





[...]'OBSTRUCTIONS CAN LIMIT ACCESS TO LIGHT FROM THE SKY. THIS CAN BE CHECKED AT AN EARLY DESIGN STAGE BY MEASURING OR CALCULATING THE ANGLE OF VISIBLE SKY Θ, ANGLE OF OBSTRUCTION OR VERTICAL SKY COMPONENT (VSC) AT THE CENTRE OF THE LOWEST WINDOW WHERE DAYLIGHT IS REQUIRED.

IF VSC IS

-AT LEAST 27% (♥ IS GREATER THAN 65°, OBSTRUCTION ANGLE LESS THAN 25°) CONVENTIONAL WINDOW DESIGN WILL USUALLY GIVE REASONABLE RESULTS.

-BETWEEN 15% AND 27% (O IS BETWEEN 45° AND 65°, OBSTRUCTION ANGLE BETWEEN 25° AND 45°) SPECIAL MEASURES (LARGER WINDOWS, CHANGES TO ROOM LAYOUT) ARE USUALLY NEEDED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE DAYLIGHT.

-BETWEEN 5% AND 15% (O IS BETWEEN 25° AND 45°, OBSTRUCTION ANGLE BETWEEN 45° AND 65°) IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE DAYLIGHT UNLESS VERY LARGE WINDOWS ARE USED.

-LESS THAN 5% (O LESS THAN 25°, OBSTRUCTION ANGLE MORE THAN 65°) IT IS OFTEN IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE REASONABLE DAYLIGHT, EVEN IF THE WHOLE WINDOW WALL IS GLAZED.

ANY REDUCTION IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF SKYLIGHT CAN BE CALCULATED BY FINDING THE VSC AT THE CENTRE OF EACH MAIN WINDOW. IN THE CASE OF A FLOOR-TO-CEILING WINDOW SUCH AS A PATIO DOOR, A POINT 1.6 M ABOVE GROUND (OR BALCONY LEVEL FOR AN UPPER STOREY) ON THE CENTRE LINE OF THE WINDOW MAY BE USED'

'SITE LAYOUT PLANNING FOR DAYLIGHT AND SUNLIGHT 2022'

THE 'SITE LAYOUT PLANNING FOR DAYLIGHT AND SUNLIGHT GUIDE 2022' GIVES ADVICE ON SITE LAYOUT PLANNING TO ACHIEVE GOOD DAYLIGHTING AND SUNLIGHTING, WITHIN BUILDINGS AND IN THE OPEN SPACES BETWEEN THEM. IT IS INTENDED TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INTERIOR DAYLIGHTING RECOMMENDATIONS IN BS EN 17037 DAYLIGHT IN BUILDINGS. AND IN THE CIBSE PUBLICATION LG 10 DAYLIGHTING - A GUIDE FOR DESIGNERS.

THIS ANALYSIS SUGGESTS AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO QUANTIFY IF THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR PROPOSED DESIGN WOULD DELIVER A SATISFACTORY AMOUNT OF LIGHT AND A GOOD VISIBLE PORTION OF SKY FROM THE LIVING SPACE. THE SIDE ANALYSIS QUANTIFIES THE AMOUNT OF 'OBSTRUCTIONS' PRESENT INTO THE PROPOSED DESIGN.

THIS ANALYSIS CONFIRMS THAT THE AMOUNT OF LIGHT AND 'SKY' VISIBLE FROM THE PROPOSED LIVING ROOM, GIVES REASONABLE RESULT, THEREFORE THE AMOUNT OF DAYLIGHT ENTERING IN THE ROOM IS CONSIDERED POSITIVE, AND THE OBSTRUCTION IS NOT CONSIDERED DETRIMENTAL. (PLEASE REFER TO THE EXTRACT OF THE GUIDE BELOW)

OBSTRUCTION ANGLE LESS THAN 25° CONVENTIONAL WINDOW DESIGN WILL USUALLY GIVE REASONABLE RESULTS.

PROPOSED RETAINING WALL OF THE REAR LIGHTWELL TO FORM THE OUTDOOR SPACE FOR THE FLAT AT LOWER GROUND FLOOR

FRENCH DOOR WITH SIDE GLAZED PANELS FLOOR TO CEILING TO IMPROVE BOTH THE AMOUNT OF DAYLIGHT ENTERING AND ITS DISTRIBUTION WITHIN THE ROOM.

IN THIS CASE THERE IS A FLOOR-TO-CEILING WINDOW, THEREFORE THE 'SITE LAYOUT PLANNING FOR DAYLIGHT AND SUNLIGHT GUIDE 2022' SUGGESTS A POINT 1.6 M ABOVE GROUND ON THE CENTRE LINE OF THE WINDOW MAY BE USED TO CALCULATE THE PORTION OF THE SKY VISIBLE FROM THE PATIO DOOR

PROPOSED REAR LIGHTWELL PARTIALLY PAVED WITH A REFLECTIVE PAVING SLABS (I.E PORTLAND STONE OR SIMILAR) TO HELP REFLECTING THE NATURAL LIGHT INTO THE PROPOSED SPACE (PLEASE REFER TO '2' BELOW AS AN EXAMPLE)



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