
SUSTAINABLE RETROFIT PLAN

PRE-1919 MID OF TERRACE HOUSE

Abstract

This paper explores, the challenge of reducing OC¹ emission in 95% from those of 1990 in the Wales housing old stock through different retrofit options for apre-1919 mid of terrace house, developing the most feasible and cost-effective of them. Furthermore, an analysis of a significant feature of the refurbishment is carried out, to understand the relation between the savings in OC when upgrading a building and the EC² emissions involved in that process.

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¹ Operational Carbon

² Embodied Carbon

1. Introduction

Currently, the levels of CO² in the atmosphere are 400 parts per million over the safe limit of 350 (Stevenson, 2020), and the construction industry is responsible of 39% of CE¹ in the world (Sassi, 2006). That is why regulations have set up very ambitious targets for cutting down the building carbon footprint². Particularly, UK government aims to reduce at least 80% the emissions from 1990 levels, with a special emphasis in the domestic sector as it is responsible for 33% of the emissions. However Wales has committed to reach a 95% reduction, because although its domestic sector emissions are only a 21% of the total, this higher goal pursue to balance the industrial sector who is responsible for 55% of the CE in Wales against the 39% of the UK industry sector (Green, et al., 2019).

In addition to this challenge, Wales must also face that the 35% of the stock housing was built before 1919, owning one of the oldest housing stocks in Europe (Green, et al., 2019). Then, it is highly likely that additional upgrades are required against other stocks, which are to be essential as it is predicted that 90% of the actual stock will keep in use by 2050 (Green, et al., 2019).

On this ground, this paper aims to explore effective and feasible strategies for retrofitting a pre-1919 mid of terrace house (Figure 1) in order to reach the set target in Wales. Furthermore, it seeks a wider understanding of not only the OC³ emissions of the building, but also its relationship with the EC⁴ of the elements involved.



Figure 1. Front House View

2. Methodology

For that purpose, the research is divided in two main sections: the exploration and development of a retrofit plan and the analysis of a significant element of the refurbishment. Therefore, an utter understanding is achieved of the upgrade impact onto the total building carbon footprint. Inasmuch as, if it is true that OC has been highly reduced in the last years (Figure 2), the EC have been kept in the same levels. However, to reduce the carbon footprint further, more attention to EC⁵ emissions is essential and its understanding. (Banteli, 2020).

First, the current stage of the house is analyzed and its OC footprint is established as well as the principles to address the problematic. Then, different options are modelled in the SAP tool (CRIBE, 2014) and analysed in terms of their feasibility and costs. To ultimately develop and detail the most efficient strategy to achieve the 95% target.

On the second part, the wall upgrade will be analysed in detail since it is the measure which will require more quantity of materials as shown later, which likely will translate in higher EC emissions. Whilst also, it is one of the most efficient measures to cut down the OC. With this purpose, two alternative systems are compared in terms of its EC, cradle to grave boundary⁶. Ultimately, the EC of the most suitable one is compared against the savings in OC emissions due to the wall upgrade during its lifecycle.

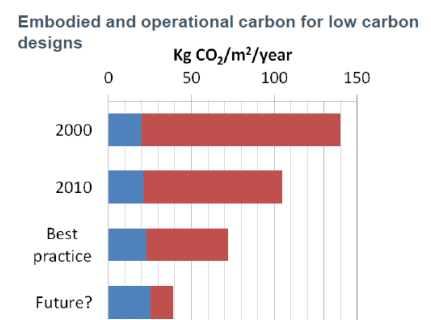


Figure 2. Embodied and OC for Low Carbon Designs. (Banteli, 2020)

¹ CE = Carbon Emissions

² Carbon Footprint = "A 'carbon footprint' is the total amount of CO₂ and other greenhouse gases, emitted over the full life cycle of a process or product." (Stevenson, 2020)

³ OC = Operational Carbon = Amount of the CO₂ emissions related to the building in use during its full lifecycle. Such as those produced by heating or lighting. (Stevenson, 2020)

⁴ Embodied Carbon = CE linked to the harvest, transport, manufacturing, installation, disposal and/or recycled of any product or process involved in the construction of the building. (Stevenson, 2020)

⁵ EC = Embodied Carbon

⁶ Cradle to Grave Boundary = Embodied carbon from a product or elements since it is harvested as raw material to the end of its lifecycle.

3. Domestic Retrofit – Operational Carbon

3.1. Base Case and approach.

The pre-1919 mid of terrace house is in King Street, Pentre (Wales), has north–south orientation and a refurbishment has already been carried out previously there, which resulted in a 56% reduction of its OC emissions. The main changes were as follows (Lannon, 2020):

- 50 mm of insulation between the rafters - **6%**¹
- New Double-glazed Windows, PVC frames and doors. U-value =3 - **2%**¹
- Chimney removal- Air tightness improvement together with Windows and doors improvement – Airtightness = 10 m³/m²h (Normal Practice) **3%**¹
- Gas Combi Boiler (90% efficiency) – **43%**¹
- 100% Low energy Lights – **2%**¹

Then, the strategy was based on an individual upgrade , the boiler, and the avoidance of high-risk interventions or the use of highly skilled workers. The result of that is the need of a “Fabric First approach”² (Lannon & Green, 2020) in the current refurbishment as it is the only route towards reducing heating demand thus emissions can be diminish further. Otherwise limited improvement can be achieved in regards with fuel type or heating system as it is evidenced in the option 4 from the modelled scenarios in the following section.

Nevertheless, the previous retrofit is still an advantage from a cost point of view too(Figure 3) as to reach the final goal of 95% reduction at once might end up on average around £800/ m², while the savings will not rises that much, so reasonable payback periods are difficult to achieve (Jones, et al., 2013). Then, retrofitting in two phases to reach the 95% reduction is more beneficial for the owners.

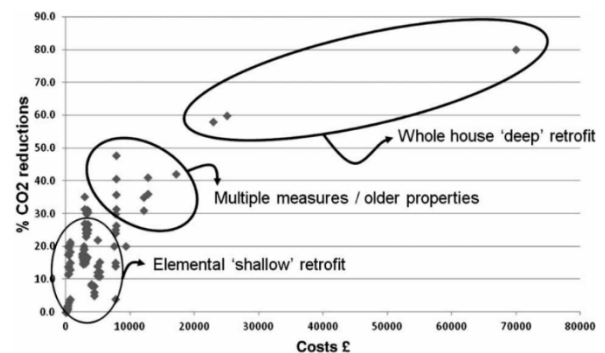


Figure 3. Summary of Costs versus savings for different retrofit strategies.

