for EPC and BRUKL purposes.

What is DesignBuilder?
DesignBuilder is a graphical user interface (GUI) that improves modelling productivity, and a number of powerful simulation engines sit behind the interface.

The software provides a user-friendly way of creating a 3D geometric model of a building and then quickly adding all the necessary data such as activities, building fabric, lighting and HVAC. Once the building model has been created you can use that same model to run a variety of different calculations, from SBEM and DSM (you may wish to test which yields a better rating) to heating and cooling load calculations, dynamic thermal and daylight calculations to quantify energy and comfort performance, overheating calculations for TM52, and also to help you gain credits for schemes such as BREEAM and LEED. The DSM interface uses the globally acclaimed EnergyPlus simulation engine to run the DSM calculations.

This interoperability between analysis types can open up a wide range of new ‘added value’ business opportunities for the energy assessor who has already created the base certification model and can then quickly re-purpose it to generate other revenue streams.

What are the advantages of DSM over SBEM?
It’s really about modelling accuracy:
• Hourly weather data with time-step control giving 8,760 weather points per year (12 in SBEM!)
• Building (and PV etc.) orientation and inclination modelled at 1 degree increments
• Ability to model geometry in more detail for better results
• More control over modelling of thermal bridging
• The inclusion of internal openings
• Improved modelling of glazing, daylight and solar shading and reflection
• Inter-zone heat transfer and better modelling of thermal mass
• Overall more accurate analysis

We are already hearing about the trend towards using DSM for MEES assessments due to the improved accuracy and often improved rating compared to SBEM.
Time to dispel some DSM ‘urban myths’...

DSM tools aren’t just for ‘high-end’ consultancies. Whilst the dynamic simulation engine that sits behind the interface is certainly more complex, the DSM simulation inputs are based on NCM requirements which are very similar for both SBEM and DSM. DesignBuilder’s DSM interface reflects that similarity, and there is no reason why a Level 4 SBEM assessor should be afraid to upgrade to Level 5 and use the DSM interface if they think it will provide business benefits such as increased revenue and diversity of work.

There is a common misconception that DSM always provides better ratings than SBEM and whilst that is generally true it is not always so. Occasionally the simplifications associated with SBEM (such as PV inclination and orientation for example) will mean that the rating is artificially higher than it is in a more accurate calculation.

DesignBuilder has a strong pedigree in the UK compliance and certification market and in recent years has consolidated its position as the leading SBEM commercial software tool for non-domestic energy assessors certifying Level 3 and 4 buildings. That SBEM pedigree gives us a good understanding of the need for assessors to be able to produce compliance models quickly and accurately. Energy assessors that use DesignBuilder generally have fewer QA audit problems because of the way the 3D model is created and model data is input, and this is no different for DesignBuilder DSM. We have worked hard to ensure that the look and feel of the DSM interface is very similar to the SBEM interface, so existing DesignBuilder assessors feel immediately ‘at home’ when using the new software. DesignBuilder DSM software also includes the full NCM database of inference and library constructions and glazing for modelling existing buildings with limited data.

For more information about DesignBuilder DSM please visit our website: www.designbuilder.co.uk/energy-assessors/
Elmhurst is now the largest EPC accreditation scheme and we are responsible for more new build EPCs than all the other schemes combined. Our members, many of whom are small businesses, understand the need for accuracy and want to deal with businesses who think and operate like they do. The Independent AirTightness Testing Scheme (iATS) is focussed on that type of tester. Elmhurst has been supporting iATS with their scheme since its inception in 2014 and when we were asked whether we could help take iATS to the next level of its development the opportunities were obvious.

As many of you will know, iATS is a Government approved competent person scheme created for companies and individual undertaking air tightness testing services on commercial and residential buildings, and its members provide a professional service and deliver accurate air-testing reports to their clients.

With any form of takeover the golden rule is to listen to your customers and not rush to make changes, and that is exactly what we will do. For now everything is the same; same website, same application process, same lodgement process, and the same prices. What is new is that Jennifer Hartley, supported by her colleagues within the Elmhurst On Construction team, has taken over the running and management of the scheme. The team provide support from 9am to 5pm, and will be using their expertise to help members overcome any issues they may have.

