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Introduction

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The Engineers Reuse Collective is a not-for-profit group of practising engineers championing, accelerating and delivering reuse in the built environment to support the transition of the UK's built environment to Net Zero Carbon.

Our mission is to dramatically increase reuse within the built environment, with minimal reprocessing, to support the transition to circular economy principles and to urgently reduce the carbon intensity of the built environment.



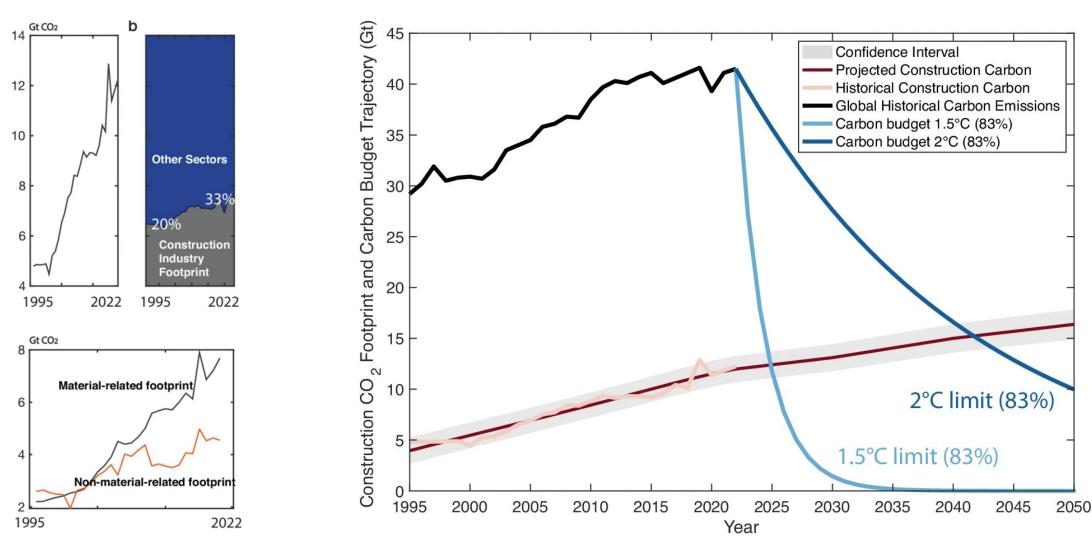
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Carbon footprint of the construction industry

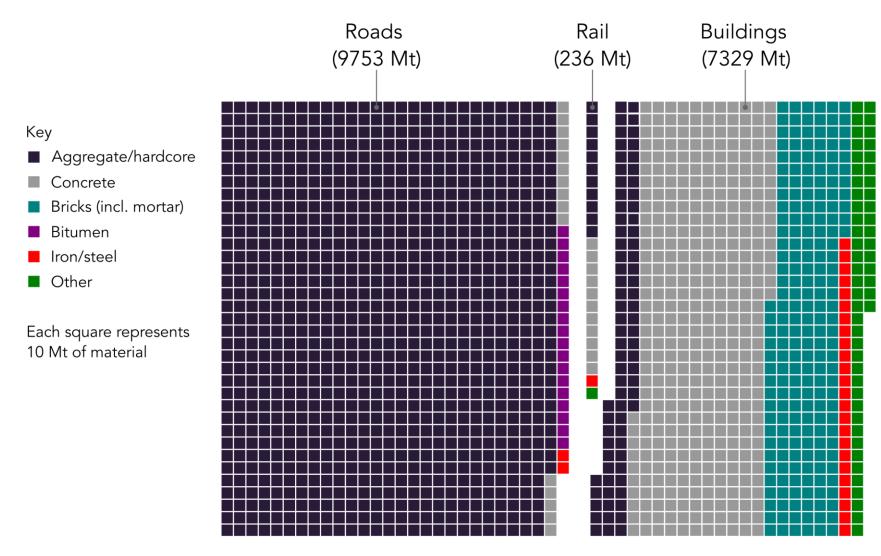




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UK Material stocks

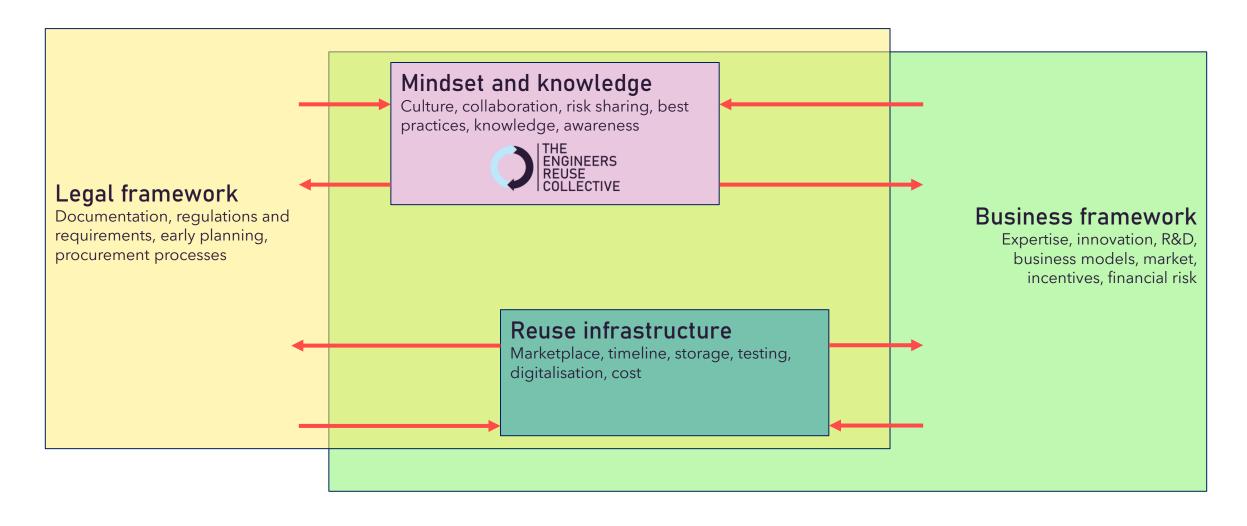




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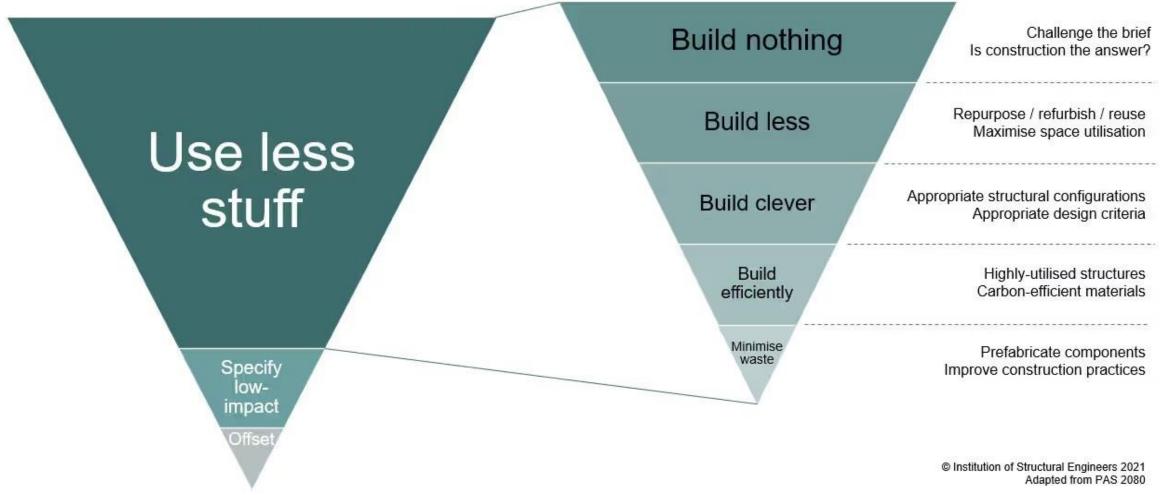
Barriers and success factors to reuse





