

Friends, please remember the DE Christmas party!



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Part 1: The Passivhaus concept

Part 2: DE construction – building fabric

Part 3: DE construction - energy and services

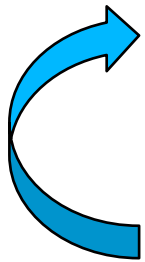
Part 4: Monitoring and Performance

Basic principle sustainable energy
=
Trias-Energetica

First **limiting** the energy use

Very **efficient** use of fossil fuels

Then use **renewable** energy



Much debate

Applying the basic principles

LIMITING ENERGY LOSSES

Limiting transmission losses through fabric – *thick walls and roofs*

Limiting losses via uncontrolled air leakage – *not just energy , but comfort*

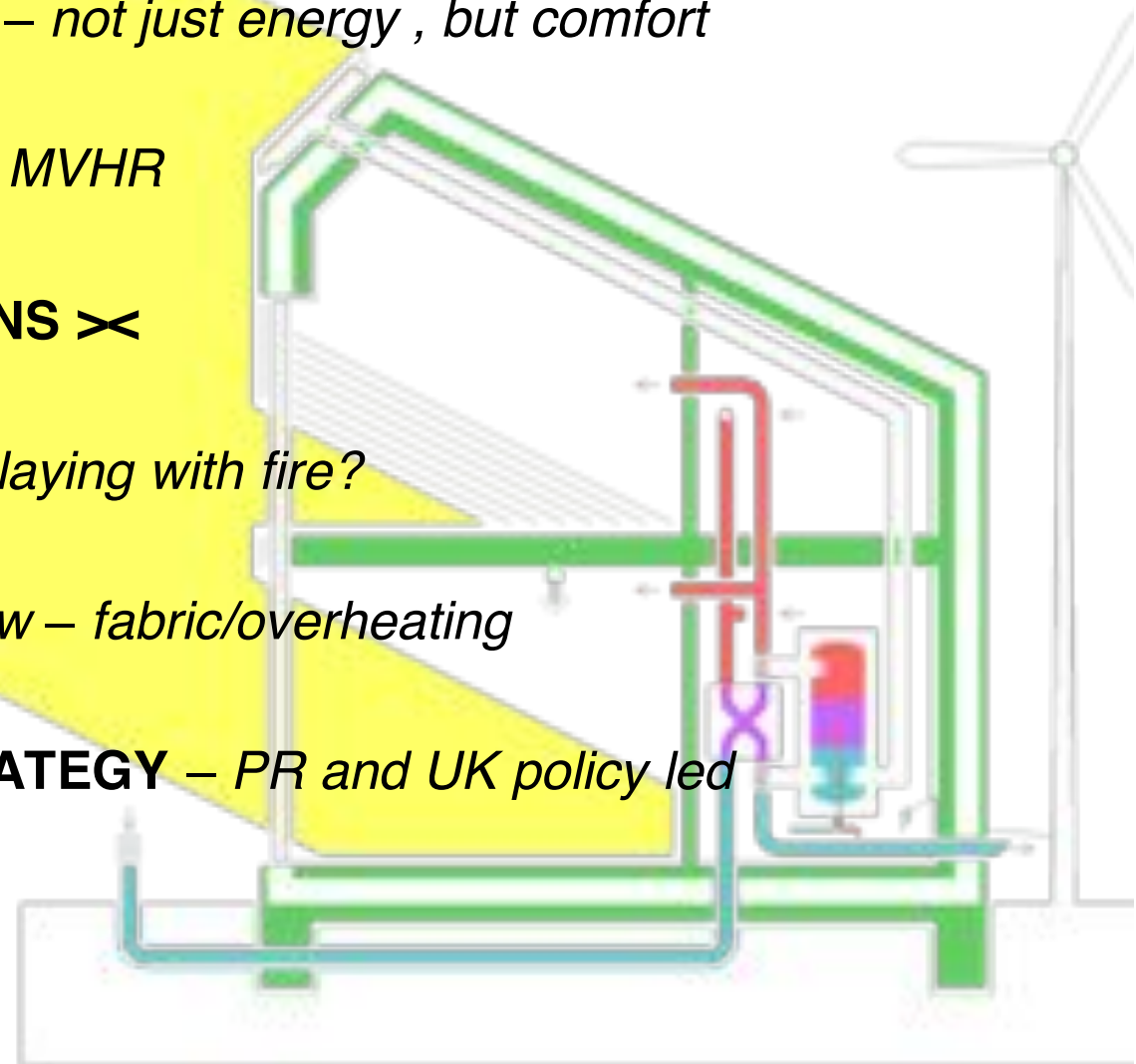
Limiting losses associated with ventilation - *MVHR*

MAXIMISING & OPTIMIZING ENERGY GAINS ✕

OPTIMIZING PASSIVE SOLAR GAINS – *playing with fire?*

INTERNAL HEAT GAINS - *the need to know – fabric/overheating*

IDENTIFYING BEST RENEWABLES STRATEGY – *PR and UK policy led*



A passive building?

A building **without** heating??!

A building with such a low space heating load that a **CONVENTIONAL** space heating system **CAN** be eliminated!

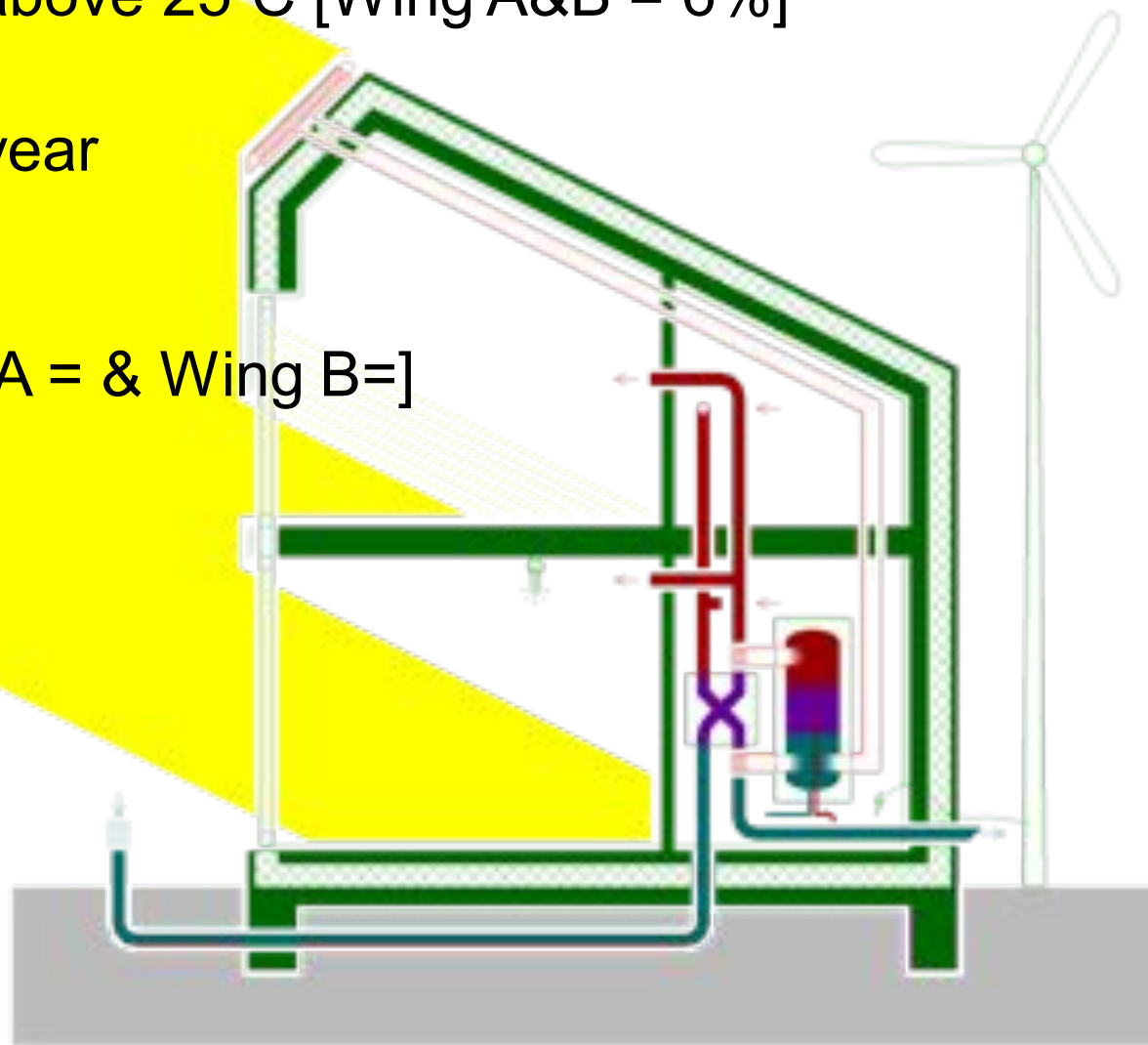
Why haven't we done that here?

