There has been a general trend of improvement in our DEC ratings since 2012, and 73% of our buildings are now better than “typical”.

The quality of the data we use to calculate DECs has also improved dramatically, giving us more meaningful ratings which we can compare year on year.

Polly Vacher has seen a significant reduction in electricity consumption, moving it from a C to a B this year.

Edith Morley’s rating just keeps getting better – and with the new solar panels it should improve even more next year.

Palmer has also seen an improvement this year, with the refurbished lecture theatre providing great savings.

The Catering team are doing great things to promote sustainability, with both Park Eat and Eat @ the Square seeing improvements to their ratings this year.

URS achieved a B rating last year, but as expected it has gone back to a C due to higher use and 24 hour opening.

Russell, Whiteknights House and TOB2 have all seen an increase in both heat and electricity this year, keeping them within the “typical” range.

As expected, Architecture’s rating has dropped significantly as the building is being used much more extensively than in previous years.

Several of our higher-consuming buildings have seen small improvements this year, and we are continuing to focus efforts in these buildings.

Lyle’s electricity consumption is always high because it hosts IT server equipment. We’re working with IT to understand this impact better and work out how to reduce it.