3.2. Contemplated Scenarios. Feasibility and costs.

Following the “First Fabric” approach, different scenarios (Table 1) have been conceived and complemented using renewable energies as suggested in most of the literature such as McCaig, et al. (2018) and study cases. For example, 15 Passmore street (Westminster City Council, 2013) or in high number of cases on “Homes of today for tomorrow” (Green, et al., 2019).

In order to assess the options, all are modelled in the SAP tool (CRIBE, 2014) and 4 main characteristics are studied individually and as a part of each scenario: intensity, contribution to the carbon reduction, feasibility and cost (Tables 2-5).

OPTION	ANALYSED SCENARIOS										SAP MODEL LINK
	FABRIC				HEATING SYSTEM	INFILTRATION RATE	MVHR	RENEWABLES		Number Actions	
	WALLS	FLOOR	ROOF	WINDOWS				SOLAR THERMAL	PHOTOVOLTAIC		
1	X	X				X	X	X	X	6	http://bit.ly/2TPybxA
2	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	7	https://bit.ly/3drMHUG
3	X	X	X			X	X		X	6	http://bit.ly/33lwevW
4	X	X	X	x	X	X	X		X	8	https://bit.ly/33zhjK#
5	X	X	X					X		5	https://bit.ly/2Ww8LXD
6	X	X	X			X	X	X		7	https://bit.ly/3bjh25r
7	X	X	X					X		5	https://bit.ly/2xhJlg5
8	x	x	x			X		x	x	6	https://bit.ly/3aecSLS
9	X	X	X			X			X	5	https://bit.ly/2Gz0Q66

Table 1

¹ X% = percentage of emission reduction due to each upgrade

² First Fabric Approach = It consists in the massive improvement of the building fabric to diminish the energy demand for heating as much as it is possible.

Overall, examining the results carefully the most cost-effective options are those with a whole fabric upgrade but not extremely low values as it is observed that under 0.15-0.20 W/ m²K, there is little or no improvement and technically it is to be difficult of achieve. Furthermore, it can be appreciated the high contributions of photovoltaic panels, 10-13%(Table 3) and how their prices have decrease along the years (Table 5) making them cost effective.

However, making the “First Fabric” approach feasible can be a little intricate (Table 4) due to site dimension constrictions, the high disturbance for occupants or the need of high skilled workers (McCaig, et al., 2018). That is why is crucial to complement this measures with others which do not add further risks. Then, options that contemplates MVHR, PV arrays over 2 kWp or emerging technologies are rule out (Table 4). Finally, option 8 stands out as the most suitable option because is intensively based on a “Fabric First” approach, but within the constrains limits, and supported by reliable renewable technology. The specific features of the retrofit are developed on the next point.

OPTION	INTENSITY OF THE MEASURES								
	FABRIC				HEATING SYSTEM	INFILTRATION RATE	MVHR	RENEWABLES	
	WALLS	FLOOR	ROOF	WINDOWS				SOLAR THERMAL	PHOTOVOLTAIC
Base Case	2.1	2	0.6	3	Gas	normal practice	NO	NO	NO
1	0.3	0.25				3m3/m2h	YES	6sqm	2Kwp
2	0.3	0.3	0.35			3m3/m2h	YES	4sqm	2Kwp
3	0.25	0.14	0.25			3m3/m2h	YES		2.5KWP
4	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.2	HEAT PUMP	3m3/m2h	YES		1kwp
5	0.6	0.2	0.2					2.5 kwp + 6m2 PV-T Panels	
6	1	0.45	0.2			3m3/m2h	YES	2.5 kwp + 6m2 PV-T Panels	
7	0.25	0.15	0.25					2.5 kwp + 3m2 PV-T Panels	
8	0.2	0.15	0.2			5m3/m2h		4sqm	2Kwp
9	0.2	0.15	0.2			5m3/m2h			3kwp

KEY - Intensity	
	Low
	Medium - Low
	Medium
	Medium - High
	High

Table 2

OPTION	EFFICIENCY OF THE MEASURES									
	FABRIC				HEATING SYSTEM	INFILTRATION RATE	MVHR	RENEWABLES		
	WALLS	FLOOR	ROOF	WINDOWS				SOLAR THERMAL	PHOTOVOLTAIC	CO2 kg yearly
1	8%	10%				2%	3%	6%	10%	336
2	10%	10%	1%			2%	2%	4%	10%	400
3	10%	10%	2%			1%	3%		13%	352
4	10%	10%	2%	4%	5%	1%	2%		5%	376
5	8%	9%	3%					6%	13%	400
6	6%	7%	2%			2%	3%	6%	13%	376
7	10%	10%	2%					4%	13%	400
8	10%	10%	2%			1%		5%	11%	400
9	10%	10%	2%			1%			16%	376

KEY - Efficiency	
	1-5%
	6-9%
	>10%

Table 3

OPTION	FEASIBILITY *									
	FABRIC				HEATING SYSTEM	INFILTRATION RATE	MVHR	RENEWABLES		
	WALLS	FLOOR	ROOF	WINDOWS				SOLAR THERMAL	PHOTOVOLTAIC	
1	High Disturbance. House unoccupied is required. Limitations in ceiling heights to be considered for floor insulations. Reductions in volume because of IW*1							✓ 20sqm Available. Limited space		
2		✓					✓ LIMITATIONS in floor to ceiling height h=2.5m	✓	✓	
3		✓								✓
4		✓		✓	✓ under staircase	✓ very high skilled work forced required				✓
5			✓					✓ Limitations in floor to ceiling height h=2.5m	✓ Emerging technologies	
6		✓								
7		✓								
8			✓						✓	✓
9			✓				✓ very high skilled work forced required			✓ 20sqm Available. Limited space

KEY - Feasibility	
	Easy to do
	Moderate
	Difficult to do

Table 4

APPROXIMATE CAPITAL COST £ - (based on Lee Wakeman cost consultants) * *5										
OPTION	FABRIC				HEATING SYSTEM	INFILTRATION RATE*	MVHR	RENEWABLES*7		TOTAL COSTS
	WALLS	FLOOR	ROOF*2	WINDOWS*3				SOLAR THERMAL	PHOTOVOLTAIC	
Base Case			830	4500	5100	415				10845
2	1958	2076	830			415	1760	3000	5000	15039
4	1958		830		11600	415	1760		5000	21563
7	1958	2076	830					8000		12864
8	1958	2076	830			415		3000	5000	13279

APPROXIMATE CAPITAL COST £ - (Westminster City Council) * *6										
OPTION	FABRIC				HEATING SYSTEM	INFILTRATION RATE*	MVHR*12	RENEWABLES*7		TOTAL COSTS
	WALLS	FLOOR*10	ROOF*2	WINDOWS				SOLAR THERMAL	PHOTOVOLTAIC	
Base Case		875	352	3450	2550	250				7477
2	5600	917	352			250	1760	5000	13000	26879
4	8500		352		11600	250	1760		13000	35462
7	7050	917	352					18000		26319
8	7050	917	352			250		5000	13000	26569

Table 5

3.3. Retrofit “8”. – Strategy:

This retrofit (See table 6) diminishes the OC up to the 95% required as shown in the SAP model (Appendix B), which means 5kg CO₂/m² emissions per year, and considering the total area of the house is 80 m², then the total OC is to be 400 kg CO₂ a year against the current 3256 Kg CO₂ or the 7400 Kg CO₂ equivalent to the levels of 1990 (CRIBE, 2014). In order to materialized that, the different elements of the refurbishment are further detailed below.