.....specifically because of the building form.....

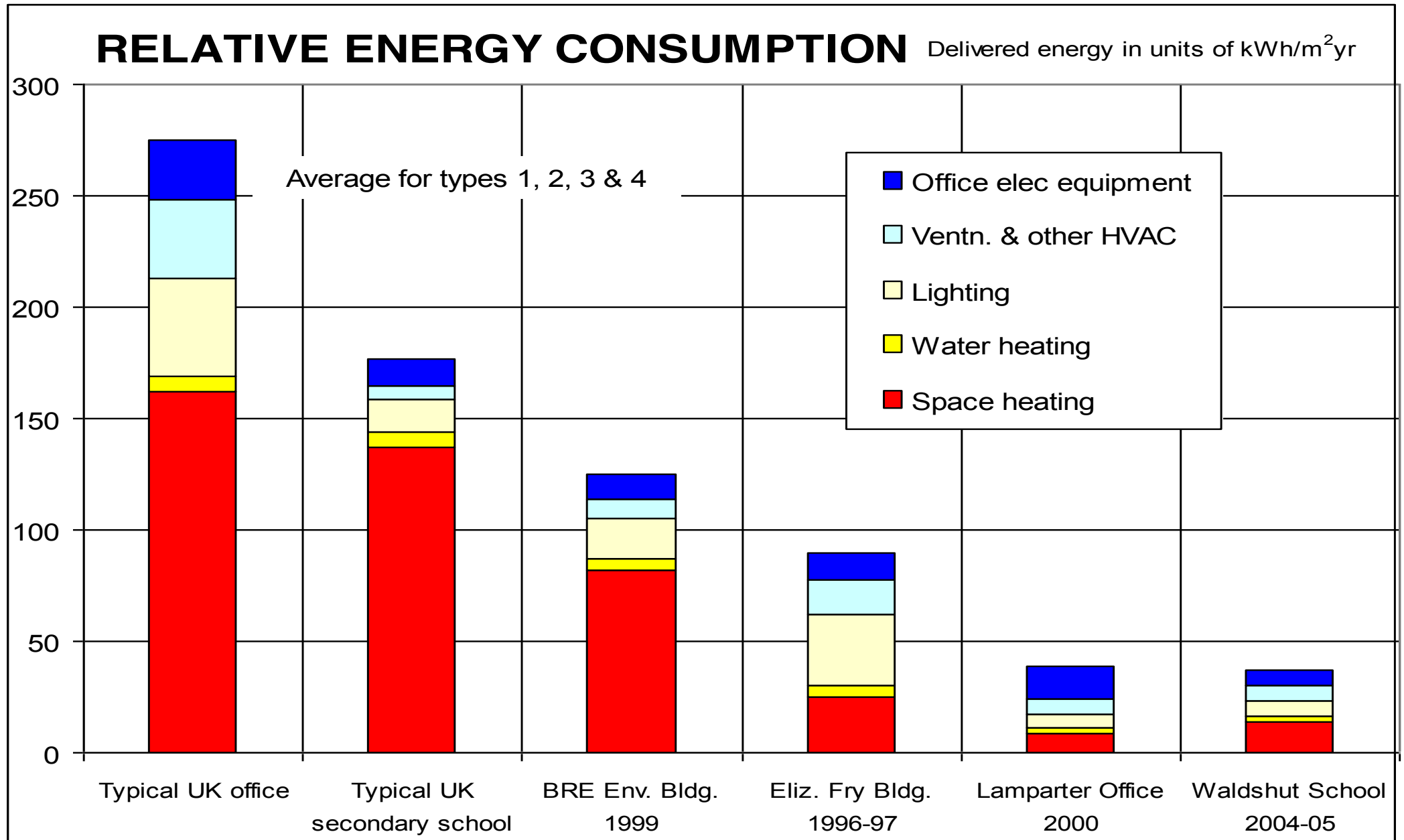
Passive House Criteria?

1. Heat demand ≤ 15 kWh/m²year [15 Wing A and 14 Wing B]
 2. Airtightness: n_{50} -value $\leq 0,6$ h⁻¹ [Wing A&B = each 0.3]
 3. Overheating ratio $\leq 10\%$ year above 25°C [Wing A&B = 6%]
 4. Primary energy ≤ 120 kWh/m²year [Wing A=90*, Wing B = 117*]
1. Heating load ≤ 10 W/m² [Wing A = & Wing B=]

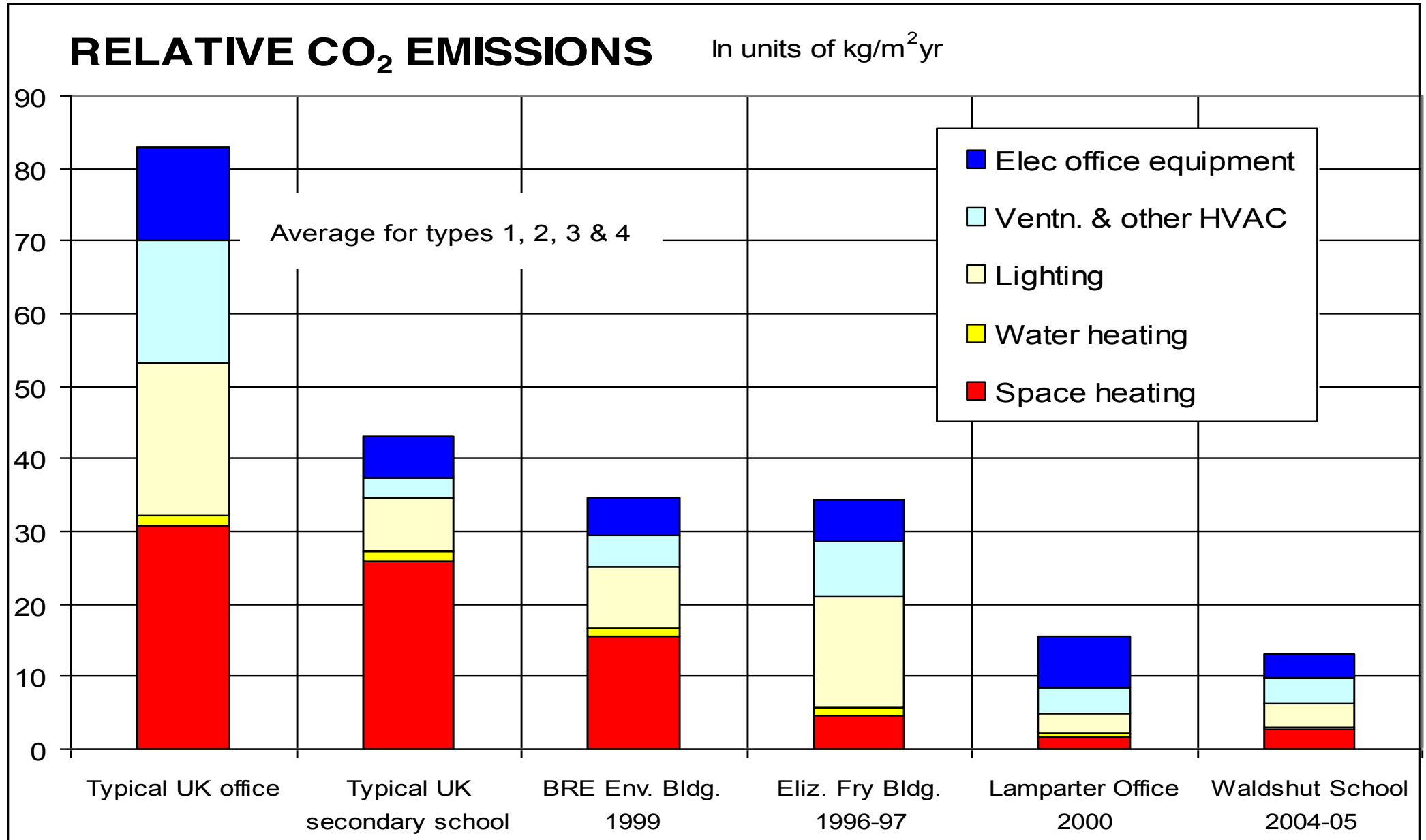
** Dependent on adoption of Design Team's recommendations for e.e. IT & office equipment and any domestic appliances (over time?).
Seperate report to client.*



Impact of Energy Performance Standards on Non-Domestic Building Energy Use



Impact of Energy Performance Standards on Non-Domestic Building CO₂ Emissions





- THERMAL COMFORT
- ACOUSTIC COMFORT
- AIR QUALITY
- VISUAL COMFORT

Construction methods

The PH concept is suitable for every construction method;