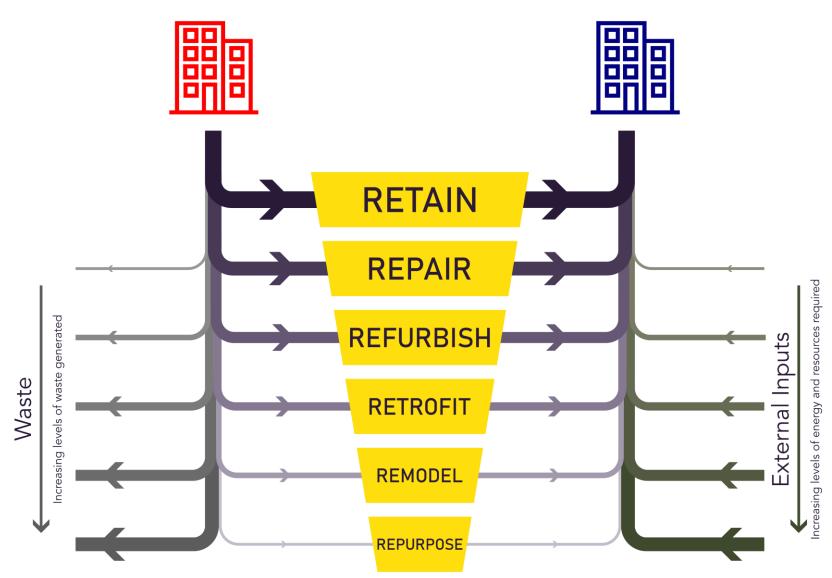
Hierarchy of Net Zero Design





The Reuse Hierarchy

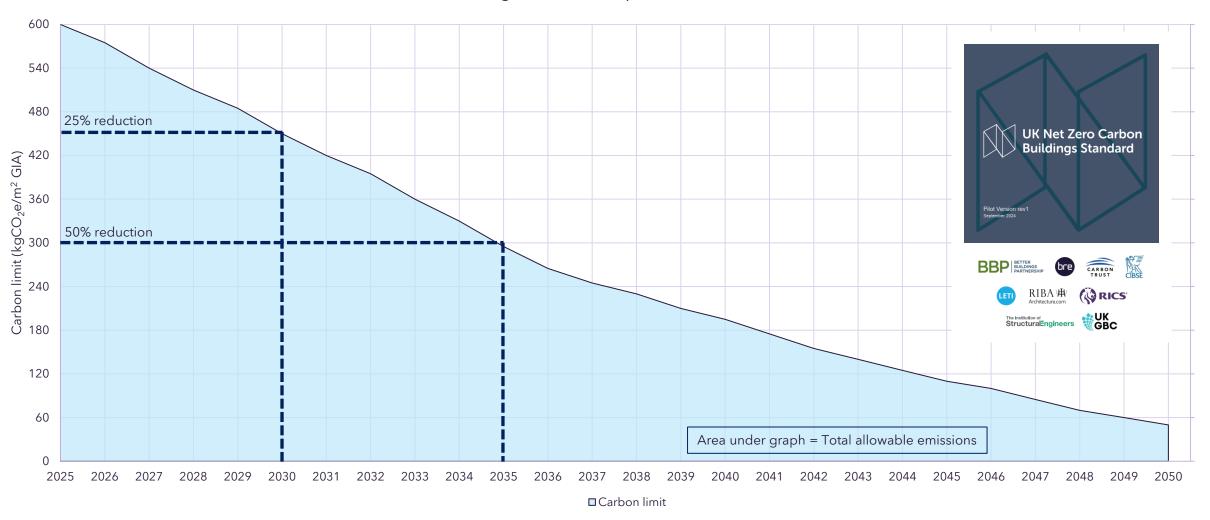






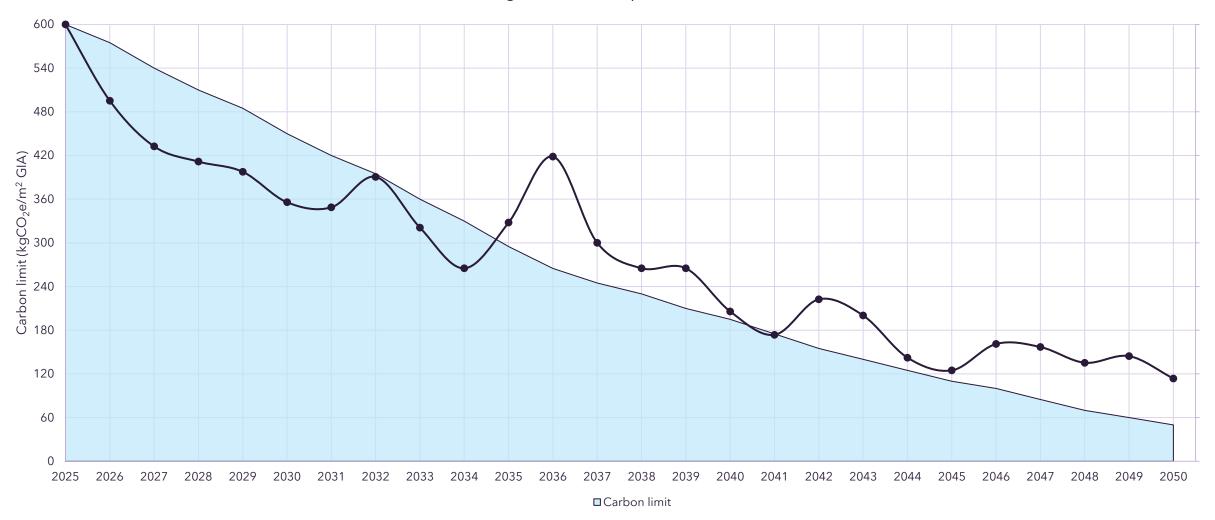


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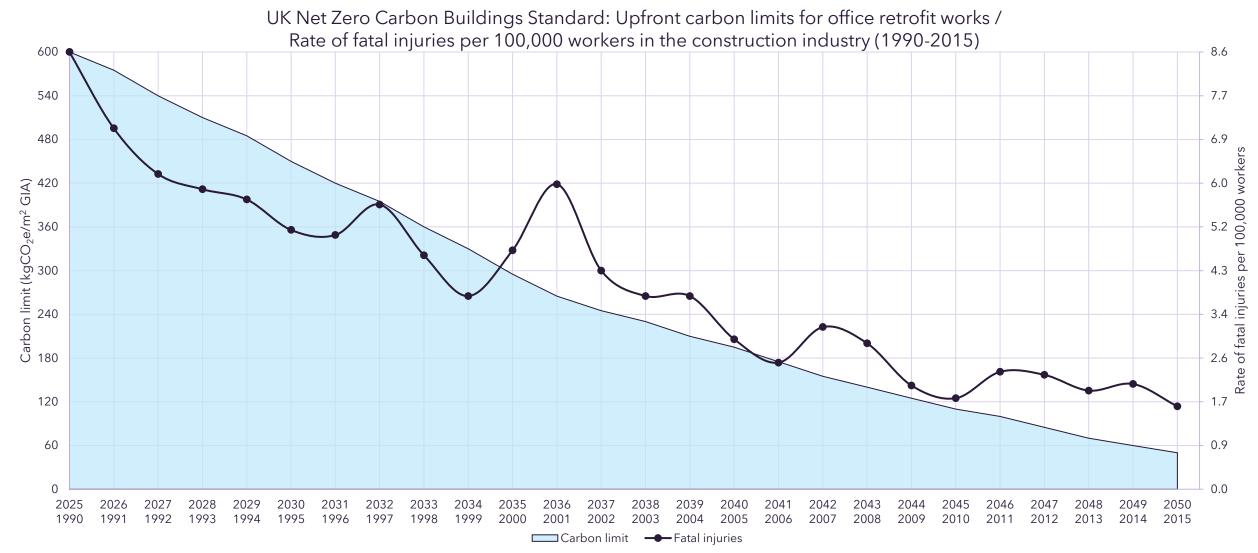




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How can we justify continuing to use new materials?

How can we reuse what we already have?

How can we apply our creativity and design skills to reuse more?

How can we think differently?

WORK TOGETHER

CHANGE MINDSETS

WASTE LESS

REUSE MORE



Enabling reuse through a circular economy

Charles Gillott - WSP



DRIVERS OF A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

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Direct targets

Combined/local planning policy:

- "95% reuse/recycling/recovery of construction and demolition waste".
- "95% beneficial use of excavation waste".
- "65% recycling of municipal waste by 2030".

Developer frameworks:

- "98% recycled content in steel reinforcement".
- "20% recycled content in structural steel".
- "50% recycled content in blockwork".



Indirect targets

Industry standards:

- "490 kgCO2e/m2 upfront carbon in new build flats commencing in 2027".
- "510 kgCO2e/m2 upfront carbon in retrofitted offices commencing in 2028".

Combined/local planning policy:

- "<950 kgCO2e/m2 upfront carbon in new build offices".
- "<1200 kgCO2e/m2 whole life carbon in new build residential".

