

West Walk, Sneinton Pilot Project

Nottingham City Homes
Melius Homes



Energiesprong is a new-build and whole house refurbishment approach including guaranteed whole-home measured energy consumption, as opposed to modelled performance.

AFFORDABLE

*Financed from energy + maintenance savings
at target cost of £60 - £65K*

DESIGN

*Looks & feels good – regeneration
and refurbishment*

NON-INTRUSIVE

*Refurbishment within two weeks –
occupants stay in their homes*

ASSURED QUALITY

30+ years performance guaranteed



West Walk

City side



West Walk



West Walk

Energy centre
(serves 25 properties)

GSHP

Large thermal store

Battery storage



West Walk The energy model, bespoke but based on BREDEM:

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Rollout

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Project update

Learnings from
carrying out whole
house retrofit



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60 homes have
been retrofitted in
Nottingham

173 homes have been
retrofitted using the
Energiesprong
approach across nine
schemes in the UK,
with more to follow in
2022/23



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Thinking about the detail led to:

- Improved urban design
- Strengthened communities
- A stronger sense of security and place

“Before it [the home] looked like a rabbit hutch – it looks like a proper home now”

Joan Warbuton,
Nottingham City
Homes tenant



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The contractor signs a performance guarantee, ensuring that the in-use energy use and generation are in line with the approved design

The only way to provide this guarantee is to closely monitor the energy consumption and other metrics after the project is complete

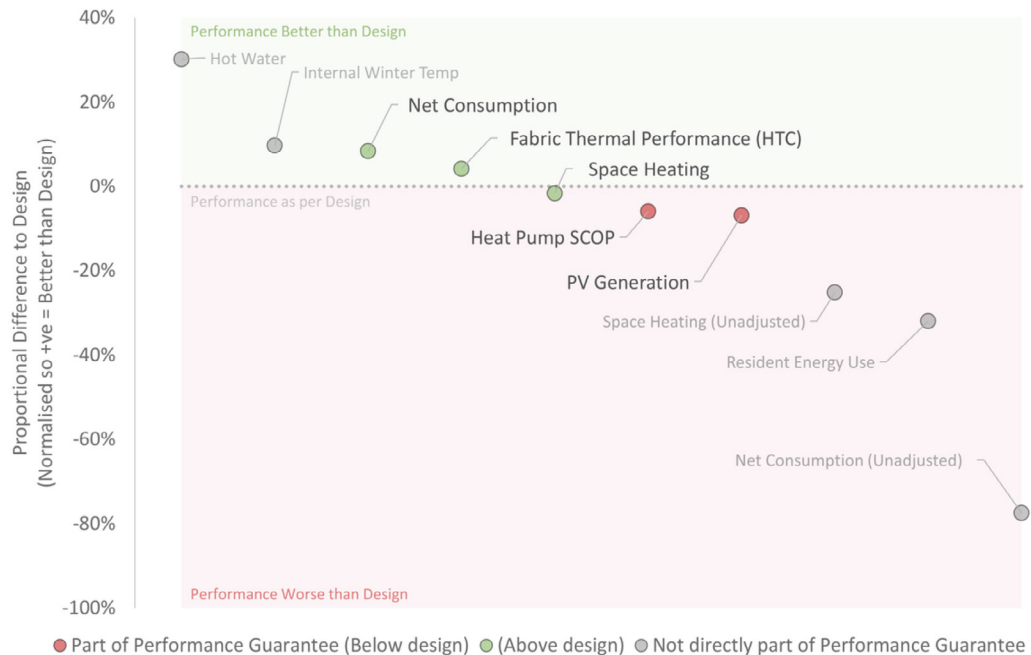


Figure 2: Summary performance statistics - Energiesprong UK pilot projects

71%

71% of properties had a measured fabric thermal performance within +15% of the design value

-70%

Properties are using 70% less energy on average than other local homes

48

For the measured properties, average adjusted space heating energy consumption was 48 kWh/m²/yr

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Six years of
continuous learning
from Nottingham
Energiesprong pilot
projects

