



# Innovative system Acceptance Certificate

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**Innovative System Owner:** British Sugar PLC  
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**Innovative System Name:** L20 Landscaping Topsoil & Free Draining Subsoil  
**Generic form:** Soil Product

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NHBC Services Ltd has reviewed the following information related to the Innovative system supplied by the Innovative System Owner:

- Topsoil – The Essential Guide (The System Manual)
- L20 Landscaping Leaflet
- Free Draining Subsoil Product Specification, December 2022
- Procedure for TOPSOIL Management PR-TS-00-1, dated 13/01/2022

Relying on the information provided by the Innovative System Owner, NHBC Services Ltd considers that the Innovative System can meet NHBC Standards.

Additional requirements must be met in order for a new home to qualify for Buildmark cover. Buildmark cover for new homes will only be issued to Builders or Developers in accordance with the latest version of the NHBC Rules (a copy of which can be found at [www.nhbc.co.uk](http://www.nhbc.co.uk)).

This acceptance certificate is valid until such time as it is no longer published or authorised by NHBC. Readers are advised to check the validity and latest issue number of this Certificate by either referring to our website at [www.nhbc.co.uk/accepts](http://www.nhbc.co.uk/accepts) or contacting NHBC directly.

**Issued by:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Smith'.

Technical Innovation Manager  
NHBC Services Ltd



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## Description, Scope and Intended Use

British Sugar TOPSOIL products are derived from prime agricultural soils, generated through the processing of sugar beet used to produce British Sugar's sugar products. Their soil products are categorised into different products according to their properties. The certificate covers two of British Sugar TOPSOIL's soil products, L20 Landscaping Topsoil and Free Draining Subsoil.

L20 Landscaping is a multipurpose topsoil intended for landscaping and sports field construction projects and conforms to BS 3883:2015.

Free Draining Subsoil is used immediately below topsoil and is intended for use with products such as L20 Landscaping Topsoil.

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## Extent of review for NHBC Warranty on NHBC Registered Sites

NHBC Services Ltd has undertaken a technical review of the System Manual as set out in line with the NHBC Accepts Technical Document for Innovative Systems.

The NHBC Accepts Service is intended solely to provide confidence that the Innovative System meets NHBC Standards and is not intended as evidence of performance for any other purpose. Appraisal of the Innovative Systems against building regulations is not carried out as part of this Service.

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## Exclusions and Limitations

This Acceptance Certificate is made out solely to the System Owner. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the System Owner arising out of, or in connection with, this Acceptance Certificate.

Exclusions and limitations are set out in the System Manual. Additional considerations in the use of the Innovative system include:

- A project-specific assessment of the use of Free Draining Subsoil is required to ensure suitability.
- It is noted that the Declaration of Compliance reports apply only to the soil products under the control on British Sugar TOPSOIL. After the soil products have left the British Sugar TOPSOIL facility, it is the responsibility of their customer to ensure soil is suitably stored and subject to



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additional tests, where required, to ensure continued compliance with the relevant British Standards.

- Soil products must be handled, managed and prepared in accordance with the requirements of BS 3882:2015, BS 8601:2013 and with the recommendations of the Declaration of Compliance reports supplied with the soil products.
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