Developer frameworks:

- "450 kgCO2e/m2 upfront carbon in new build residential".
- "570 kgCO2e/m2 upfront carbon in new build hotels".



CIRCULAR ECONOMY DEFINITIONS

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Origins of the circular economy

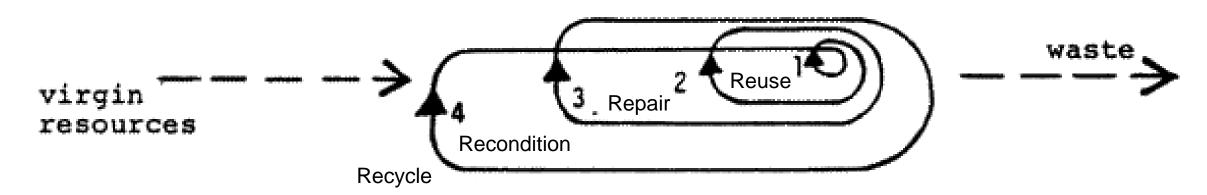
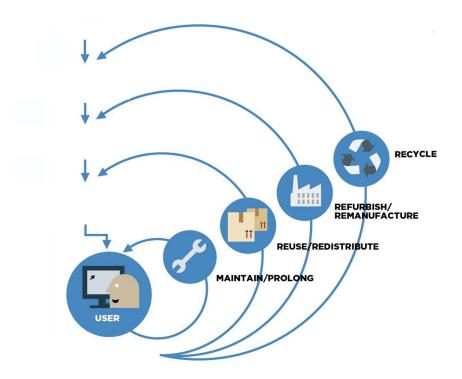


FIGURE C: THE SELF-REPLENISHING SYSTEM (PRODUCT-LIFE EXTENSION)

Stahel (1982)



Modern circular economy definitions



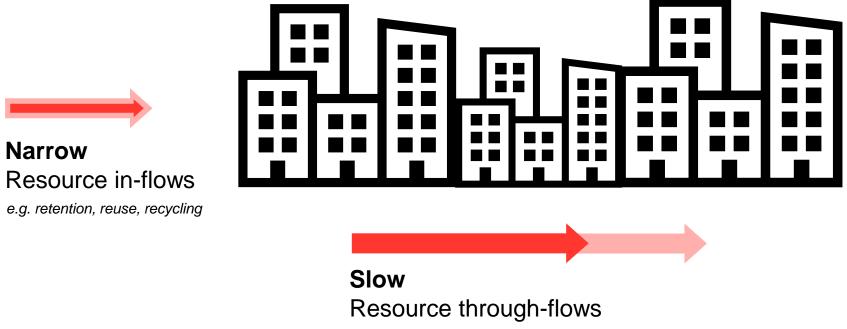


CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN CONSTRUCTION

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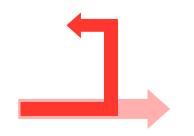
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Close

Resource out-flows

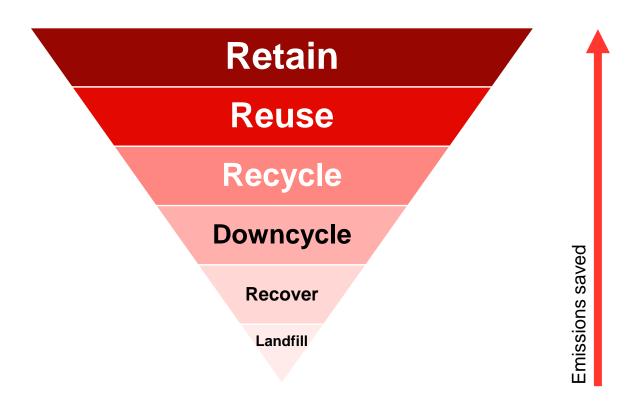
e.g. reuse, recycling, downcycling



e.g. retention, reuse



Circular economy/low carbon hierarchy





Upstream vs. downstream circularity





Up/downstream circular economy hierarchies

Reused
Recycled
Downcycled
Recovered
Landfilled

Emissions saved

Reusable
Recyclable
Downcyclable
Recoverable
Landfillable



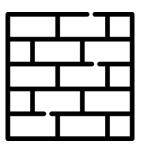
Buildings as complex systems



Materials



Elements



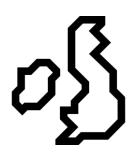
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Buildings



Cities/Regions



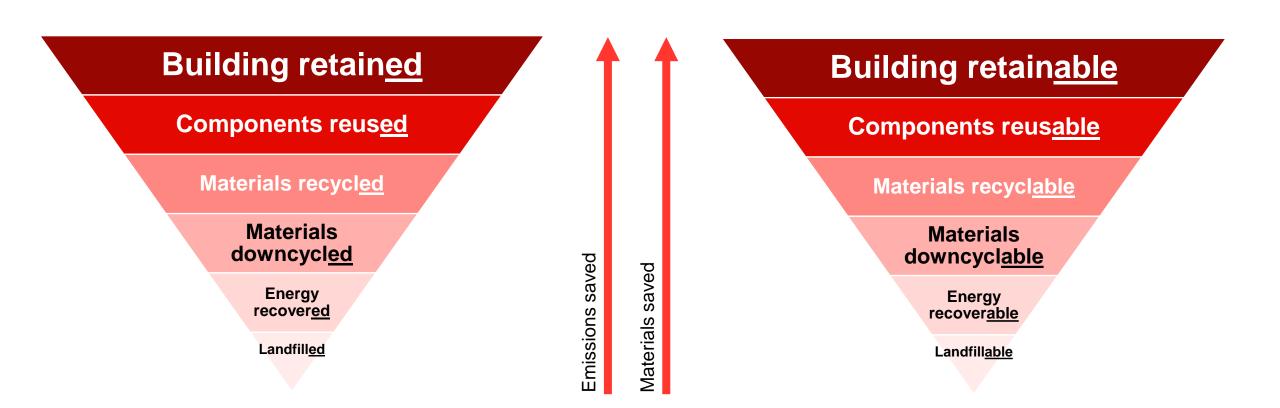
Nations



Built environment



Combined circular economy hierarchies





ENABLING UPSTREAM CIRCULARITY

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Enabling upstream circularity

Building retained

Components reused

Materials recycled

Materials downcycled

Energy recover<u>ed</u>

Landfilled

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Enabling reuse: WIRBAN MINERS

Sourcing and Supply:

- Collection of salvaged materials from demolition and strip-out contractors (typically free).
- Inspection, storage, testing and reconditioning (where necessary).
- Rehoming of items via sales and brokerage channels.

Reclamation Logistics and Coordination:

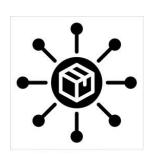
- Single point of contact for all reuse and high-value recycling activities on demo/construction projects.
- Planning of site procedures and sequencing for soft strip, disassembly, packaging, and recovery.
- Coordination of retrieval, loading, and delivery of reclaimed materials on and off site.
- Support for sourcing and stock-matching, from our own stock as well as our wider networks
- Tracking inbound and outbound consignments, adjusting to programme changes in real time.



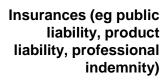
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Lorries and equipment for collections and deliveries



Network of partners (storage, logistics, testing, reconditioning, etc)