Installation period
reduced by 60%

Cost reduction
circa 45%



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Range of suppliers
and approaches
tested including
different ways of
manufacturing
facades

Highlighted how
unequipped the
supply chain is

Resulted in Melius
Homes establishing
advanced MMC
factory in Nottingham
(closed panel timber
frame)



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Three different M&E approaches:

Full communal energy system with private wire electricity and communal heating

Communal ground source with individual heat pumps and batteries

In the current scheme, individual air source heat pumps with battery storage



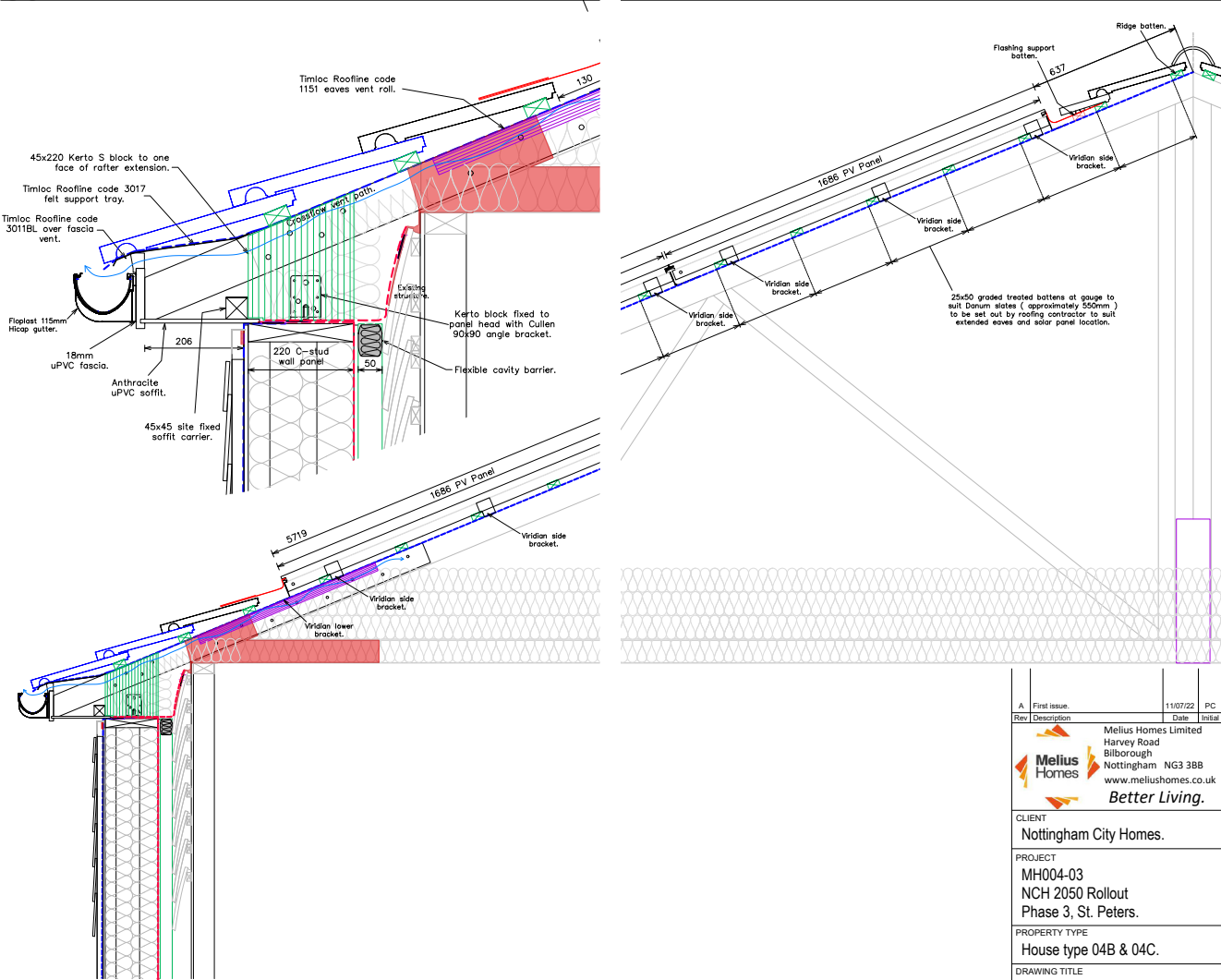
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Project has been
procured as a series
of pilots due to
funding