RETROFIT “8”									
FABRIC				HEATING SYSTEM	INFILTRATION RATE	MVHR	RENEWABLES		Number Actions
WALLS	FLOOR	ROOF	WINDOWS				SOLAR THERMAL	PHOTOVOLTAIC	
x	x	x			X		x	x	6
INTENSITY									
FABRIC				HEATING SYSTEM	INFILTRATION RATE	MVHR	RENEWABLES		
WALLS	FLOOR	ROOF	WINDOWS				SOLAR THERMAL	PHOTOVOLTAIC	
0.2	0.15	0.2			5m3/m2h		4sqm	2Kwp	
EFFICIENCY									
FABRIC				HEATING SYSTEM	INFILTRATION RATE	MVHR	RENEWABLES		CO2 kg yearly
WALLS	FLOOR	ROOF	WINDOWS				SOLAR THERMAL	PHOTOVOLTAIC	
10%	10%	2%			1%		5%	1%	400
FEASIBILITY *									
FABRIC				HEATING SYSTEM	INFILTRATION RATE	MVHR	RENEWABLES		
WALLS	FLOOR	ROOF	WINDOWS				SOLAR THERMAL	PHOTOVOLTAIC	
High Disturbance. House unoccupied is required. Limitations in ceiling heights to be considered for floor insulations. Reductions in volume because of IWI*1			✓		✓ very high skilled work forced required		✓	✓	
APPROXIMATE CAPITAL COST £ - (based on Lee Wakeman cost consultants) * *5									
FABRIC				HEATING SYSTEM	INFILTRATION RATE*	MVHR	RENEWABLES*7		TOTAL COSTS
WALLS	FLOOR	ROOF*2	WINDOWS*3				SOLAR THERMAL	PHOTOVOLTAIC	
1958	2076	830			415		3000	5000	13279

Table 6

3.1.1. Fabric Insulation:

It is essential that all insulation is added at the same time to make sure joints between the different elements are executed properly and in coordination with the introduction of permeability measures, commented afterwards. Furthermore, overheating must be considered when u-values are this low. However according to SAP (CRIBE, 2014), in this case, it can be overcome by “opening the windows half time” (Appendix B) rather than installing shading elements with an over cost associated.

In regard to the walls, because of the historic value and to keep consistency along the street, IWI is added at the Front and back walls, but also because it tends to be cheaper than EWI¹ (Westminster City Council, 2013).

The same report, advises also a breathable solution for the walls upgrade as would reduce the risk of damp issues, particularly in historic buildings. Then, a timber frame cavity wall upgrade with rockwool insulation (Figures 5) is considered. However, another option (Figures 4) is contemplated because of space constraints, phenolic insulation with a vapour barrier as the overall thickness will be reduced from 227.5 mm² (Rockwool, 2017) to 130.5 mm (Kingspan, 2020). So, while the breathable option will reduce the floor area of each storey by 2.3 m², the phenolic insulation would only take 1.3 m².

Figure 4. Wall Built-up. Phenolic Insulation. (Kingspan, 2020)

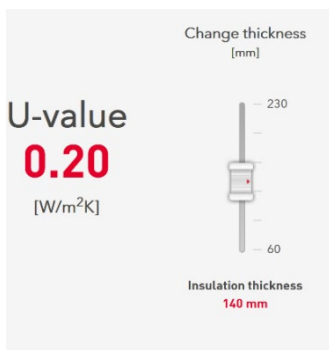


Figure 5. Wall Built-up. Rockwool Modified. BreRsi

Manufacturer	Name	Thickness [m, number]	Lambda [W/(mK)]	Q	R [m²K/W]
	Rse				0.0400
Generic Build	Stone Wall Thickness = 0.3 m / Lambda =2.3 (Kingspan 2020). - R= 1/U = 0.13 automatic disregarding acc. BRE 4.4.3)				-0.4325
Online	Low E Breather Membrane R=0.77m²K/W	0.0500	0.065		0.7700
BS EN 12524	Plywood [500 kg/m³]	0.0095	0.130		0.0731
Inhomogeneous material layer	consisting of:	0.1400	ø 0.049		2.8426
ROCKWOOL Ltd Online	Flexi 140mm - 200mm	85.00 %	0.035		-
Air gaps	Level 0: dU" = 0.00 W/(m²K)				-
BS EN 12524	Softwood Timber [500 kg/m³]	15.00 %	0.130		-
Inhomogeneous material layer	consisting of:	0.0250	ø 0.040		0.6217
ROCKWOOL Online	Low E Vapour Control Layer R=0.70m²K/W	04.67 %	0.032		-
BS EN 12524	Softwood Timber [500 kg/m³]	08.33 %	0.130		-
ROCKWOOL Online	Standard Wallboard Plasterboard	0.0425	0.100		0.0658
	Breathable plasterboard & Finished (left out of preliminary calculations. Very limited contribution for U-value.				0.0052
					0.1300

Furthermore, floor insulation (Figure 6) is to be added over concrete slab, for this the floor finish and skirts must be removed, as well as any inner plaster finished in walls for the earlier commented upgrade. Afterwards, 100 mm of K103 floorboard insulation (See figure 6) will be placed after tackling any moisture issues (McCaig, et al., 2018) and must be considered the possibility of having to change doors because of new floor height.

Besides, 50 mm of insulation will be added under the roof rafters (Figure 7), in addition to the existing 50 mm, to fully achieve the U-values required. Being this the easiest measure, only must be considered the joints with the walls. (Westminster City Council, 2013).

¹ EWI = External Wall Insulation

² Note, the breathable option is not standard Rockwool, neither the stone wall so values have been modified according to BSN ISO 6946 (BSI Standards Institution, 2017).