Willingness to get stuck in





Warehouse for storage, inspection, reconditioning





Sales, brokerage & marketing channels





Reuse of 'bespoke' items: URBAN MINERS





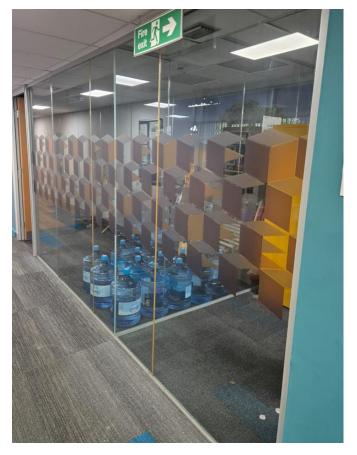








Reuse of glass partitions: WIRBAN MINERS

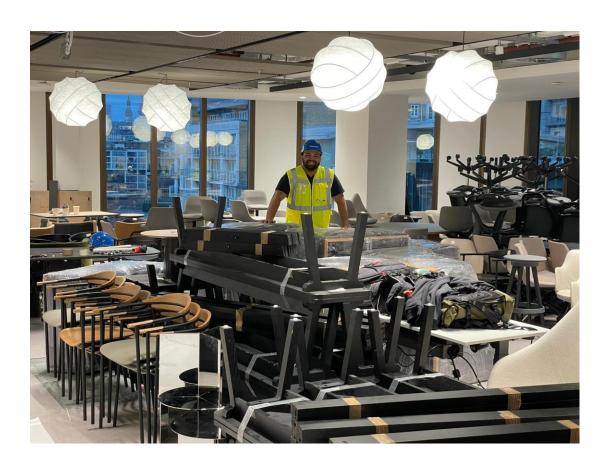








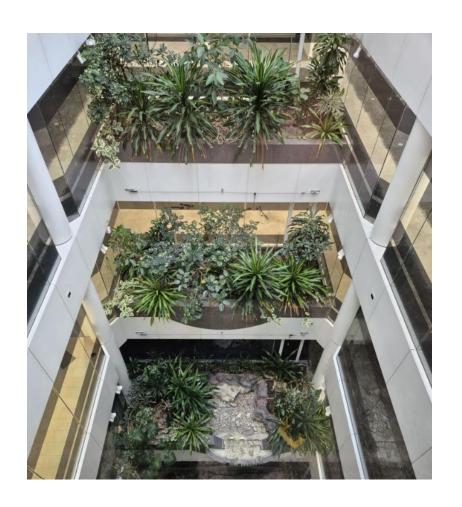
Reuse of furniture: WIRBAN MINERS







Reuse of plants and trees: WIRBAN MINERS







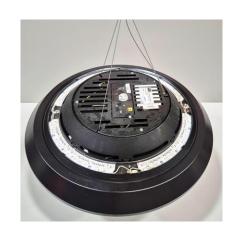
Reuse of lighting: WIRBAN MINERS















End-to-end collaboration: WINDERS



reusefully Data, audits, inventories, reporting, tracking & tracing



Logistics, storage, reconditioning, resale/brokerage



BLACKSTONE Circular strip-out / demolition contractor





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Combined circular economy hierarchies

Building retention

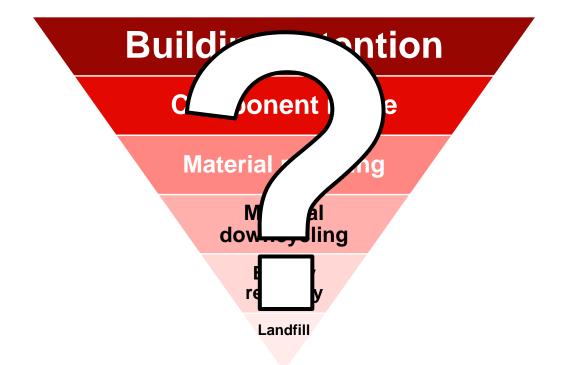
Component reuse

Material recycling

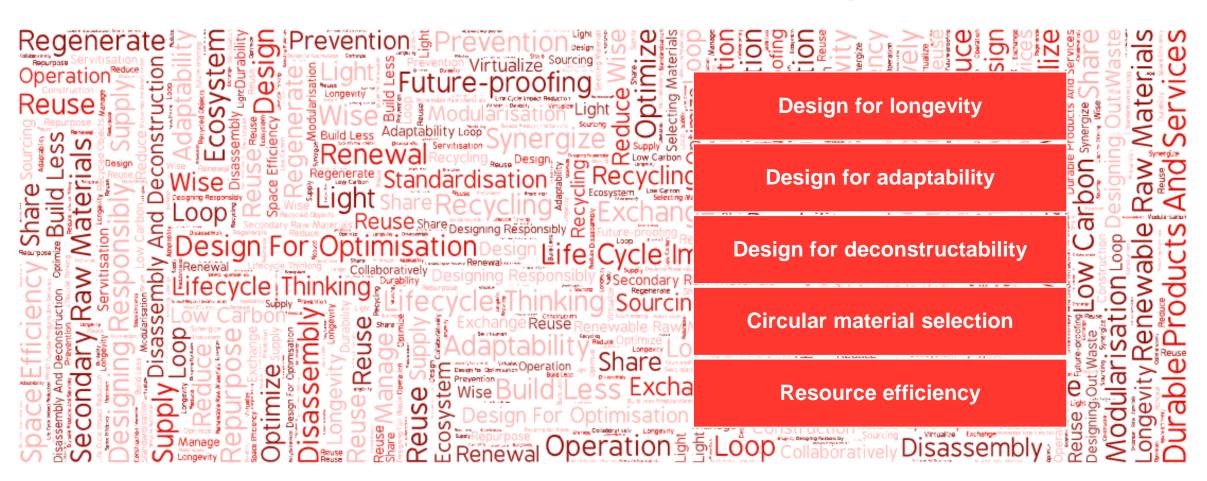
Material downcycling

Energy recovery

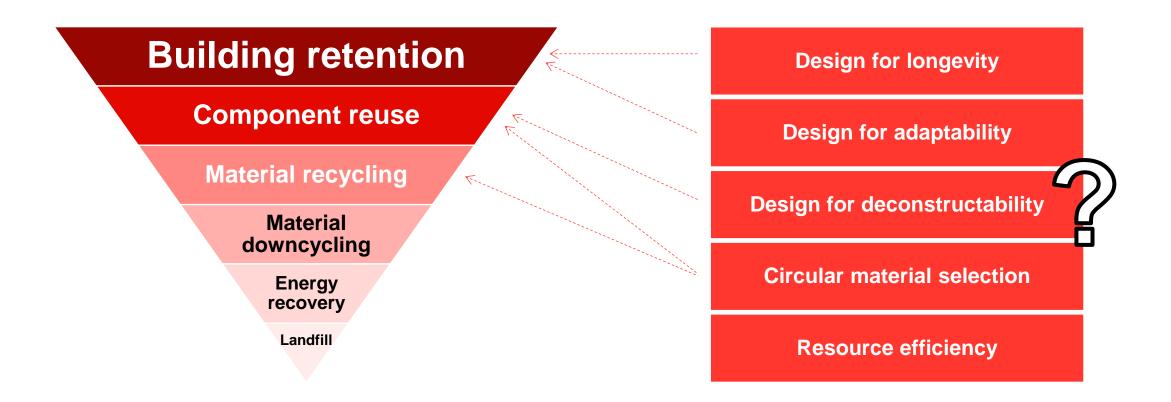
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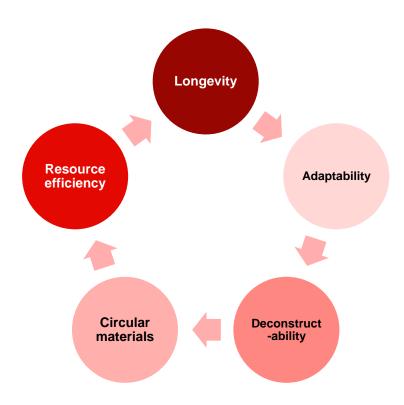




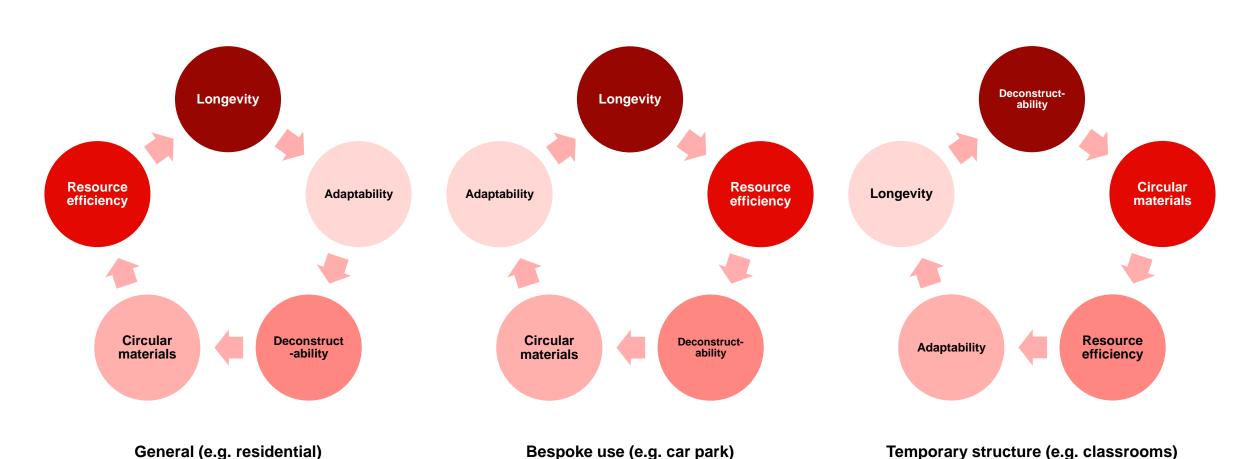






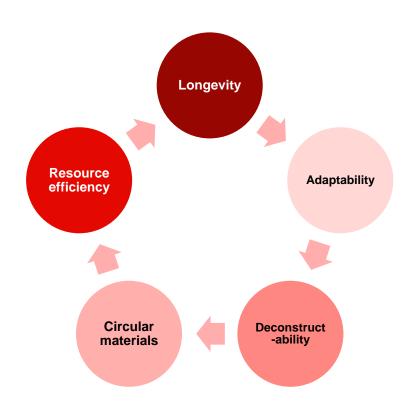








Building retention Component reuse Material recycling Material downcycling Energy recovery Landfill