Has led to continuous
learning

However, lack of scale
and purchasing power
has been an issue

For example, with roof
finish / PV detailing



A. First issue		11/07/22	PC
Rev	Description	Date	Initial
1	Melius Homes Limited Harvey Road Bilborough Nottingham NG3 3BB www.meliushomes.co.uk Better Living.		
CLIENT Nottingham City Homes.			
PROJECT MH004-03 NCH 2050 Rollout Phase 3, St. Peters.			
PROPERTY TYPE House type 04B & 04C.			
DRAWING TITLE Roof detail section.			
DRAWING NUMBER 03_H4_4_SE_02_MH006			
DATE 05/07/22	DRAWN PC	CHECKED CI	

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The second pilot used PV built into a thermally-insulated roof cassette, also manufactured off-site

However, monitoring showed this performed no better than refurbishing the existing roofs

In the current scheme, existing roof tiles are being reused around PV panels



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Reduction in quality of
finishes:

UPVC copings,
flashings and
rainwater goods

Fibre cement trim
window surrounds

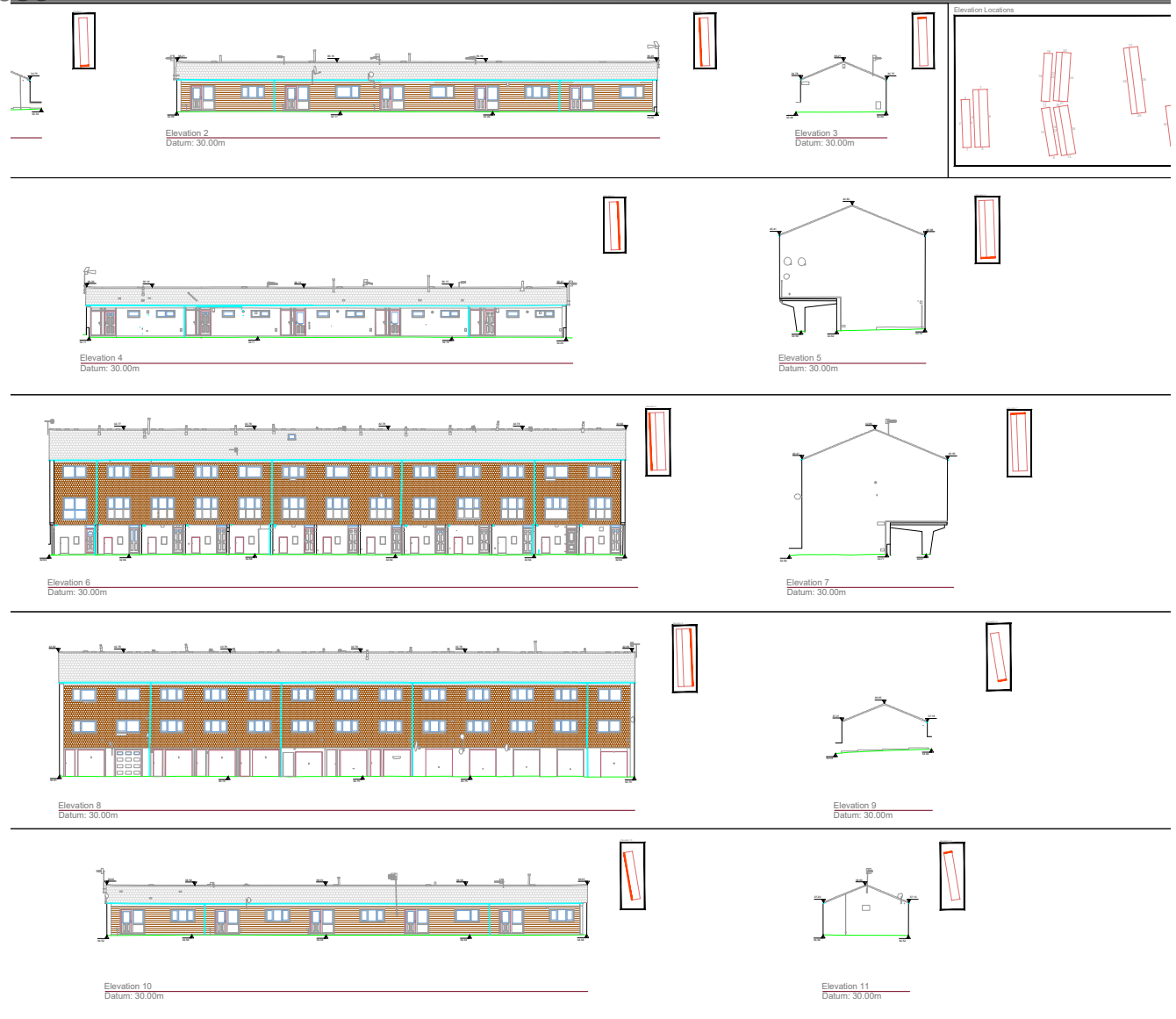
Moved away from
PPC aluminium due to
six-eight weeks lead
time, cost (£250 a
window) and difficulty
when the occasional
frame arrived
damaged