- Timber construction
- Masonry construction
- Steel construction
- Innovative methods e.g. Straw bale

Some are easier to use than others to achieve a successful result, some require more industry experience of successful low energy design and construction (e.g. Steel frame)

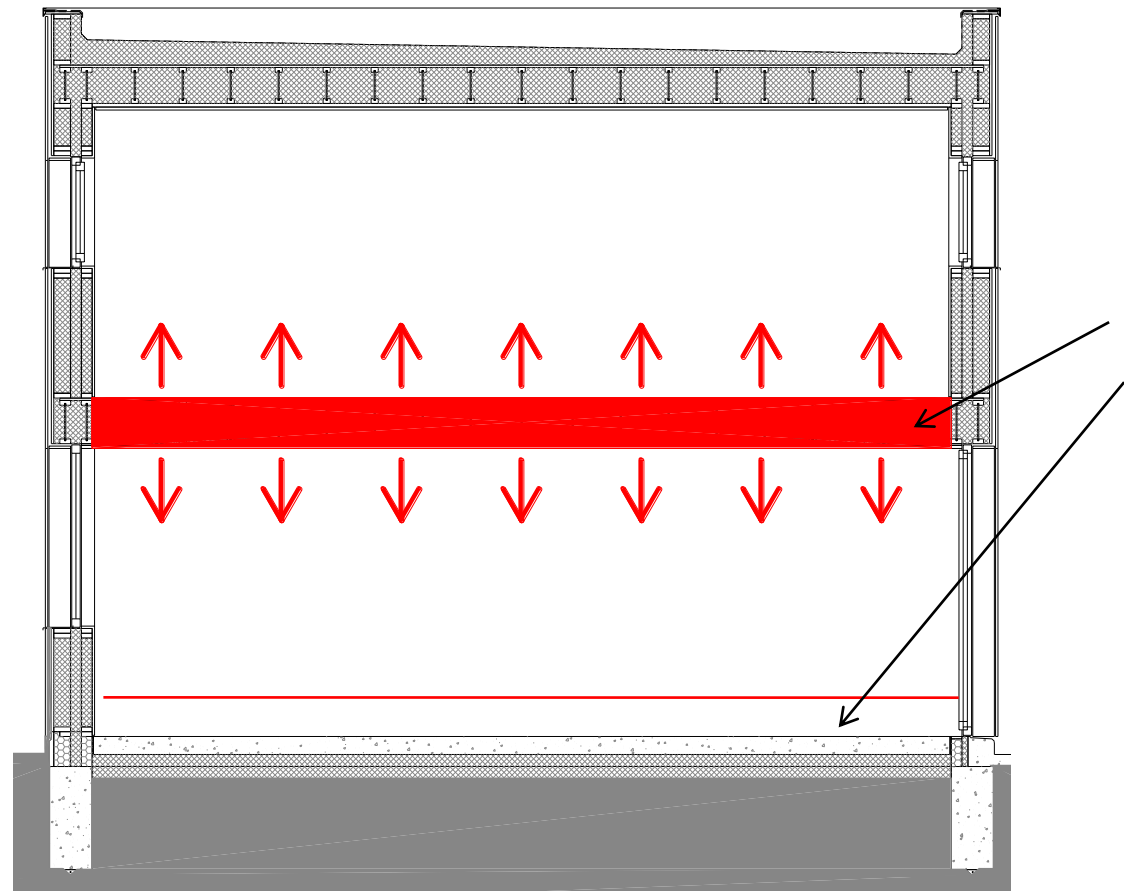


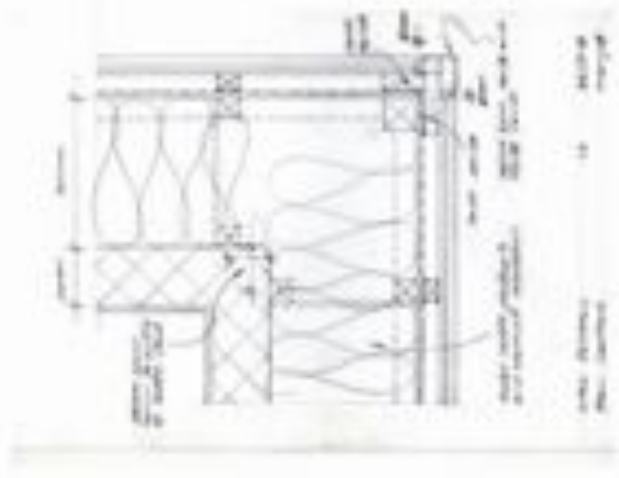
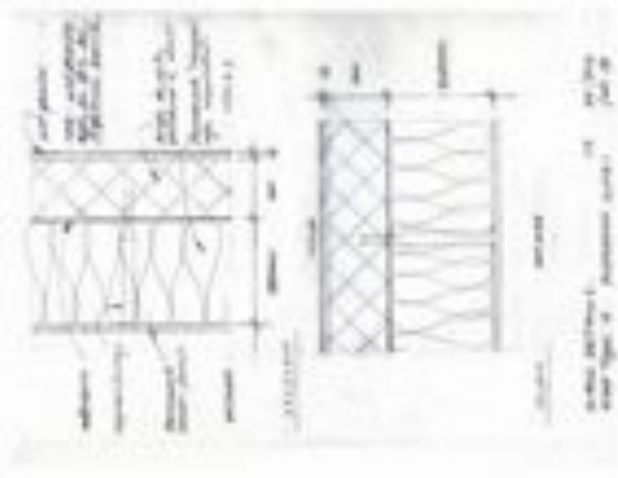
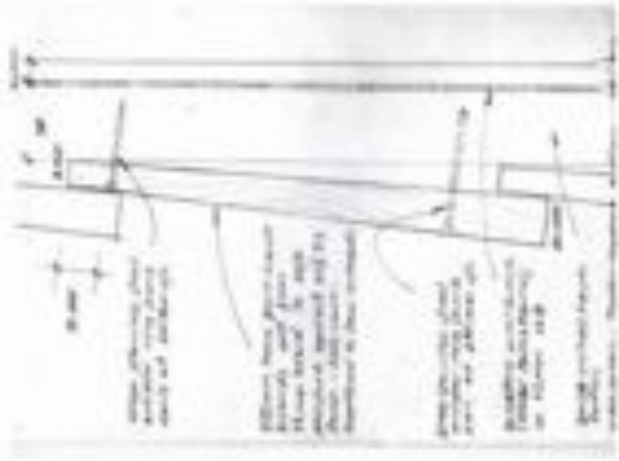
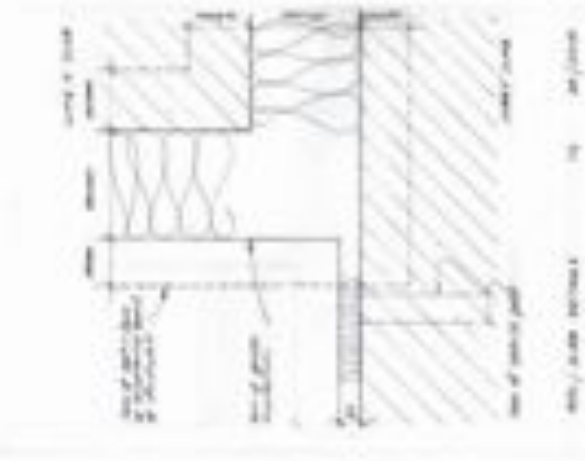
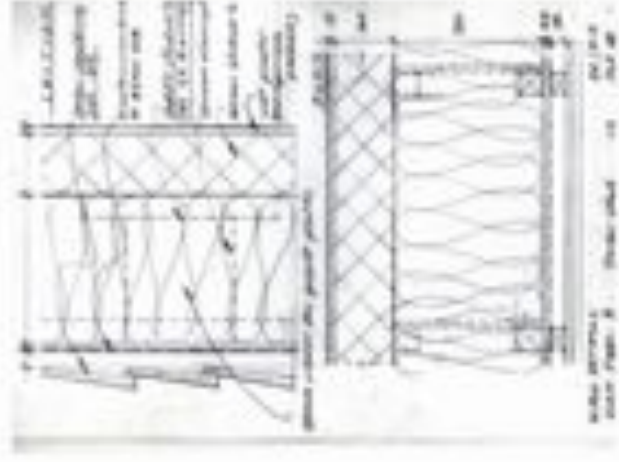
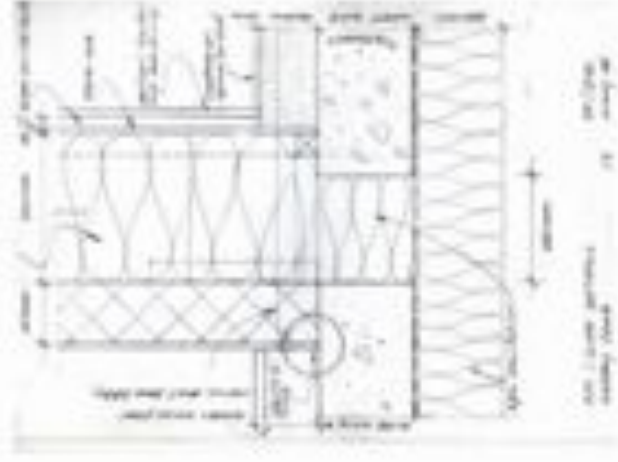
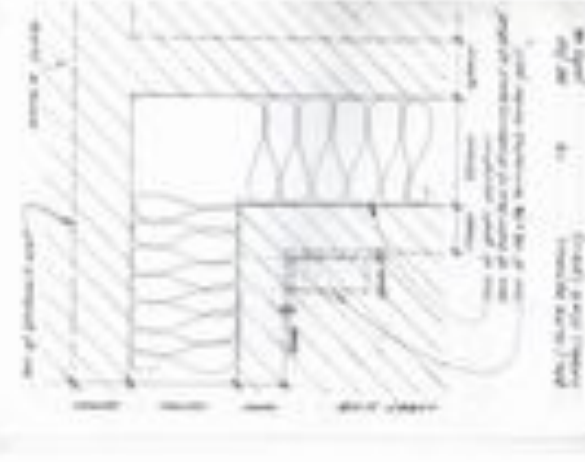
Selected key design principles