ENABLING REUSE THROUGH A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

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Talking Reuse: From Targets to Reality



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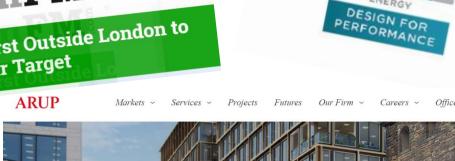
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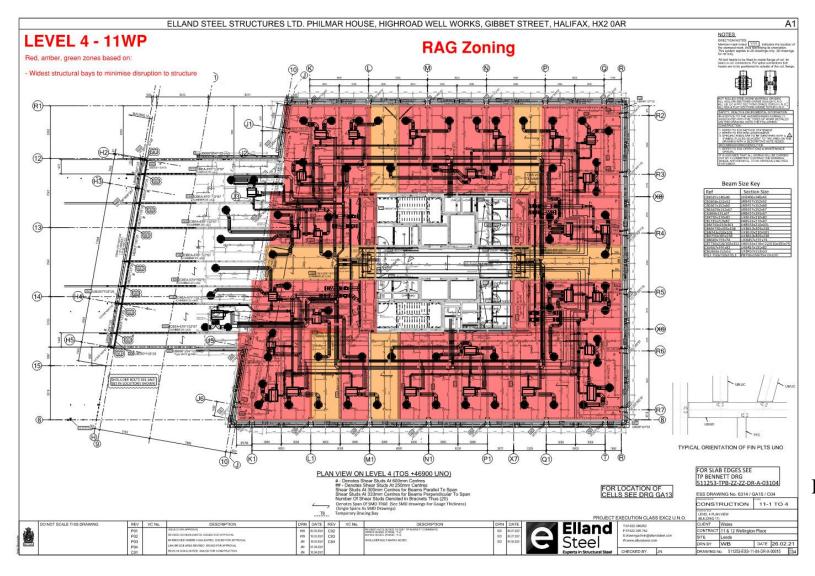
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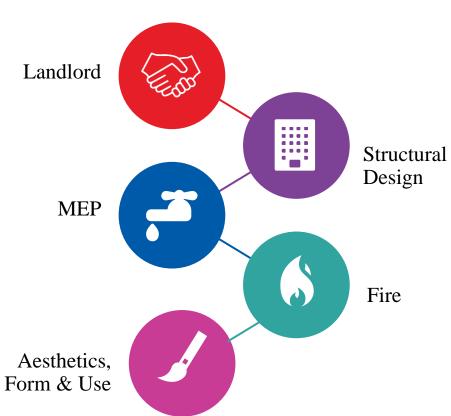


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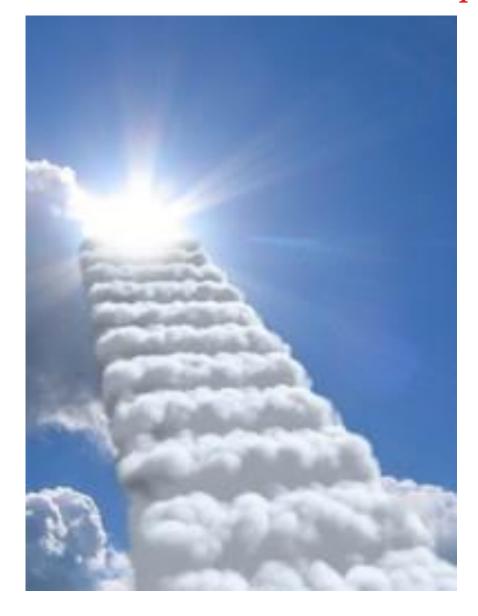


























Steel-Concrete Composite Strucutres and Circular Economy

Water engineering and natural environment

Concrete and geotechnical engineering

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Steel-concrete composite structures and circular economy

Bradford hosts a leading research group in steel-concrete composite structures , including composite beams and concrete-filled steel tubes. Our current focussed on structures and are demountable to promote reuse at the end of life and circular economy. Several large-scale tests have

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His main research interests are in the area of steel structures, steel-concrete composite structures, including the use of stainless steel, precast concrete and fibre reinforced polymers.

Research projects

- + Development of Improved Shear Connection Rules in Composite Beams (RFCS)
- + Slim-Floor Beams Preparation of Application rules in view of improved safety, functionality and LCA (RFCS)
- + Reuse and Demountability using Steel Structures and the Circular Economy (RFCS)
- + Structural and Fire Resistance of a Reusable Steel/Concrete Composite Floor System (EPSRC)
- REBUILD Regenerative Buildings and products for a circular economy (EPSRC)



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Buildings and construction have been identified as having the greatest potential for circular economy value creation. One source of value creation is to recover and reuse building products from end-of-service-life buildings, rather than destructive demolition and downcycling. While there is a trade in non-structural and heritage product recovery and reuse, the largest volume, mass and value of most buildings comprise structural elements - concrete, brick and masonry, and steel – which present many challenges. A comprehensive literature review confirms limited attention