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Importance of
surveying (laser
scanning) each
property

External survey is
the basis of planning
elevations and gives
general set up of
panels, including
things like windows
and rainwater goods

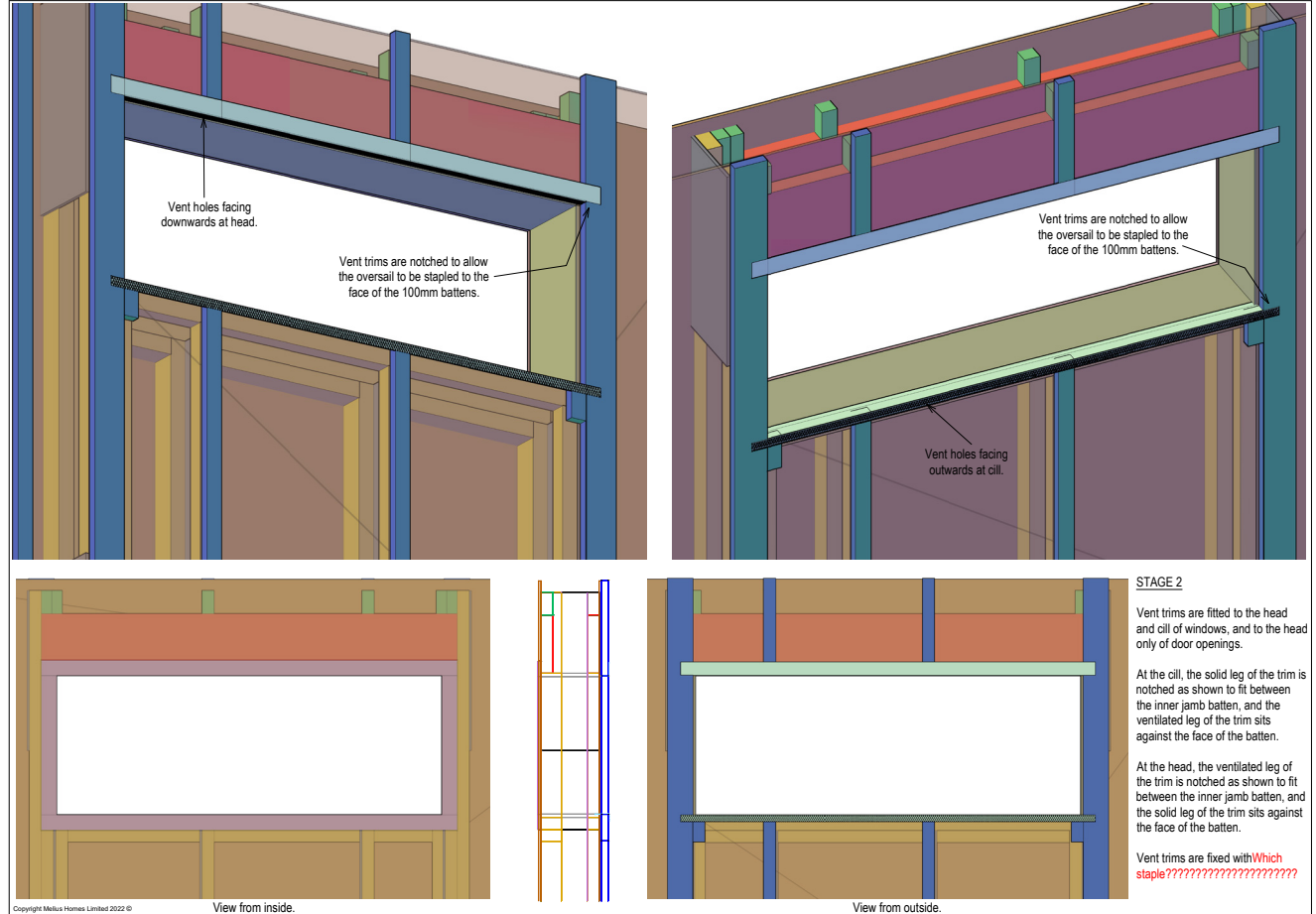
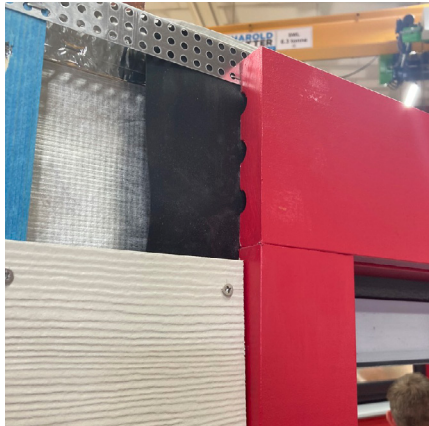