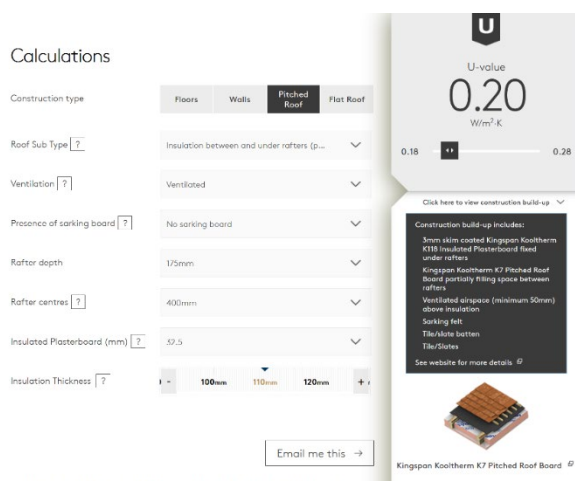


Figure 7 . Roof Built-up. (Kingspan , 2020)

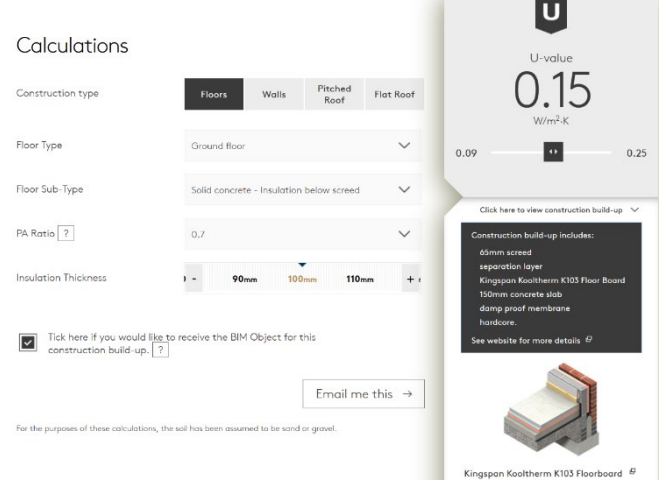


Figure 6 . Floor Built-up. (Kingspan , 2020)

3.1.2. Airtightness:

At the same time, the required measures for the reduction of air permeability to 5 m³/m² must be set in place to create a consistent and continuous fabric. However, this is a very difficult measure to quantify beforehand and only with a blower-door test¹ can be checked after the implementation of the retrofit.

Nevertheless, there is extended literature and study cases which show the successful measures to achieve the 5 m³/m²h infiltration rate. Sturgis Carbon Profiling LLP (2013) explains detailed measures to diminish permeability and are meant to be applied in this case:

- Closing existing holes in building walls with insulant and draught stripping at all the apertures
- Closing holes around pipes penetrating the envelope and any holes in the roof or eaves area
- Draught stripping loft hatches

Furthermore, a vapour permeable membrane can be added to walls and roof and a "Lime lite" renovating plaster might be added as it limits the air permeability at the same time is a breathable material, reducing the moisture risk. This solution has been already successfully implemented in "Solcer Retrofit King Street (Social housing)" (Lannon & Green, 2020) achieving up to 0.9 m³/m².hr @ 50 Pa.

3.1.3. Renewable Energies:

Finally, the "Fabric focus" measures are complemented with the installation of renewable systems on the 16 sqm of suitable² roof area will be occupied with 4 m² of thermal solar panels connected to the Combi boiler and 10 m² of PV-array 2 KWp made up of 5 "UKSOL 380-400W MONO HALF CELL" panels 400Wp (Appendix C) of 1990x992mm. As shown in the table 6, this will add up 16% CO₂ reductions to the 23% savings by the fabric improvements, achieving the 95% as shown in Appendix C.

4. Wall Upgrade– Embodied Carbon:

Regarding the EC of the elements that are involved in the refurbishment, and as explained earlier, the walls upgrade is analysed as the most representative feature of the retrofit. For that purpose, the two systems, already introduced in section 3.1.1 are analysed. Prior to that, assumptions for both scenarios are taken in order to achieve efficient and realistic results at the same time calculations are simplified:

- EC³, kg CO₂ per Kg of are taken by default from "The Carbon Calculator" (Environmental Agency, 2007) but in the cases there is not existing data. Then EC values are from ICE (BSRIA, 2011) or the manufacturer specifications.

¹ Blower-door Test= measure of flow necessary to raise interior of a dwelling by 50 Pa Q₅₀ (McMullan, 2012)

² 80% of the total roof area available- (Energy Saving Trust, 2015)

³ EC=Embodied Carbon

- “The Carbon Calculator” results have minor rounder errors as it is developed for mayor developments.
- Wall Areas has been worked out from Appendix A and Assignment Brief. To simplify calculation small walls of the single storey extension at the back have not been considered. Then, 4 wall areas of 5.1*2.8 m are to be considered.
- When EC boundary is “Cradle to gate”, transport to site, removal and disposal are calculated separately to achieve the “Cradle to grave” boundary required.
- Local providers have been chosen if available, in order to diminish further EC.
- When possible local recycle industries have been used. Otherwise, the Lamby Way Landfill has been selected as the as they use all non-recyclable materials for producing energy, Landfill gas (LFG), with the aim of reducing the systems footprint as much as possible.
- Average use of 20KWh per day in the worksite and a duration of works up to 2 weeks have been considered.
- An additional 10% of each material had been taken in account as “Waste on site” (Stevenson, 2020)
- The personnel travel is not accounted for the total EC by “The carbon Calculator” in the results shown in Appendix D by an error of the Excel, although they appear in the subtotals.

Then, the next two sections detail the systems and show the quantity of each materials that composed them, the manufacturers chosen and their location, the waste treatment method and any other relevant observation related to their EC emissions. Ultimately, the total EC of each system is stated. and the report from the carbon calculator with further details.