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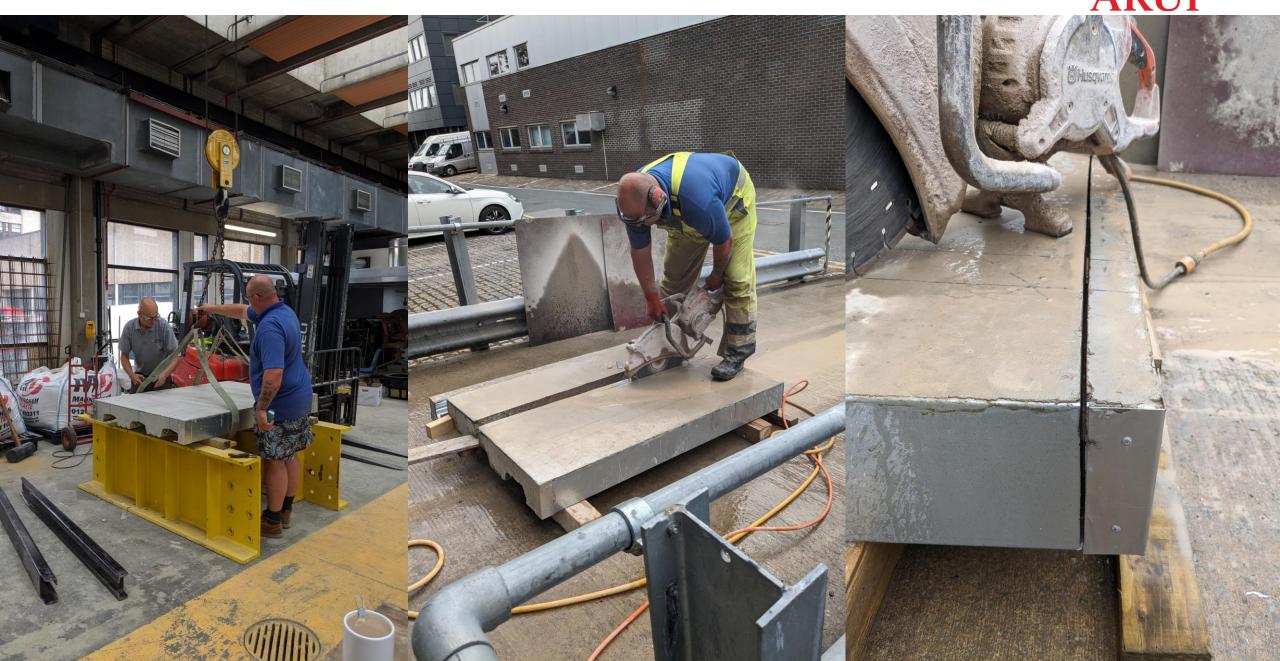
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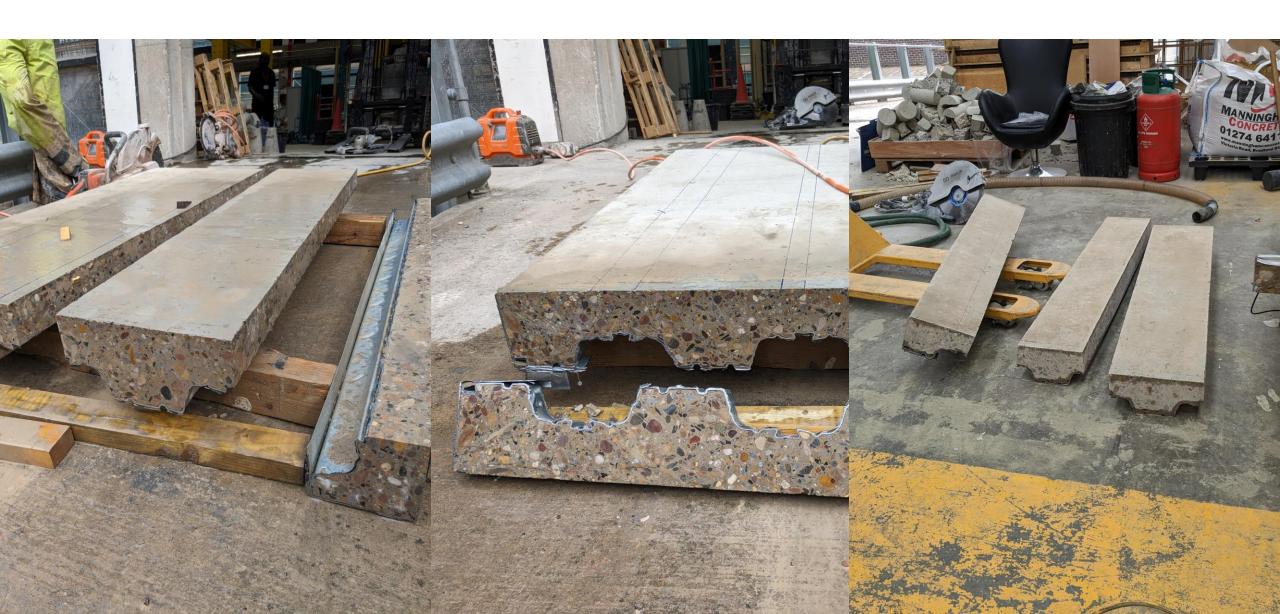
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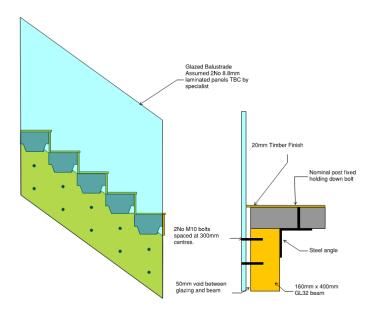
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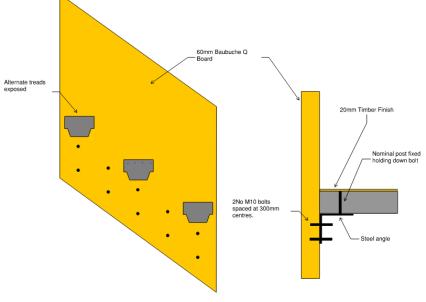
the stocks of such buildings at the end of their service lives and (b) whether the products can be remanufactured and reused in future buildings. If this is possible, then the final question is (c) how to translate the potential of mining such buildings to create a new circular building construction system that coordinates and integrates key players and activities, including building and product design, dismantling and separation, high-value remanufacture and marketplace exchange. The questions form the first part of a new Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) project, Regenerative Buildings and Products for a Circular Economy (Rebuild) (EPSRC EP/P008917/1), which is investigating novel techniques for the recovery of the most common building products from load-bearing structures: structural concrete components from reinforced-concrete (RC) structures, steel from steel-concrete composite structures and bricks from masonry walls bonded by cement-based mortar. A fuller description of the project and some early findings are presented towards the end of the paper.

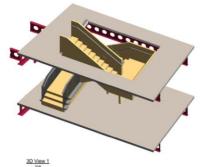














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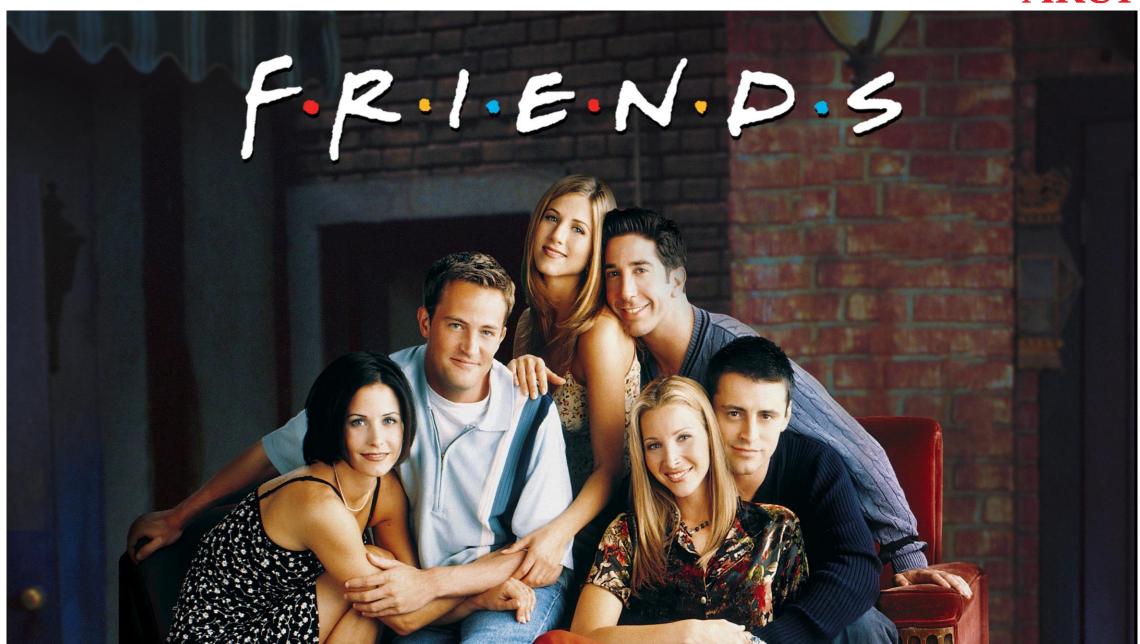
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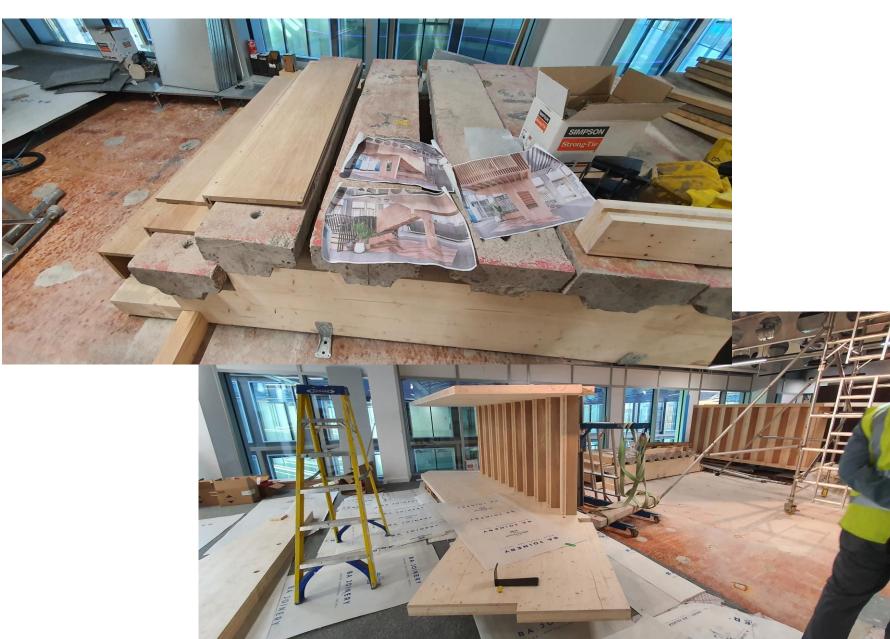