We are planning to run iATS Member Forums around the country at which Jennifer and I want to hear what it is you want from us and the scheme going forward. We will also be floating some ideas that we can do to make iATS the best air testing competency scheme, and to help members build themselves a better business.

We are delighted to be working with iATS and are fully committed to making this a long and happy relationship. Our knowledge and expertise of Government’s Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP) and Part L of the Building Regulations ensures we are ideally placed to provide support to iATS members and take the scheme to the next level.
For more information, question or concerns please visit the iATS website www.iats-uk.org or call the support team on 0300 6880016
Here at Elmhurst we collect and analyse data from many sources in the belief that it helps us make better business decisions. Turning this data into a digestible form takes time and requires a detailed understanding of context. In each edition we will provide you with a snapshot of this data which we hope you find interesting and insightful.

**Commentary**
- EPC volume has fallen to 1.41 million as ECO2t no longer requires RdSAP assessments and residential sales are stagnating.
- House sales spiked in March 2016, with changes in Stamp Duty for second homes, but fell away quickly.

**Outlook**
- The market for RdSAP EPCs is undoubtedly poor, however:
  » Predicted growth in new build EPCs is likely to have a domino effect on the sale of existing dwellings.
  » If domestic Private Rental Sector / Domestic Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (PRS MEES), that prohibits the private rental of F and G Rated properties, is as robust as the non domestic variant then the demand for new EPCs will rise.
  » The housing market should recover when political stability is achieved.
Commentary

• Home starts have climbed rapidly in the quarter to 195,000, getting close to the government’s commitment to build 200,000 new homes per year.
• Completions have started to track house starts, but the lag suggests that over time completions will match or exceed starts for a period of time.
• Volume of EPCs issued continues to grow and has plateaued at 254,000, and with more completions due, it is likely to rise.

Non Domestic / Commercial buildings

Commentary

• Commercial property sales growth continue to rise.
• Volume of EPCs flat but continue to be significantly lower than sales volume, which raises issues of non-compliance.
• The fall in activity continues to contradict comments from some assessors who claim that Private Rental Sector / Non domestic Minimum Energy Standards (PRS MEES) is stimulating demand.

Outlook

• Elmhurst is taking action to focus on perceived high levels of non-compliance.
• The recent government guidance on Private Rental Sector / Non domestic Minimum Energy Standards (PRS MEES) appears robust and is likely to stimulate demand during 2017, as the first deadline in April 2018 approaches. More promotion is required to drive up compliance.
Imhurst Energy, the energy performance assessment specialist, has launched a Non-Domestic Energy Assessor (NDEA) Level 5 Accreditation Scheme, to ensure members have the skills and knowledge to deliver professional energy assessments.

The scheme is open to energy assessors trained and qualified to complete energy calculations using Dynamic Simulation Modelling (DSM) software for complex commercial buildings, and will ensure assessors have the knowledge to produce Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) for all UK commercial buildings.

Considered to be the most complex buildings to produce energy assessments for, a Level 5 non-domestic property can be identified from specific features such as atriums, automatic blind control and ventilation with enhanced thermal coupling. They will often also be very large in size.

The timing of Elmhurst’s entry into the DSM/Level 5 accreditation market coincided nicely with the approval of DesignBuilder as a DSM/Level 5 software tool as many Elmhurst Members using that software were very keen to be able to use DesignBuilder DSM and still lodge DSM EPCs with Elmhurst.

Those already trained and qualified as a Level 5 NDEA can join the accreditation scheme by simply completing an application form. Elmhurst Energy can provide training for those not yet qualified.

“Once qualified as a Level 5 Non-Domestic Energy Assessor, you will be eligible to join our government-approved accreditation scheme” says Elmhurst’s Martyn Reed. “As the largest accreditation scheme in the UK, we pride ourselves on supporting our assessors in the best way that we can, and continue to invest in the services we provide.”

