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Outstanding Excellent Very Good Good

Average % reduction in CO₂ emissions by building type

Education 19% Healthcare 20% Office 24% Other 25% Prisons 29% Retail 21%

Predicted emissions from building services in a BREEAM Excellent building are on average 35% lower than the regulatory baseline.

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