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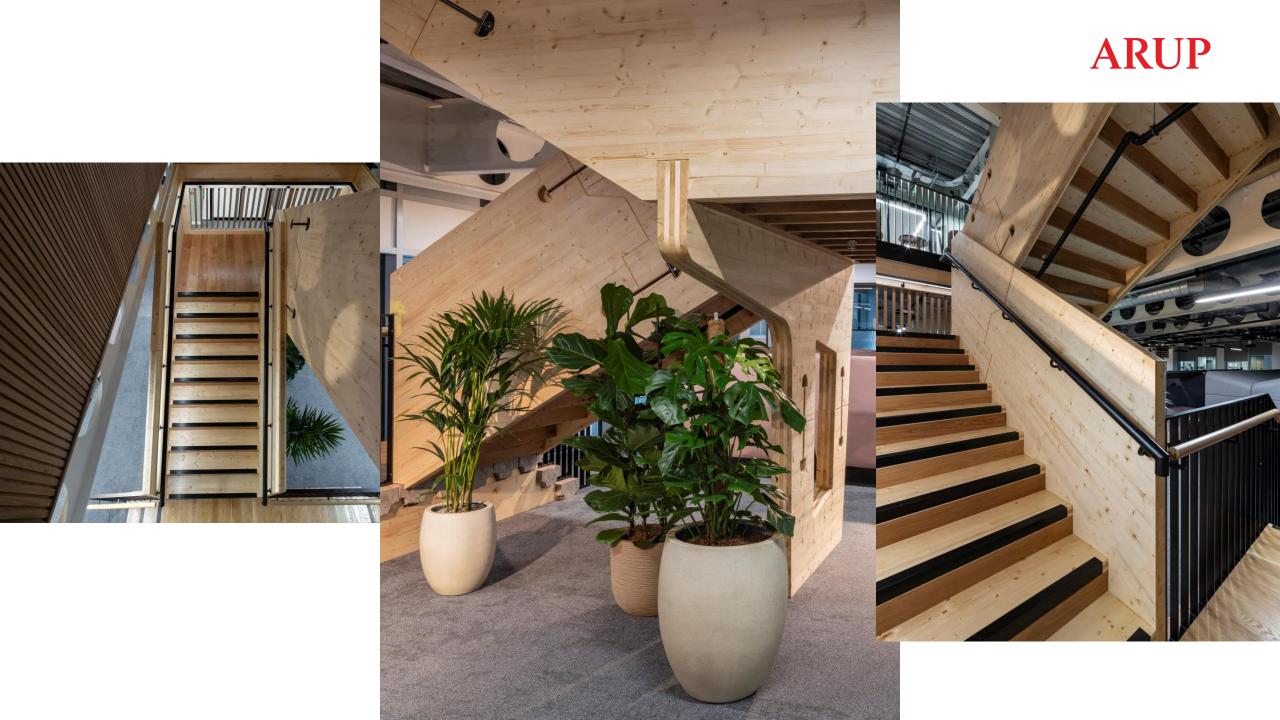
















Talking Reuse: From Targets to Reality



Nuance of Refurbishment

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AGENDA

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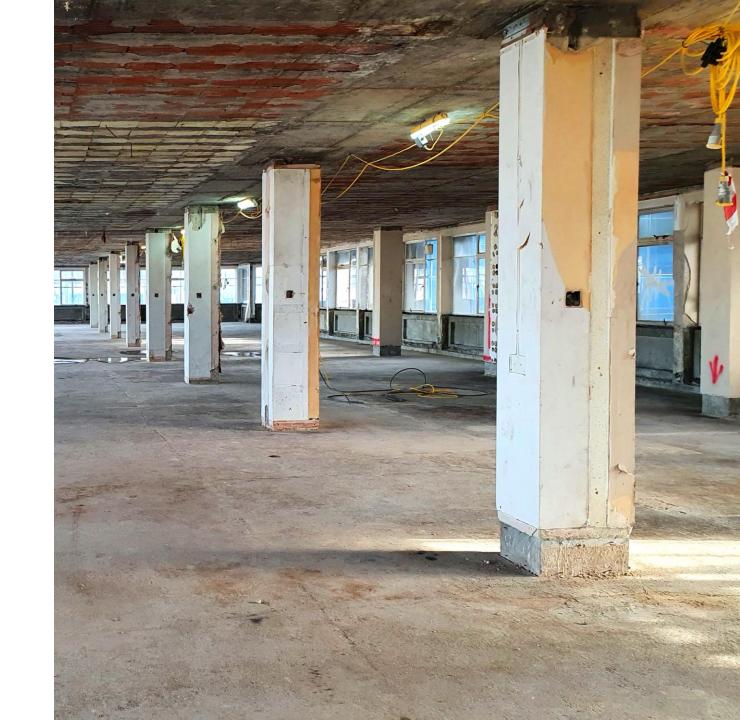
INVESTIGATIONS

CO-ORDINATION

STRENGTHENING & STABILITY

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SUMMARY



















■ Piling (1.1)

Frame (2.1)

2.3)

7.2)

■ Other

units (6)

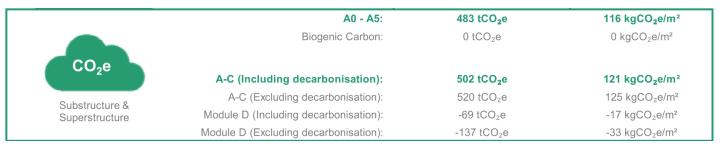
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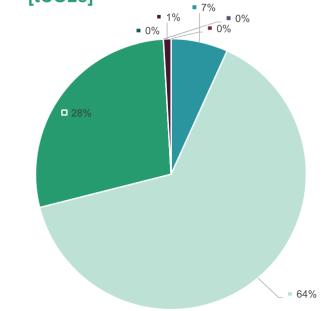
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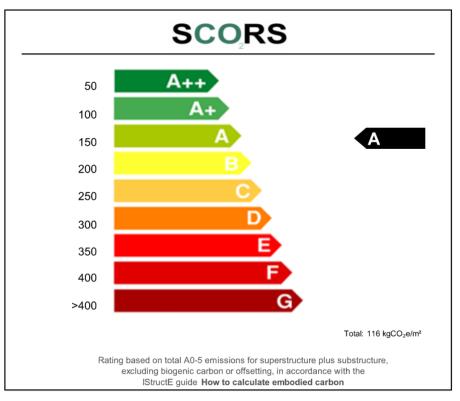
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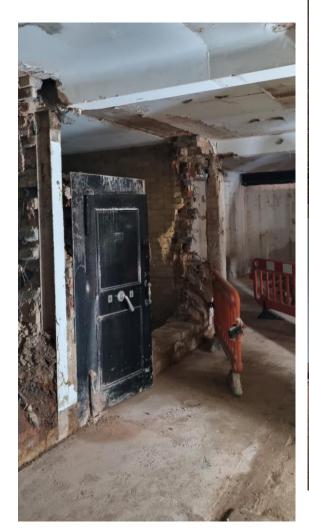


Scheme 1 - Element emission breakdown [tCO2e]



This project scheme has a SCORS rating of A











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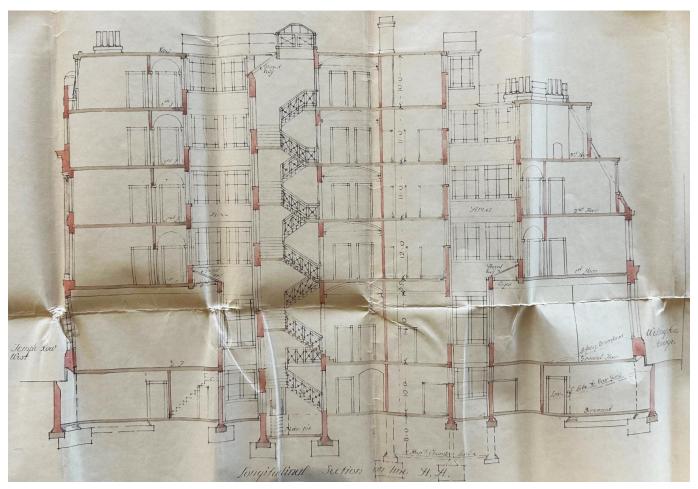
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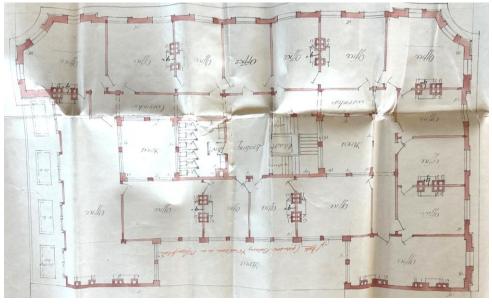


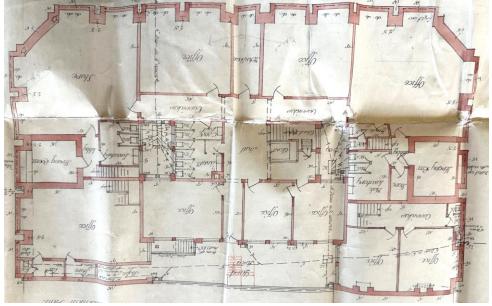
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INVESTIGATIONS

PLANNING PORTALS OR LIBRARIES







INVESTIGATIONS

SCOPE THOROUGHLY

Full condition report or just informing design?