Construction methods

Some methods aid PH construction e.g.,

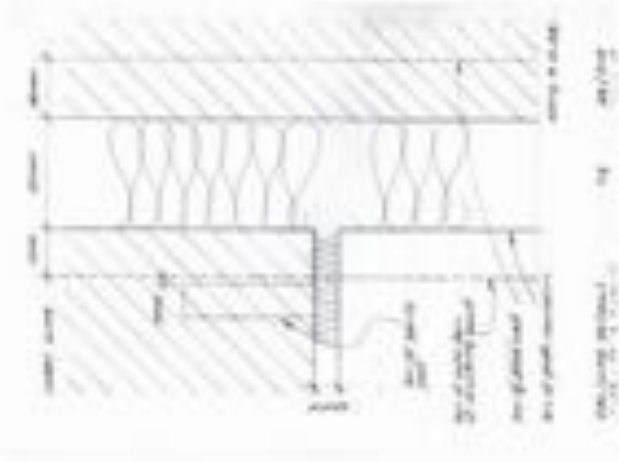
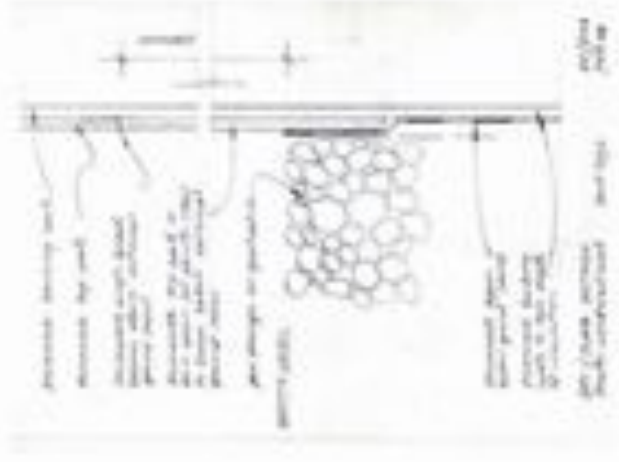
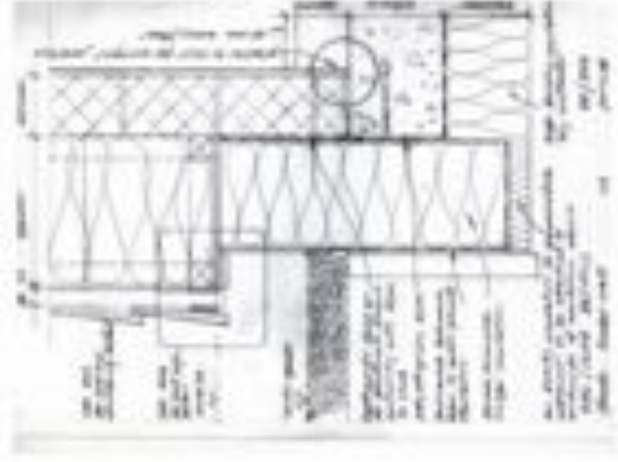
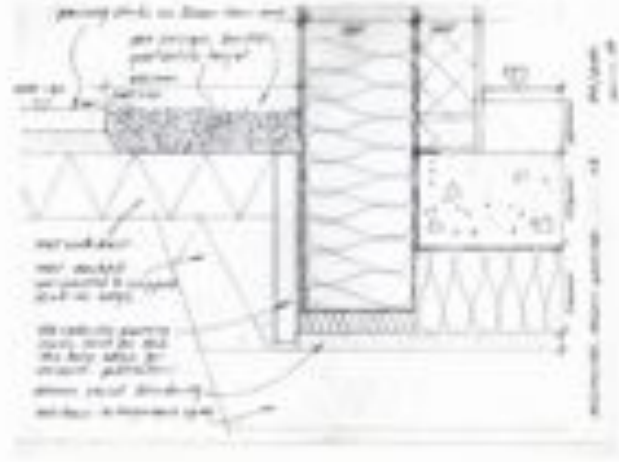
- Lattice floor joists (MVHR ducts)
- Raised access floors (insulated pipework)
- Dense masonry (maximise useful solar gain)





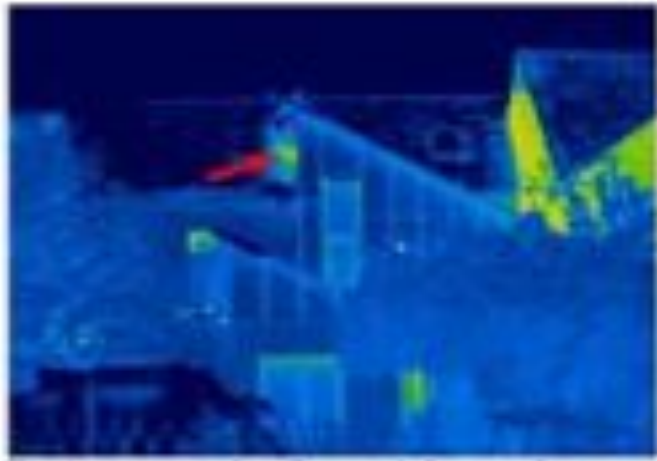
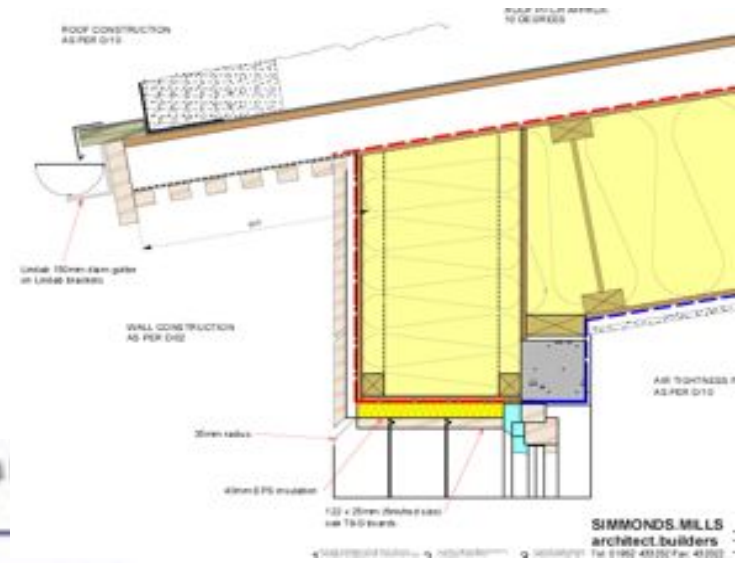


Technical drawing showing a cross-section of a window frame assembly. The drawing includes labels for various components such as the window pane, frame, and surrounding structure. Dimensions are indicated with arrows and numbers.

