

## Acceptance certificate

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**Valid until date:** 14 October 2022  
**Reference number:** 3875  
**Issue:** 01  
**Innovative Product Owner:** British Sugar TOPSOIL  
1 Samson Place, London Road, Hampton, Peterborough, PE7 8QJ  
**Innovative Product name:** L20 Landscaping Topsoil & General Purpose Subsoil  
**Generic form:** Soil product

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

- Topsoil – The Essential Guide (The System Manual)
- L20 Landscaping Leaflet
- General Purpose Subsoil Leaflet
- L20 Declaration of Compliance (Bury - example report)
- General Purpose Subsoil Declaration of Compliance (Wissington - example report)

Relying on the information provided by the Innovative Product Owner, NHBC Services Ltd considers that the Innovative Product 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)).

**Issued by:**



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 *General Purpose Subsoil*.

*L20 Landscaping* is a multipurpose topsoil intended for landscaping and sports field construction projects.

*General Purpose Subsoil* is used immediately below topsoil and 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 Products.

The NHBC Accepts Service is intended solely to provide confidence that the Innovative Product meets NHBC Standards and is not intended as evidence of performance for any other purpose. Appraisal of the Innovative Products 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 Product include:

- 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 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 and BS 8601:2013, and with the recommendations of the Declaration of Compliance report supplied with the soil product.