10.1. Solution 1. Non-Breathable Wall Upgrade

Option 1. KINGSPAN - PHENOLIC INSULATION - NON-BREATHBLE CONSTRUTION							
Material	Manufacture	Location	Transport (Km)	Observations	Waste Treatment Method	Location	Transport (Km)
DPC Strips	Visqueen	Lundholm Rd, Ayrshire, Stevenston KA20 3NQ	721	B/ timber battens & stone wall. EC (BSRIA, 2011).	Landfill	Lamby Way Landfill, Rumney, Cardiff CF3 2HP	44.9
screws	Evolution	2A & 2B, Clyde Gateway Trade Park, Dalmarnock Rd, Rutherglen, Glasgow G73 1AN	661.4	600 mm centres. Stainless Steel Multi-Fix. Ref. A4CSK6.3-57-GP. Size:6.3 x 57mm. Assumed Steel General UK Average.	Recycle	Metal + Waste Recycling, Lightmoor Rd, Telford TF4 3QN	175.4
Timber Battens Vertically	AI Timber Frame	Unit 43 Endeavour Cl, Purcell Ave, Port Talbot, SA 12 7PT	38	600 mm centres	Recycle	Reseciclo Community Wood Recycling, The Woodstore, Harlequin Trading Estate, Alderney Street., Newport NP20 5NH	51.5
Timber Battens (Horizontal)	AI Timber Frame			Bottom/ top	Recycle		
K118-Koltherm Insulation	Kingspan		-	Plasterboard and vapour barrier included. Embodied carbon from "Appendix No.ENP500at" (BRE,2020)	Landfill	Lamby Way Landfill, Rumney, Cardiff CF3 2HP	44.9
Windows Reveals. K118-Koltherm	Kingspan		-	Embodied carbon from "Appendix No.ENP500at" (BRE,2020)	Landfill	Lamby Way Landfill, Rumney, Cardiff CF3 2HP	44.9
Drywalls screws	Evolution	2A & 2B, Clyde Gateway Trade Park, Dalmarnock Rd, Rutherglen, Glasgow G73 1AN	661.4	300 mm centres along the perimeter of the boards. Min. depth 102.5+25mm. Number subjected to Insulation panel units per wall. Carbon Steel. Ref. DWSZ50. Size= 4.8*150mm. Assumed Steel General UK Average	Recycle	Metal + Waste Recycling, Lightmoor Rd, Telford TF4 3QN	175.4
Flexible polyutherane foam and flexible sealant	Flowstrip	Markham House, Atkinsons Way, Foxhills Industrial Park, Scunthorpe DN15 8QJ	402.3	Gun Grade Expanding PU Foam. Product Code: FAS0909. Expansion is about 50 times. Joints between insulation board 10 mm and Lengths (refer to Kingspan data sheet). EC from ICE (BSRIA,2011)	Landfill	Lamby Way Landfill, Rumney, Cardiff CF3 2HP	44.9
Gyproc Drywall sealer	British Gypsum	Barrow Works, Loughborough LE12 8GB	280	Additional moisture resistance. 1l/ 1sqm required. 2 layers. 5l required. WATER VAPOUR CONTROL Density approx. = to general paint density.	Landfill	Lamby Way Landfill, Rumney, Cardiff CF3 2HP	44.9
White Clay Paint - Finished	Earthborn	Frodsham Business Centre, Bridge Lane, Frodsham, Cheshire WAG 7FZ	250	Lifestyle Paint. Water Based 6l /60 sqm	Landfill	Lamby Way Landfill, Rumney, Cardiff CF3 2HP	44.9

Option I. KINGSPAN - PHENOLIC INSULATION - NON-BREATHBLE CONSTRUCTION												
Material	Width (mm)	Thickness (mm)	Lengths (mm)	Units	Volume (m ³)	Density (tonnes/m ³)	Mass (tonnes)	Waste (tonnes)	Total (tonnes)	Boundary	CO ₂ e (Kg CO ₂ / Kg).	CO ₂ e (Kg CO ₂ / Kg). Related to boundary.
DPC Strips	47	0.5	134400.0	36	0.1137	0.92	0.1046	0.0105	0.1151	Cradle to gate	4.45	0.5120
screws				208	0.0004	7.8	0.0030	0.0003	0.0033	Cradle to gate	1.46	0.0048
Timber Battens Vertically	47	25.0	2800.0	36	0.1184	0.5	0.0592	0.0059	0.0651	Cradle to gate	0.31	0.0202
Timber Battens (Horizontal)	47	25.0	5100.0	8	0.0479	0.5	0.0240	0.0024	0.0264	Cradle to gate	0.31	0.0082
K118-Koltherm Insulation	1200	102.5	2400.0	20	5.9040	0.035	0.2066	0.0207	0.2273	Cradle to site	5.8	1.3184
Windows and door reveals. K118-Koltherm	450	32.5	30400.0	-	0.4446	0.035	0.0156	0.0016	0.0171	Cradle to site	5.8	0.0993
Drywalls screws				584	0.005	7.8	0.039	0.0039	0.0427	Cradle to gate	1.46	0.0624
Flexible polyetherane foam and flexible sealant	103	10	168000	-	0.0344	0.025	0.0009	0.00009	0.0009	Cradle to gate	4.06	0.0038
Gyproc Drywall sealer					0.005	1.2	0.006	0.0006	0.0066	Cradle to gate	0.13	0.0009
White Clay Paint - Finished					0.006	1.2	0.0072	0.00072	0.0079	Cradle to gate	2.54	0.0201

Table 7

Sub-totals	tonnes CO ₂ e	%
Quarried Material	0.0	0%
Timber	0.0	1%
Concrete, Mortars & Cement	0.0	0%
Metals	0.1	2%
Plastics	0.0	0%
Glass	0.0	0%
Miscellaneous	1.9	67%
Finishings, coatings & adhesives	0.0	1%
Plant and equipment emissions	0.0	0%
Waste Removal	0.1	2%
Portable site accommodation	0.1	4%
Material transport	0.0	0%
Personnel travel	0.6	22%

Table 8. "The Carbon Calculator" (Environmental Agency, 2007)

Overall, this wall upgrade system based on phenolic insulation with 60 yeas of lifecycle is responsible for 2800 kg of CO₂ from cradle to grave (Appendix D). Being a half of the emmissions due to the insulation, having an enourmous impact, due to its artificial composition including plastics and the impossibility of recycle. Therefore, as there is not more sustainable insulation with the same properties the option to dinimish the EC of this systems are very limited.