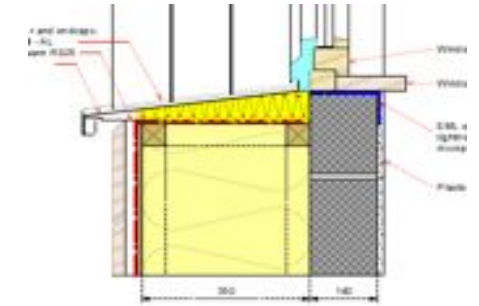


Investigations

Thermal Inspections



Thermogram 9 – Rear of Grove Cottage



Overall – infrared view

Grove Cottage

Case Study in low energy refurbishment

Project: refurbishment of solid walled Victorian townhouse, Hereford



Thermal bridge free construction

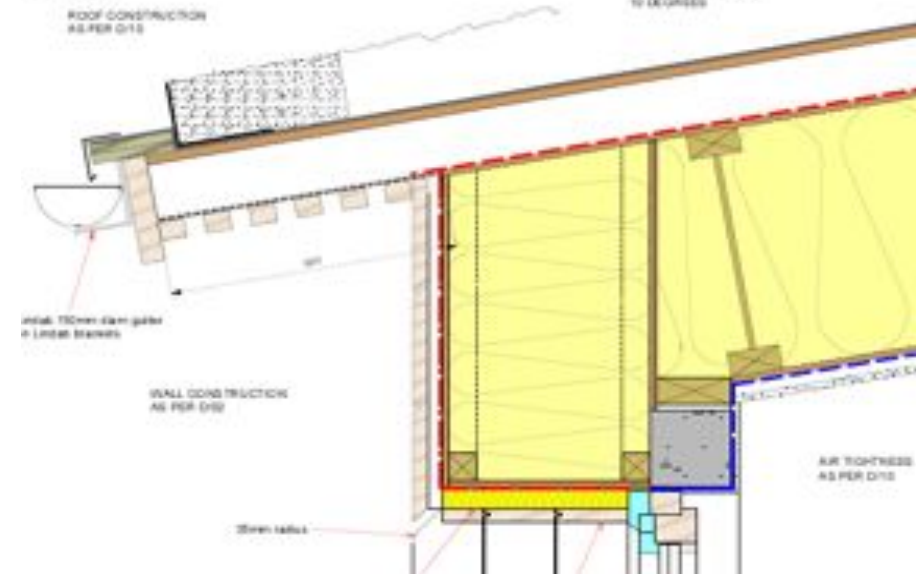


Thermal bridge free construction

Reduce the timber fraction



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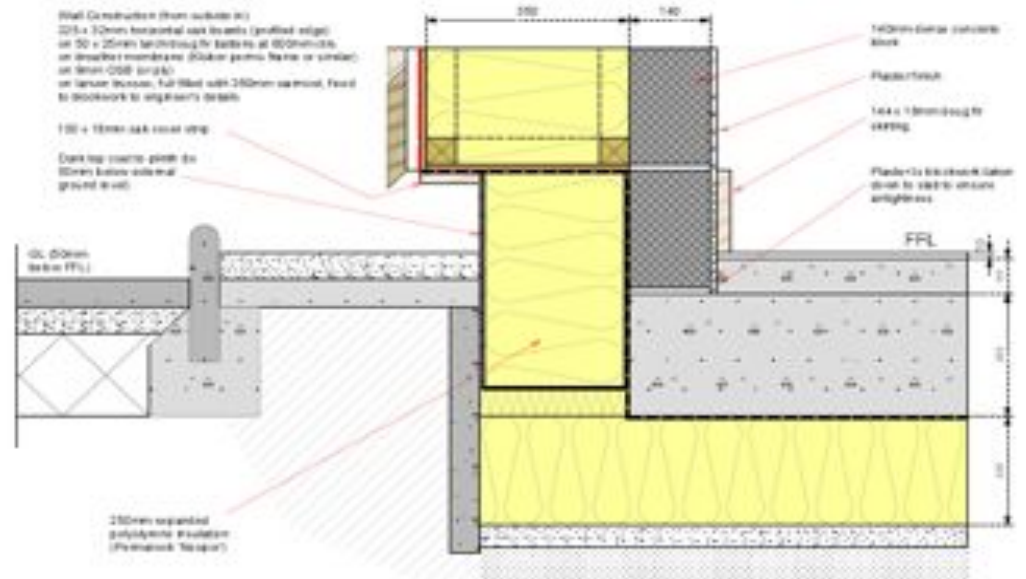
Thermal bridge free construction

Relies on thermal integrity too – no gaps in your insulation!



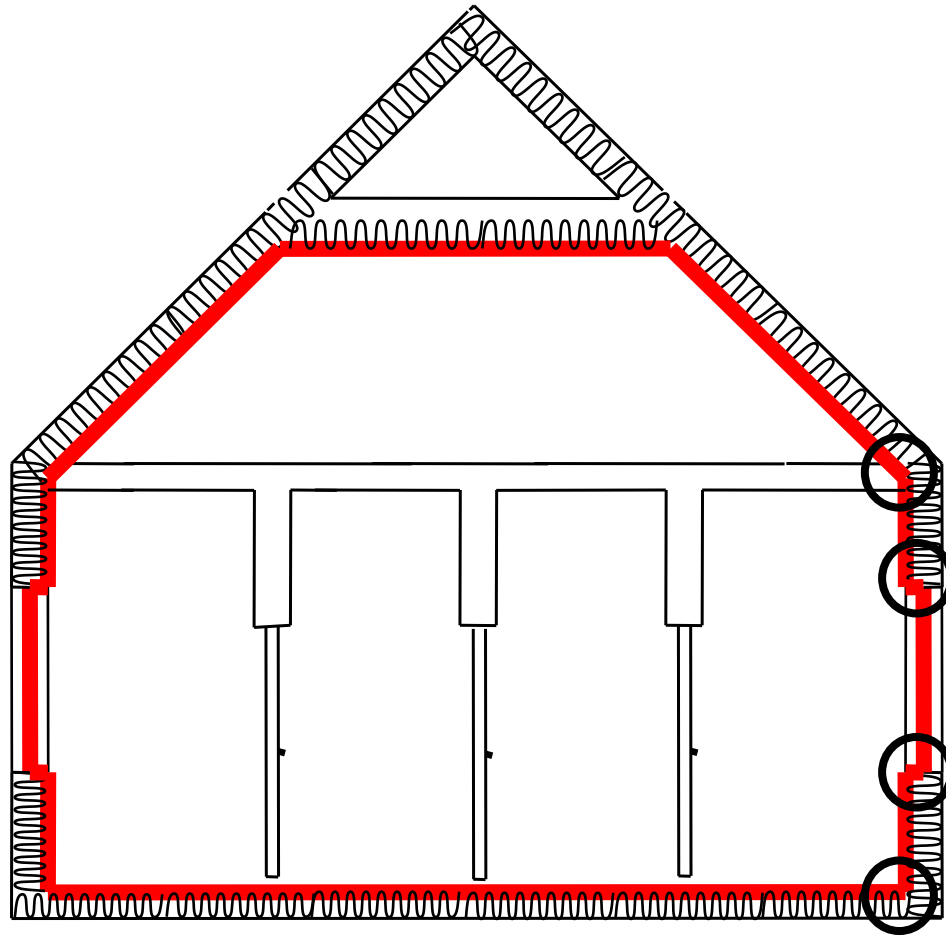


Detail notes as per drawing DV01





Airtightness has to be designed!

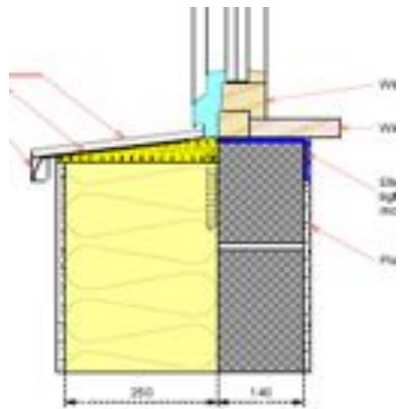
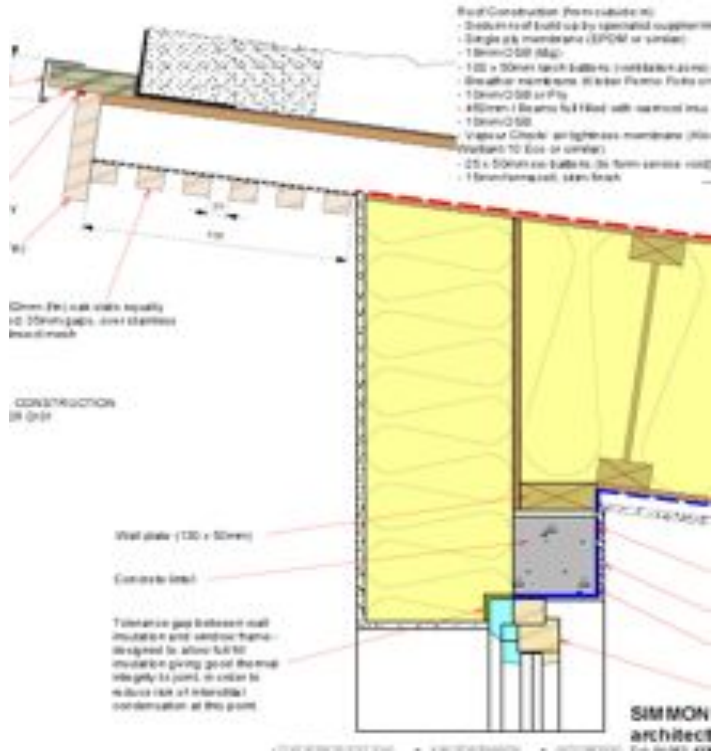