Benefits of joining Elmhurst’s accreditation scheme include dedicated technical support from the industry experts, competitive lodgement fees, entry onto Elmhurst Energy’s ‘search for assessor’ facility and marketing materials to help sell your services.
BUILDING OWNERS NEED TO ACT NOW TO COMPLY WITH MINIMUM ENERGY MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

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From 1st April 2018, it will be unlawful to grant new leases, to new or existing tenants, for properties in England and Wales that do not meet the government’s Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES), part of the Private Rental Sector Energy Efficiency Regulations 2015. It will be the landlord’s responsibility to ensure that the property has an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) that demonstrates the property meets the minimum energy rating of an E, but it is estimated that up to 20 per cent of all non-domestic properties in England and Wales could have an F or G rating. In most cases it will be illegal to rent any property without an EPC, or with an EPC that declares a rating of F or G.

Elmhurst Energy is encouraging landlords to act now by commissioning an up-to-date Energy Performance Certificate that will not only identify the current rating, which may have changed over time, but will also recommend opportunities for improvement.

“Owners of commercial buildings are running out of time to make improvements to their building as it will take time to implement energy saving improvements,” says Elmhurst’s Martyn Reed. “It is vitally important that facilities and energy managers assess the energy efficiency of their non domestic properties by commissioning an energy assessment to establish the current rating and to identify what measures must be implemented between now and April 2018.”

There are some exemptions, for example if the property does not require an EPC under current regulations, if the landlord can demonstrate they have implemented all cost effective energy improvements or the required improvement will devalue the property, then the landlord can apply for an exemption, but it’s not easy and certainly should not be seen as a loophole.

Elmhurst Energy says that this is just the start, as from April 2023 the regulations will apply even when the lease is already in place and it is then proposed that the bar will be raised to prohibit rental of properties rated at D and E from 2030. However MEES should not be seen as punitive as the required improvement will add value to a property and business in the long run.

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Time is running out of time for owners of commercial buildings to avoid the risk of breaking the law and make vital energy saving improvements, says energy performance assessment specialists Elmhurst Energy.
As many of you will know 2017 marks the ten year anniversary for energy performance certificates, which means some of the earliest EPCs have now expired.

Our first action was to write to Government (DCLG) in E&W asking that they change the Registers to make it more obvious which EPCs are out of date. They replied that they are minded not to alter anything on the Registers; thus it is down to enforcement agencies to understand that even though an EPC is available from the register it does not mean it is a legally valid document.

To help inform Industry and aid compliance, Elmhurst’s Martyn Reed has personally written to the Chief Executives of the Law Society, Conveyancing Association, Association of Residential Letting Agents, National Association of Estate Agents, National Landlords Association and the Residential Landlords Association.

In the letter Elmhurst reminded them and their members that EPCs are valid for 10 years, and that they first came into law in England & Wales on 1st August 2007, as part of the Home Information Pack (HIPs) for domestic property sales with four or more bedrooms. They were rolled out with different milestones over the next few years, for different property types and in different regions of the UK.
The EPC can be obtained from the National Energy Performance Certificate Registers, of which there are three in total; one for properties in England & Wales, one for Scotland and one for Northern Ireland.

To check the validity of EPCs that they must first obtain the EPC for the property and then, just as importantly, check the date of certificate, normally displayed on the first page. Only certificates less than ten years old are legally valid.

Up to now everyone assumes that an EPC is valid if it simply exists. We are clarifying that this can no longer be assumed, and an extra check is required when ensure valid EPCs are in place for property sales and lettings.

This seems timely as a new ‘Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards’ (MEES) which are in place in England and Wales prohibit private landlords from granting a new tenancy of a home or a non domestic building with an EPC rating of ‘F’ or ‘G’ from 1st April 2018.

Martyn Reed commented: “We feel it our responsibility to help with compliance and regulatory organisations to ensure that they understand any milestone that are applicable to EPCs. We campaign for energy efficiency to be more widely used and understood; the more up to date the assessment, the more useful the document is to landlords, tenants and home owners. We feel sure that Energy Assessment has moved up a notch or two with the advent of MEES and are delighted that Scotland are consulting on a similar proposal for private lettings in Scotland; the policy of improving the worst performing properties in the UK, can only be good for the families and businesses living and operating in them.”

“We will continue to help all Industries and stakeholders, providing factsheets and information in order to help the compliance industry in their role of enforcing energy efficiency standards and regulations throughout the UK.”
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