10.2. Solution 2. Breathable Wall Upgrade

Option 2. Rockwool - BREATHABLE CONSTRUCTION							
Material	Manufacture	Location	Transport (Km)	Observations	Waste Treatment Method	Location	Transport (Km)
Breather Membrane	Protect	002 Brooklands Station Approach, Cheshire, Sale M33 3SS	326	Low E Breather Membrane R = 0.77 m²K/W. Protect TF200 Thermo. Extruded Polypropylene. EC from ICE (BSRIA,2011)	Landfill	Lamby Way Landfill, Rumney, Cardiff CF3 2HP	44.9
Plywood	AI Timber Frame	Unit 43 Endeavour Cl, Purcell Ave, Port Talbot, SA 12 7PT	38	11kg/m²*10mm(Environmental Agency, 2007)	Recycle	Reseiclo Community, Harlequin Trading Estate, Alderney Street, Newport NP20 5NH	51.5
Screws	Evolution	2A & 2B, Clyde Gateway Trade Park, Dalmarnock Rd, Rutherglen, Glasgow G73 1AN	661.4	300 centres along timber battens/ two rows at 400 centres to battens (service void)/ 300 centres along wood wool panels Ref. WST4035. 4.0 x 35mm.	Recycle	Metal + Waste Recycling, Lightmoor Rd, Telford TF4 3QN	175.4
Timber Battens Vertically	AI Timber Frame	Unit 43 Endeavour Cl, Purcell Ave, Port Talbot, SA 12 7PT		400 mm centres	Recycle	Reseiclo Community Wood Recycling, The Woodstore, Harlequin Trading Estate, Alderney Street., Newport NP20 5NH	51.5
Timber Battens (Horizontal)	AI Timber Frame			38			
Timber Battens (Horizontal)	AI Timber Frame		38	service Void 25 mm - 5 horizontal battens - Wood wool boards fixed on to them			
Rockwool Flexi Insulation	Rockwool	Irrelevant	-	Between studs- 85% of Wall area	Recycle	Rockwool Recycling Facility	
Option B- Wood wool boards	CELENIT	JRMS+38 Tambola, Province of Padua, Italy	-	Celenit N. EC from Specifications. (Celenit S.p.A., 2020)	Landfill	Lamby Way Landfill, Rumney, Cardiff CF3 2HP	44.9
Breathaplasta	Adaptavate*	Unit 10 button Mills Industrial Estate, Lower Mills, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2BB	112.2	Lime based product. Lime plasta Finished. 4mm Thickness - 20kg - 5 sqm (57 sqm to cover). Embodied Carbon of Lime from ICE (BSRIA,2011)	Landfill	Lamby Way Landfill, Rumney, Cardiff CF3 2HP	44.9

Option 2. Rockwool - BREATHABLE CONSTRUCTION												
Material	Width (mm)	Thickn ess (mm)	Lengths (mm)	Units	Volume (m3)	Density (tonnes/m 3)	Mass (tonnes)	Waste (tonnes)	Total (tonnes)	Boundary	CO2e (Kg CO2 / Kg)	CO2e (Kg CO2 / Kg). Related to boundary.
Breather Membrane	5100	0.5	2800.0	4	0.0274	0.33	0.0090	0.0009	0.0100	Cradle to Gate	4.98	0.0496
Plywood	5100	10.0	2800.0	4	0.572	0.55	0.3142	0.0314	0.3456	Cradle to Gate	0.45	0.1555
Screws				1772	0.0031	7.8	0.0243	0.0024	0.0267	Cradle to gate	1.46	0.0390
Timber Battens Vertically	22	140.0	2800.0	52	0.4484	0.5	0.2242	0.0224	0.2466	Cradle to Gate	0.31	0.0765
Timber Battens (Horizontal)	22	140.0	5100.0	8	0.1257	0.500	0.0628	0.0063	0.0691	Cradle to Gate	0.31	0.0214
Timber Battens (Horizontal)	47	25.0	5100.0	20.00	0.1199	0.500	0.0599	0.0060	0.0659	Cradle to Gate	0.31	0.0204
Rockwool Flexi Insulation		140.0			6.230	0.0	0.280	0.0280	0.3084	Cradle to grave	1.2	0.3701
Option B- Wood wool boards	600	15	2400	39	0.8424	0.53	0.4465	0.04465	0.4911	Cradle to site	1.38	0.6777
Breathaplasta	600		4				0.228	0.0228	0.2508	Cradle to Gate	0.76	0.1906

Table 9

Sub-totals	tonnes CO ₂ e	%
Quarried Material	0.2	8%
Timber	1.0	40%
Concrete, Mortars & Cement	0.0	0%
Metals	0.0	2%
Plastics	0.0	2%
Glass	0.0	0%
Miscellaneous	0.1	6%
Finishings, coatings & adhesives	0.0	0%
Plant and equipment emissions	0.0	0%
Waste Removal	0.4	16%
Portable site accommodation	0.0	0%
Material transport	0.0	0%
Personnel travel	0.6	26%

Table 10. "The Carbon Calculator" (Environmental Agency, 2007)

In this option, the extremely low EC of the rockwool insulation, due to its natural condition and the possibility of recycling, (138 Kg CO₂) makes possible a reduction overall of 400 kg CO₂ from the previous system, with a total EC of 2400kg CO₂. However, the savings are not larger due to the greater use of wood to create a self-supported frame and the use of plywood on the outer side and the inner wood board, which altogether produces 40% of the total EC. However, for future retrofits an alternative use of cork (0.19 kg CO₂/Kg [BSRIA, 2011]) and 0.24 Tonnes/m³ instead of plywood; or a Lime Breathable plasterboard from Adaptavate (2020) has potential to reduce further the EC of this system. The last elements is not as yet in the market but it has been use on "The UK Green building Council" where EC was reduced by 22% from the standards (Adaptavate, 2020) and also it is a local product unlike the wood boards.

10.3. Comparison

Finally, when comparing the advantages and drawbacks of both systems, the breathable wall upgrade with rockwool insulation is more beneficial for this retrofit. This is because it involves less damp risk at the time the wall system EC emissions are lower and its lifecycle longer whilst the only advantage of the phenolic insulation system is its thickness. However, in this case even if it is tight the rockwool insulation option still leaves an acceptable 75 sqm area for a 3 people dwelling.

SYSTEM	EC (KG CO ₂) "CRADLE TO GRAVE"	LIFECYCLE ¹ (Years)	AREA REDUCTION (sqm) Current Total area = 80
Non-Breathable. Kingspan	2400	60	77.4
Breathable. Rockwool	1800	75	75.35

Table 11

5. Conclusions. OC² vs EC³

This paper has developed with success a feasible and cost-effective retrofit plan for a pre-1919 house that achieves the 95% reduction of CE claimed by the Wales government for 2050. Therefore, it is verified that the goal is achievable through a holistic "First fabric" approach rather than by the introduction of individual. Furthermore, the coordination of all strategies within the plan is essential for its success together with a minimisation of risks

On the other hand, it has been explored the impact on the EC footprint of the building caused by the upgrade strategy, as if it is true that it brings a massive reduction of the building OC emissions, the new elements have inherent CE which diminishes the carbon savings. Then, the study of the wall upgrade has quantified that impact in the retrofit, which it is subjected to be diminished by future studies of the material utilized within the system in order to decrease the overall EC.