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The devil is in the (window surround) detail!

Construction sequence can be highly controlled in the factory

Melius Homes 11-stage window installation manual

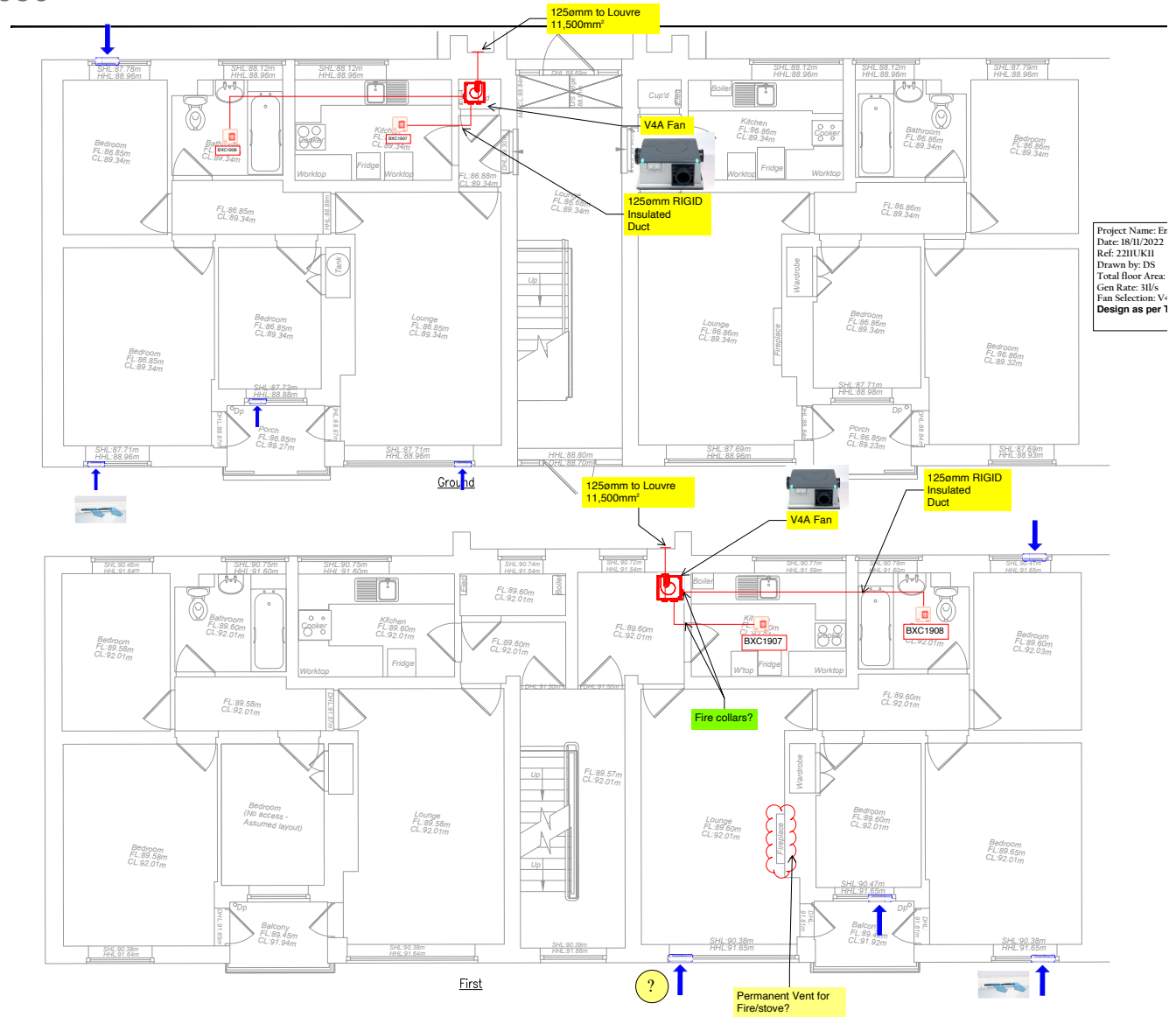


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MVHR is too expensive

Not going to pay for itself when making whole life decision

Demand-controlled centralised MEV (Aereco) with relative humidity sensitive air inlets more compatible for retrofit



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Detailed Analysis

Pre- and post-retrofit analysis:

Get monitoring systems installed early to provide 'before and after' data (Carnego Systems)

Occupant satisfaction surveying

Overheating risk analysis

Less than 11 summer days a year are over a comfort temperature of 26°C in all monitored rooms

Studio
Partington



Pertinent issues (*more than 25% worse than benchmark / target scores*) in order of severity:

Comfort [Winter], Doors, Views out, **External Appearance**, **Hot Water System**, **Satisfaction [Overall]**, **Health**, **Wellbeing**, **Utility Costs**, Parking, Water Fixtures, General Storage, **Hot Water [Control]**, **Energy Use**, **General Controls**, **Glare**, **Temperature [Winter]**, **Air Movement [Winter]**, **Noise [Outside]**, Noise [Between Rooms], Noise [Other Homes], **Humidity [Winter]**, **Comfort [Summer]**, **Heating [Control]**, **Odours [Winter]**, Bathroom(s) and Toilet(s), Internal Space, Internet, Lighting [Control], Overall Light Quality, External Lighting, Local Community, **Ventilation [Overall]**, Alarm(s), Bedroom(s), Shared Areas (i.e. Hallways), **Overall Noise**, Location and Local Transport, **Heating System [Overall]**, Water Use, TV Signal, **Noise [Control]**, **Comfort [Overall]**, Electric Lighting, **Temperature [Summer]**, **Humidity [Summer]**



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“Occupants are the best (albeit uncalibrated) sensor of building performance that we have.”

Zachary Gill, Net Zero
Technical Analyst,
Energiesprong UK

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Specialists working
in peoples' homes
while occupied
e.g., clearing up
and returning heat,
power, and drainage
at the end of each
day, sticking to
programme

£££

Additional cost for
retrofit in interaction
with residents

Costly when
access cannot be
arranged leading to
inefficiencies on site



Conclusion

Retrofit is too fiddly to
be done at scale

Benefits of setting
up local factory to
employment, training,
tradespeople mental
health

Questions