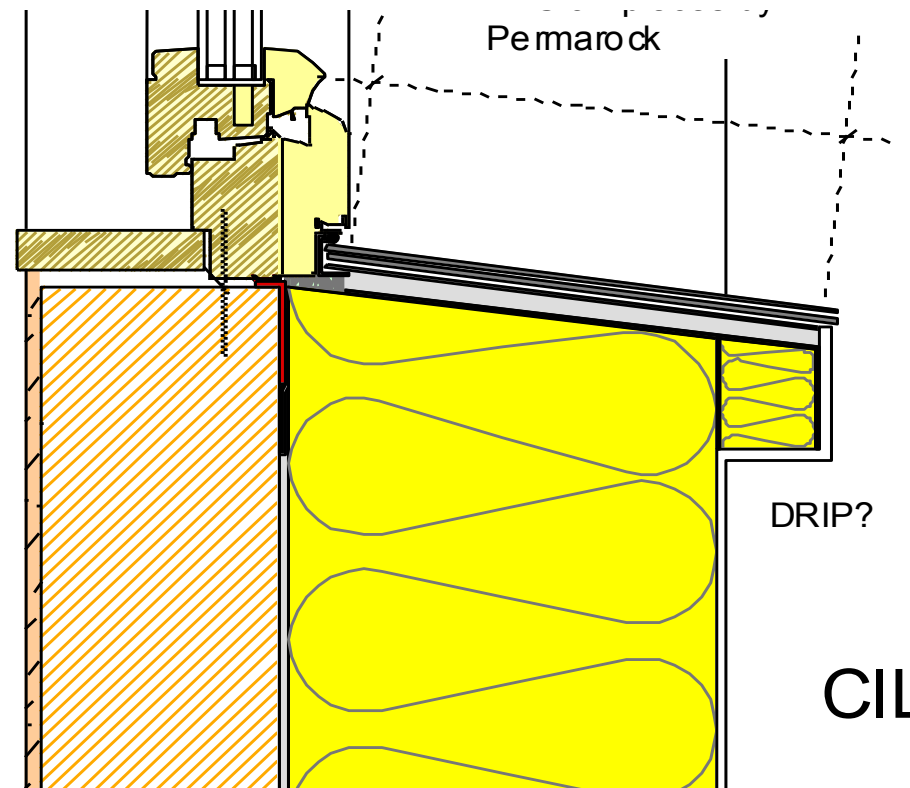
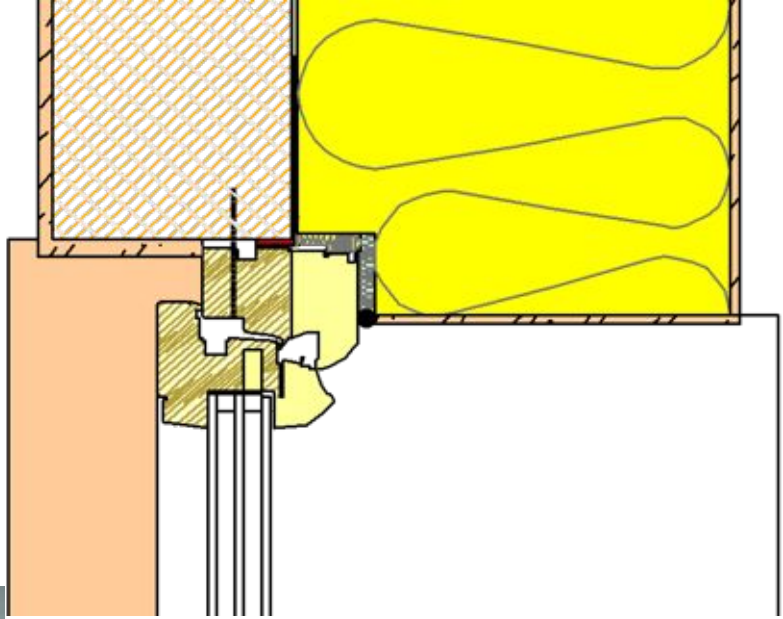
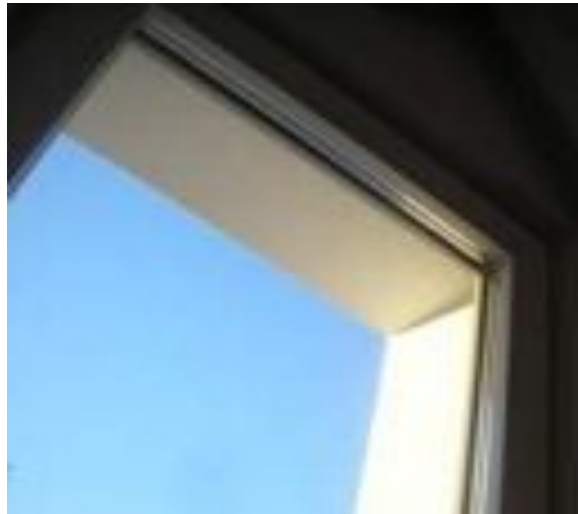


Products: the importance of windows

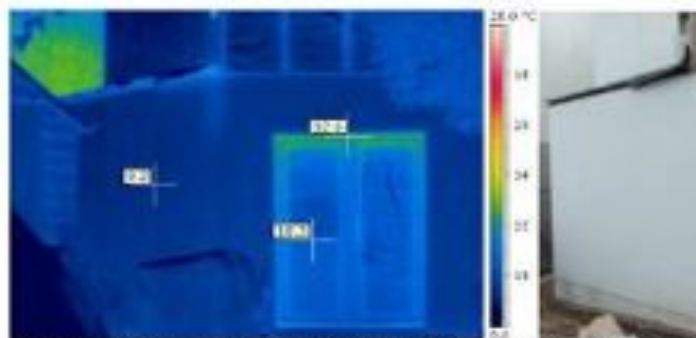




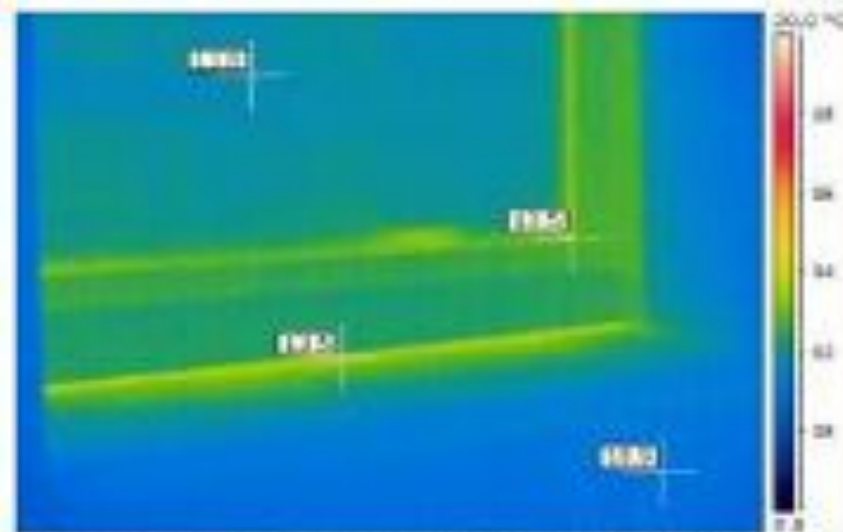
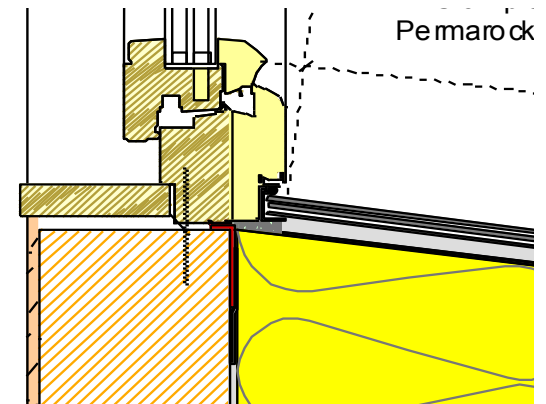
Insulation strategy – windows