All in all, it is considered successful the results obtained along this research as OC has been reduced from 3256 to 400 Kg CO₂ a year through "The "8" retrofit and "The Rockwool Breathable Wall System" only adds 2400 Kg CO₂ while is

¹ Data from Insulation Manufacturer. It is assumed as the whole wall system lifecycle for the purpose of this document.

² Operational Carbon

³ Embodied Carbon

responsible for 11% of the OC reduction. That is, it is saving 784 Kg CO₂ per year, which is 58800 Kg CO₂ along its 75-year lifecycle, with a payback period of 3'06 years, only the 4% percent of the system lifecycle.

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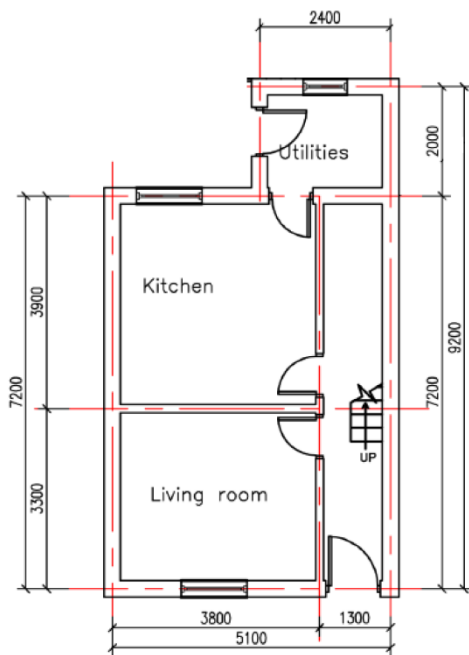
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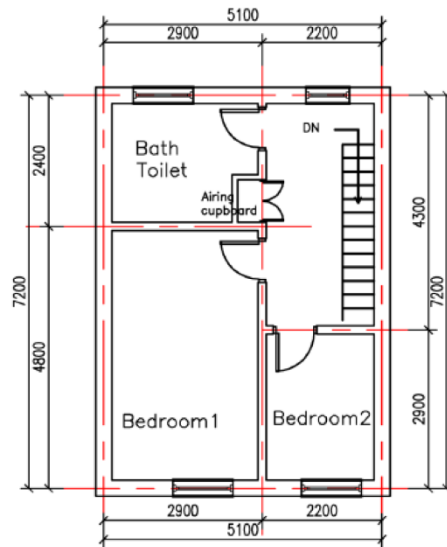
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7. Appendix A – Floor Plans.



Ground floor



First floor



Figure 1. Floor plans provided by Lannon, S (2020) in "SAP Workshop"

Dimensions shown have been taken as inner referential dimensions

8. Appendix B – Retrofit “8” – SAP Model

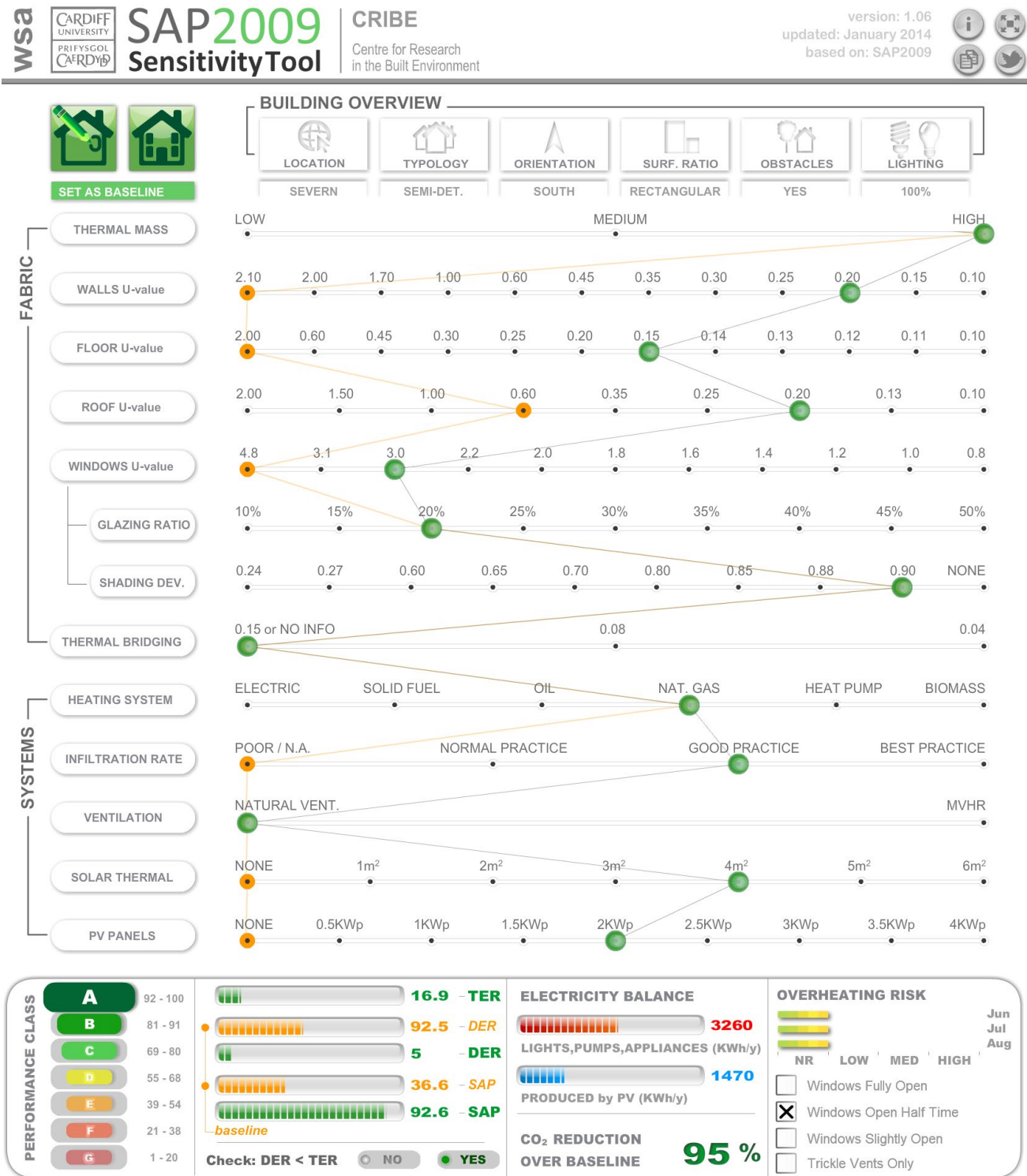


Figure 2. SAP MODEL Results. (CRIBE, 2014)