Thermogram



Thermogram 13 – Rear of Group Ontario kitchen doors



Thermogram 14 – Kitchen window. NW wall



- Heating
- Ventilation
- Hot and cold water
- Lighting

- **Heating**

- Gas boiler and radiators
- Oversized radiators for low temperature
- Weather compensation for control and efficiency
- Thermostatic radiator valves for user control
- Straightforward technology – not expensive



- **Ventilation**

- Mechanical heat recovery ventilation
- Airtight building needs fresh air ventilation system
- Heat recovery needed for passivhaus energy level
- Exposed ductwork
- 3 MVHR units for simple zoning:
 1. Wing A
 2. Training room
 3. Wing B





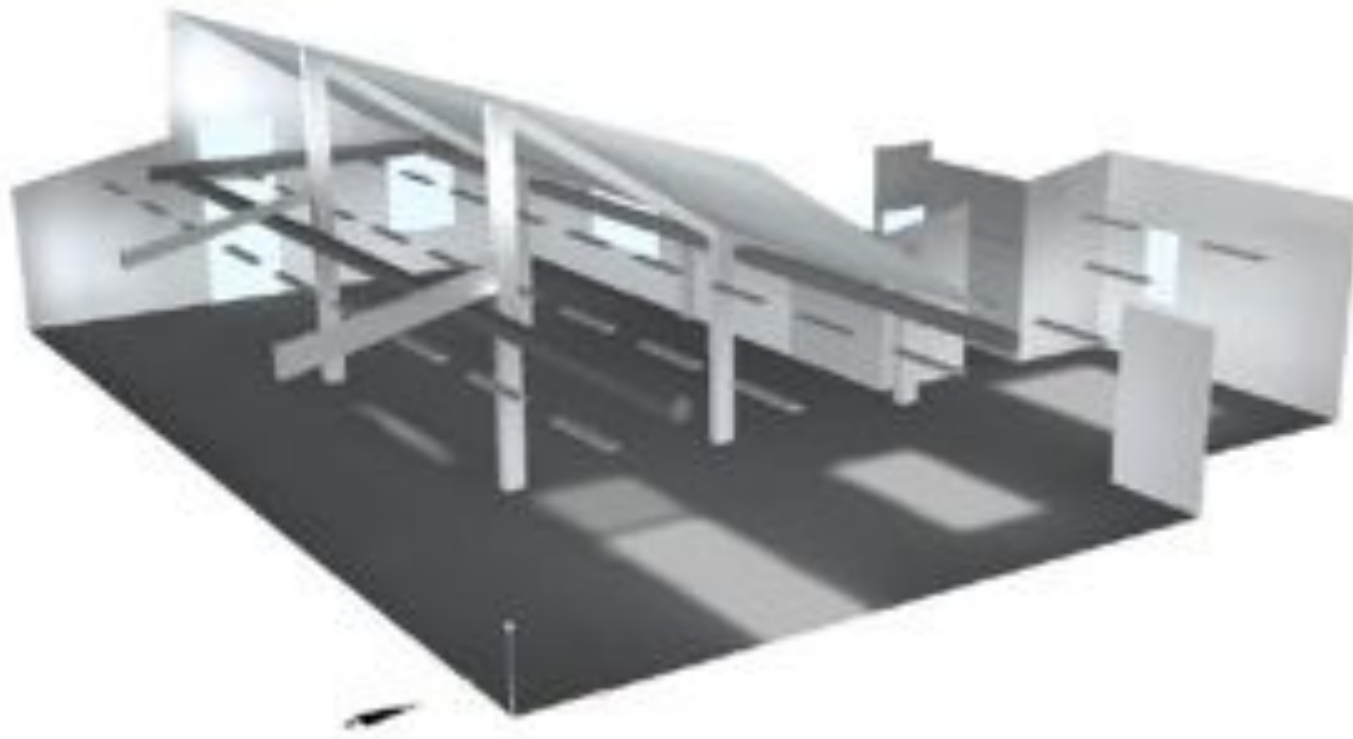


- **Hot and cold water**
 - Gas boiler and solar thermal collector
 - Highly insulated cylinder
 - Microbore distribution
 - Low water use taps
 - 4 litre syphon flush WCs
 - Waterless urinals



- **Lighting**

- Design for daylight – modelled in lighting program
- Light, high reflectance internal surfaces
- Electric lighting designed for 300 lux
- Efficient high light output fittings and T5 tubes –
5.9 W/m² for internal lighting (+0.3 W/m² external)
- Daylight dimming in communal areas
- PIR in WC & corridor, manual in small offices



Integrated daylight and electric lighting design

Operator
Telephone
Fax
e-Mail

Wing B / daylight factor / Summary



Height of Room: 5.300 m, Mounting Height: 2.500 m, Maintenance factor: 0.90

Values in Lux, Scale 1:229

Surface	ρ [%]	E_{av} [lx]	E_{min} [lx]	E_{max} [lx]	u_0
Workplane	/	306	94	867	0.30
Floor	20	321	62	1561	0.11
Walls (9)	60	147	36	561	/

Workplane:

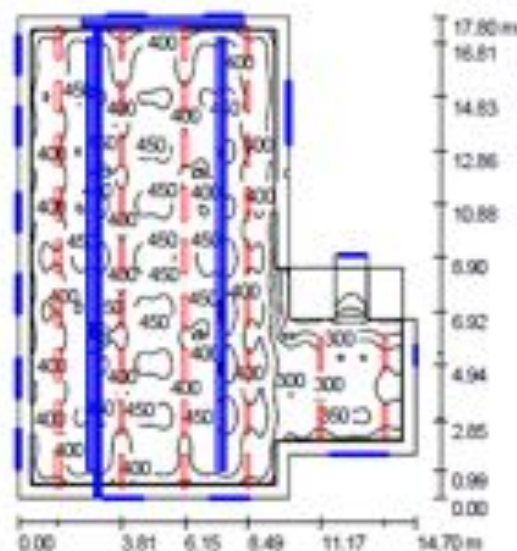
Height: 0.750 m
Grid: 128 x 128 Points
Boundary Zone: 0.500 m

Illuminance Quotient (according to LG7): Walls / Working Plane: -, Ceiling / Working Plane: -

Pure daylight scene, no luminaires involved.

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Workplane	/	395	32	474	0.080
Floor	20	352	19	482	0.054
Walls (9)	60	120	8.11	275	/

Workplane:

Height: 0.750 m
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Boundary Zone: 0.500 m

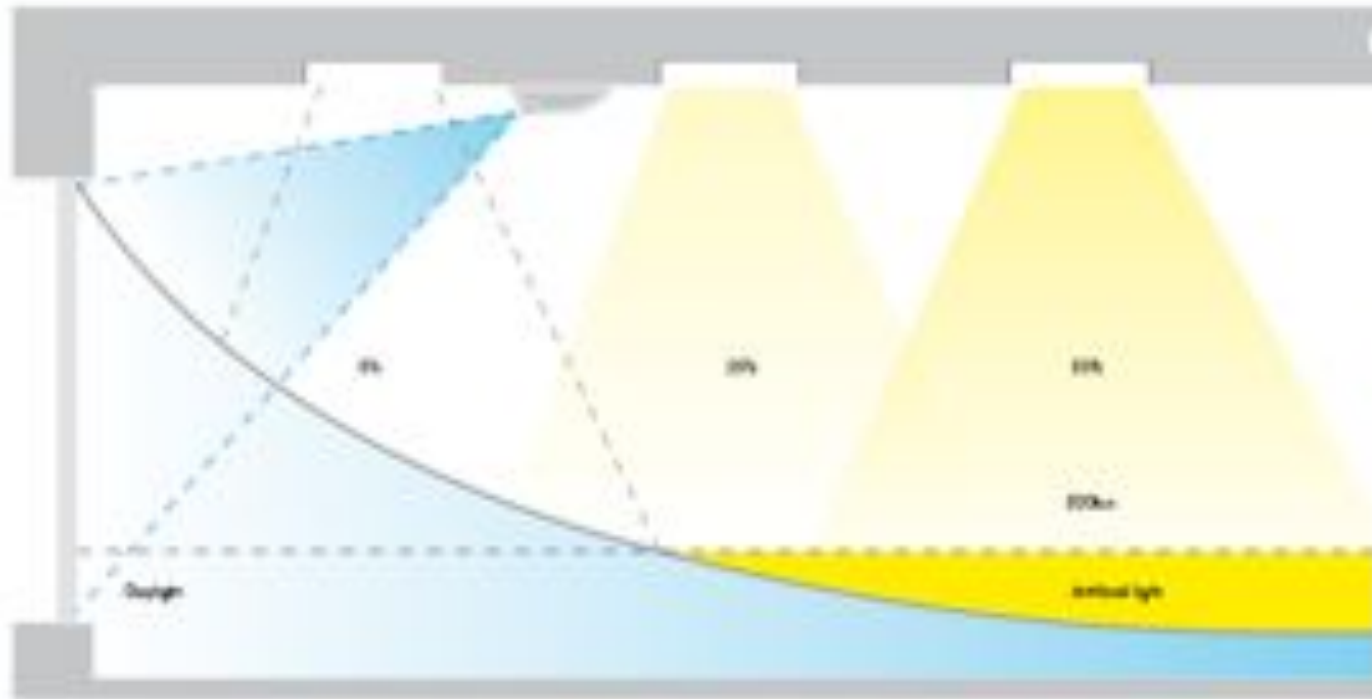
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Luminaire Parts List