9. Appendix C– PV-Panels Details from Manufacture.

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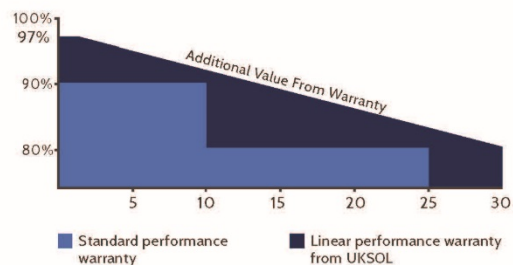
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Short Circuit Current (Isc)	10.26A	10.35A	10.44A	10.53A	10.65A
Voltage at Nominal Power (Vmp)	40.4V	40.6V	40.8V	41V	41.2V
Current at Nominal Power (Imp)	9.42A	9.5A	9.57A	9.64A	9.72A
Module Efficiency (%)	19.28	19.53	19.79	20.04	20.29
Operating Temperature	-40°C to +85°C				
Maximum System Voltage	1000V / 1500V DC(IEC)				

Maximum Series Fuse Rating 15A

*STC: Irradiance 1000W/m², module temperature 25, AM=1.5
Optional black frame or white frame module according to customer requirements

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS AT NOCT

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Open Circuit Voltage (Voc)	45.9V	46.1V	46.3V	46.5V	46.6V
Short Circuit Current (Isc)	8.28A	8.36A	8.43A	8.5A	8.6A
Voltage at Nominal Power (Vmp)	38.2V	38.4V	38.6V	38.7V	38.9V
Current at Nominal Power (Imp)	7.36A	7.42A	7.49A	7.57A	7.61A

*NOCT : Irradiance 800W/m², ambient temperature 20°C, wind speed 1 m/s

MECHANICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Cell Type	Monocrystalline 156.75 × 78.375mm
Number of Cells	144 (6 × 24)
Module Dimensions	1987mm×992mm×40mm
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Cable	4mm ² (IEC)
Connector	MC4 / MC4 Compatible

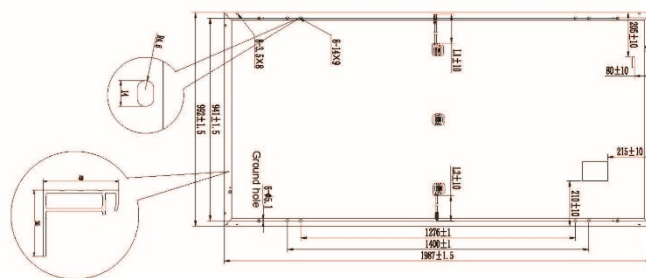
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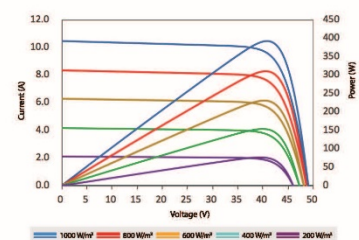
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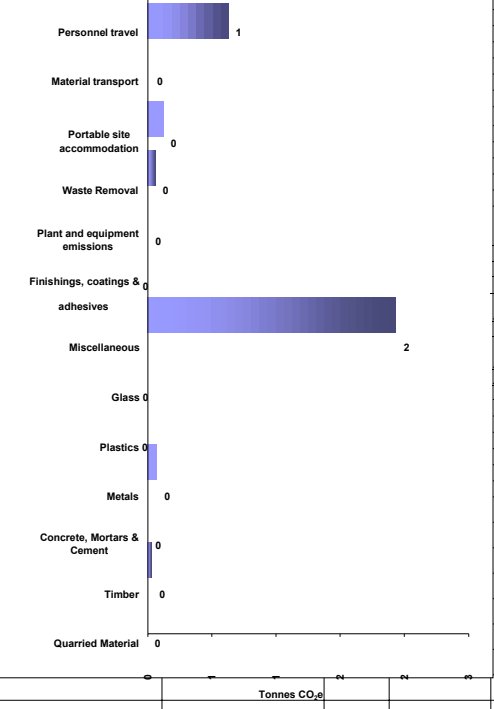
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Construction cost:			
Total Carbon Footprint:	1.8	tonnes fossil CO ₂ e	

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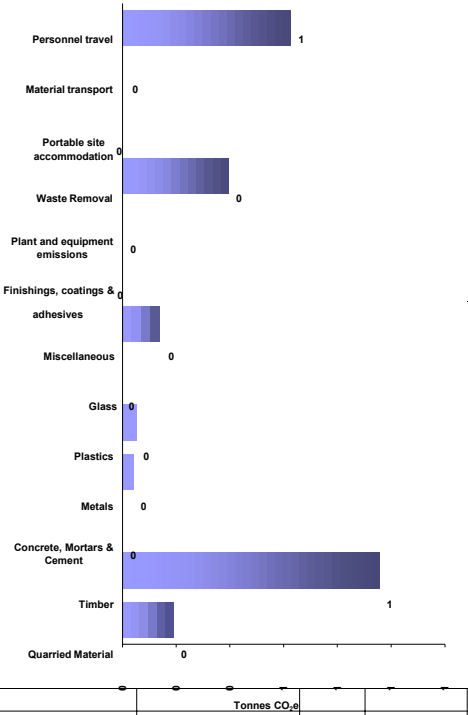
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Waste Removal	0.4
Plant and equipment emissions	0.0
Finishings, coatings & adhesives	0.0
Miscellaneous	0.0
Glass	0.0
Plastics	0.0
Metals	0.0
Concrete, Mortars & Cement	0.6
Timber	1.0
Quarried Material	0.0

Sub-totals	tonnes CO ₂ e	%
Quarried Material	0.2	8%
Timber	1.0	40%
Concrete, Mortars & Cement	0.6	0%
Metals	0.0	2%
Plastics	0.0	2%
Glass	0.0	0%
Miscellaneous	0.1	6%
Finishings, coatings & adhesives	0.0	0%
Plant and equipment emissions	0.0	0%
Waste Removal	0.4	16%
Portable site accommodation	0.0	0%
Material transport	0.0	0%
Personnel travel	0.6	26%

Significant materials (figures include transport to site)

Site accommodation - Grid electricity	0.012 tonnes CO ₂ e
rockwool insulation	0.138 tonnes CO ₂ e
Wood wool boards	0.682 tonnes CO ₂ e
polypropylene	0.050 tonnes CO ₂ e

The accuracy of individual values is unlikely to be better than +/-5%. As a consequence of using default factors and estimated tonnages, carbon footprints obtained from this calculator might be expected to be within +/-25% of the true value. Given the range of values associated with certain materials (cements for example), default values may give results that are out by 100% or more. Local data should be used where available.

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