No.	Pieces	Designation (Correction Factor)	Φ [m]	P [W]
1	40	Thorn Set 96234025 JUPITER 28 Di 1x28w HF + 96233016 JUPITER 2 1X28 DM8 [STO] (1.000)	2600	31.0

Total: 104000 1240.0

Specific connected load: 5.83 W/m² = 1.46 W/m²100 lx (Ground area: 212.78 m²)



Daylight dimming in large rooms

- Heating / ventilation interlock

- Problem: the vent system can provide fresh air cooling at the same time as the heating is on

- *Sunny winter day → fresh air cooling*

- *Cold air in through vents → turn the heating up*

- *Even more cold air in...*

Result: discomfort + high energy consumption

- **Solution: one overall controller**
 - This provided by ventilation controls – designed for duct heater, but here controls radiator zone valve
 - *Winter – vent controls set to “heating on” - won’t provide fresh air cooling (summer bypass)*
 - *Summer – manual switch to “heating off” –ventilation bypasses heat recovery when warm*

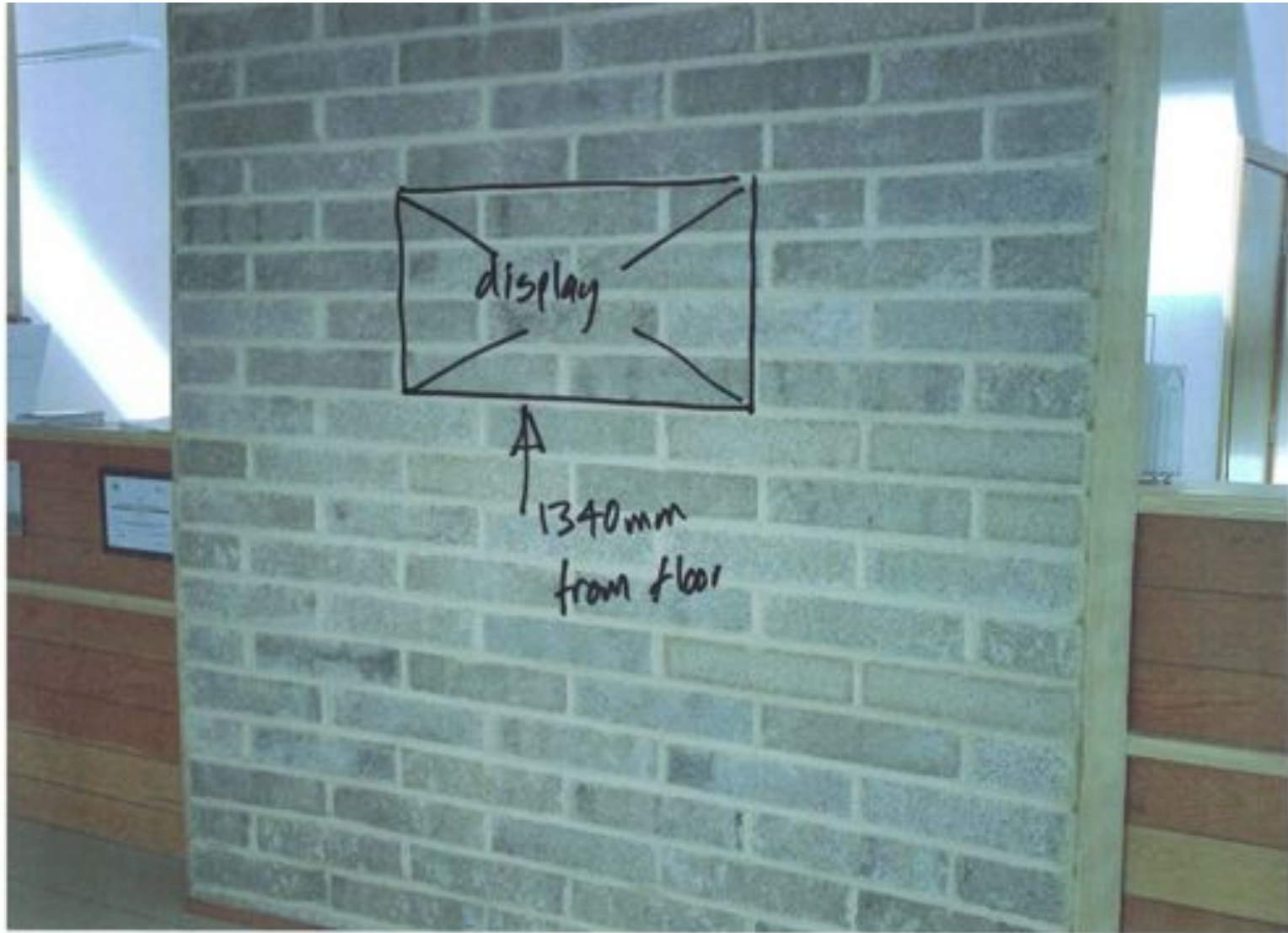
T-intake	**	12.0°C
T-supply	**	12.0°C
T-heat	**	12.0°C
T-exhaust	**	11.0°C
T-outside	**	67.0°F



The outtakes - bits that didn't go quite
right







display

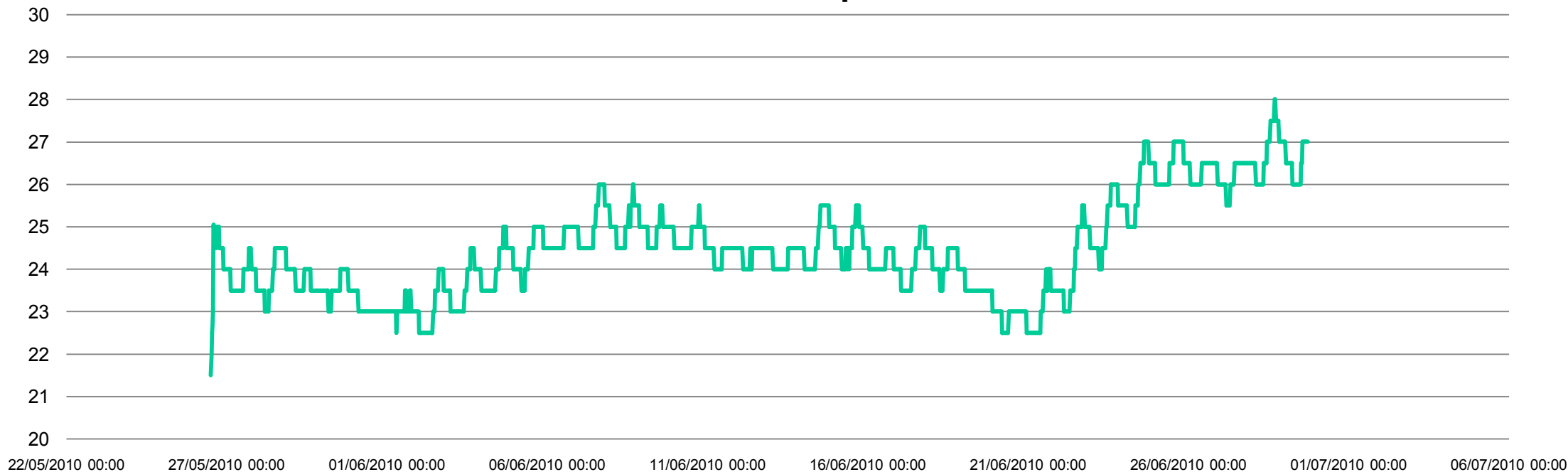
↑
1340mm
from floor

- **Problems in use**

- Drying out – the heating energy needed to dry out a just-completed wet plastered masonry structure is far more than Passivhaus heat loss
- High electrical use – by tenant's IT equipment

- **MVHR is NOT air conditioning**
 - Daily swing 1.5-2C, but temp creeps up each day
 - Without night cooling this building can overheat

Office 1 room temperature





- **What about next time?**
 - Radiators again – that was easy!
 - Simpler boiler controls
 - Combi hot water – don't use much at all
 - Simpler vent controls – and CO₂ speed control
 - No daylight dimming of lighting – just auto-off
 - ALL south windows shaded
 - Write user manual BEFORE users move in

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