What are the existing loadings & load paths?

What members are going to be impacted by the proposed changes?

What members are you fixing to?

What tie details exist?

How much variation are you expecting in the building?









WHEN TO SURVEY



COMMUNICATE ACCURATELY

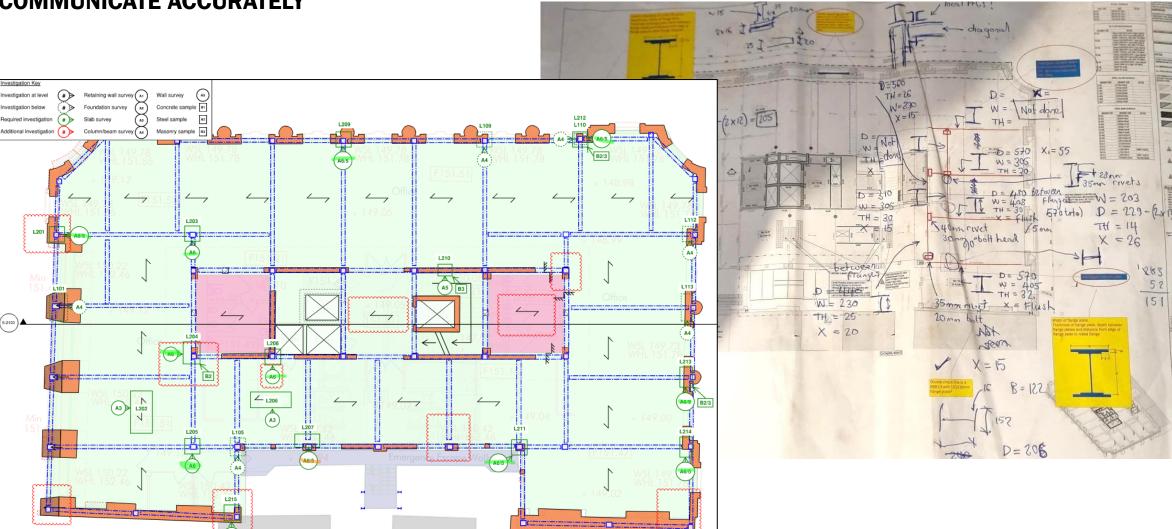


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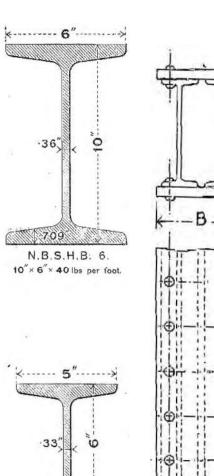
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BSB 5		6.5	121x 44	10	0.18 0.33	1.91	6.77 0.26	1.88 0.37	2.85 0.30
B\$B 6		11.0	127x 76	16	0.22 0.38	3.24	13.6 1.46	2.05 0.67	5.45 0.97
BSB 7	5 x4.50	18.0	127 x114	27	0.29 0.45	5.29	22.7 5.66	2.07 1.03	9.08 2.51
BSB 8	6 x3	12.0	152x 76	18	0.26 0.35	3.53	20.2 1.34	2.40 0.62	6.74 0.89
BSB 9		20.0	152x114	30	0.37 0.43	5.88	34.7 5.41	2.43 0.96	11.6 2.40
BSB 10		25.0	152x127	37	0.41 0.52	7.35	43.6 9.11	2.44 1.11	14.5 3.64
BSB 11	7 x4	16.0	178 x102	24	0.25 0.39	4.71	39.2 3.41	2.89 0.85	11.2 1.71
BSB 12		18.0	203x102	27	0.28 0.40	5.30	55.7 3.57	3.24 0.82	13.9 1.79
BSB 13		28.0	203x127	42	0.35 0.58	8.24	89.4 10.3	3.29 1.12	22.3 4.10
BSB 14	8 x6	35.0	203x152	52	0.44 0.60	10.29	110.6 17.9	3.28 1.32	27.6 5.98
BSB 15	9 x4	21.0	229x102	31	0.30 0.46	6.18	81.1 4.20	3.62 0.82	18.0 2.10
BSB 16		58.0	229x178	86	0.55 0.92	17.06	229.7 46.3	3.67 1.65	51.05 13.20
BSB 17	10 x5	30.0	254x127	45	0.36 0.55	8.82	145.7 9.78	4.06 1.05	29.14 3.91
BSB 18	10 ×6	42.0	254x152	63	0.40 0.74	12.36	211.6 22.9	4.14 1.36	42.32 7.64
BSB 19	10 x8	70.0	254 x 203	104	0.60 0.97	20.58	345.0 71.6	4.09 1.87	69.01 17.9
BSB 20	12 x5	32.0	305x127	48	0.35 0.55	9.41	220.1 9.74	4.84 1.02	36.69 3.90
BSB 21	12 x6	44.0	305x152	66	0.40 0.72	12.95	315.4 22.3	4.94 1.31	52.57 7.42
BSB 22	12 x6	54.0	305x152	80	0.50 0.88	15.88	375.6 28.3	4.86 1.33	62.60 9.43
BSB 23	14 x6	46.0	356 x152	69	0.40 0.70	13.53	440.6 21.6	5.71 1.26	62.95 7.20
BSB 24	14 x6	57.0	356x152	85	0.50 0.87	16.77	533.1 27.9	5.64 1.29	76.16 9.31
BSB 25	15 x5	42.0	381 x127	63	0.42 0.65	12.35	428.2 11.9	5.89 0.98	57.09 4.78
BSB 26	15 x6	59.0	381x152	88	0.50 0.88	17.35	629.1 28.2	6.02 1.28	83.88 9.40
BSB 27	16 x6	62.0	406 x152	92	0.55 0.85	18.23	726.0 27.1	6.31 1.22	90.74 9.02
BSB 28	18 x7	75.0	457x178	112	0.55 0.93	22.07	1150.0 46.6		127.7 13.30
BSB 29	20 x7.50	89.0	508x191	132	0.60 1.01	26.16	1671.0 62.6		167.1 16.70
BSB 30	24 ×7.50	100.0	610×191	149	0.60 1.07	29.39	2655.0 66.9	9.50 1.51	221.2 17.80



N.B.S.H.B. 3. 6"× 5"× 25 lbs per foot.

Pre-strip-out 2D surveys

Post-strip-out 2D surveys



Cloud point surveys with Revit model



Cloud point surveys with model and 360° photos on online portal



GRID LINES VS SITE DIMENSIONS



THERMAL BOUNDARIES



CONSTRAINTS



CONSTRAINTS DIRECTION



STRENGTHENING & STABILITY

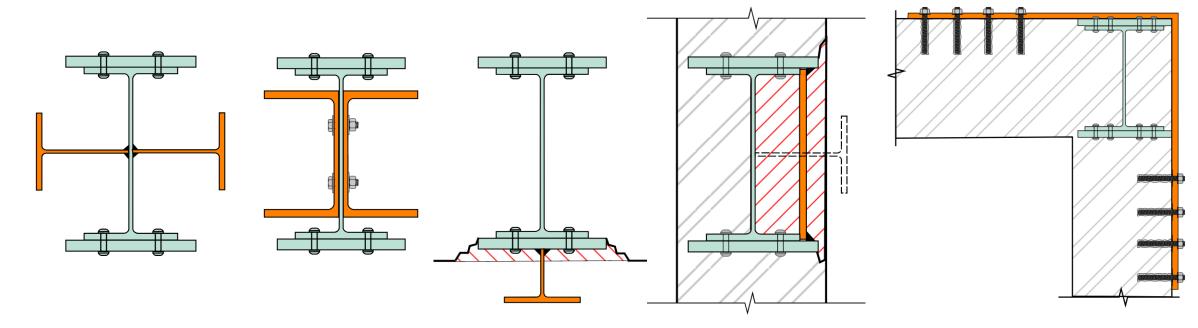
STRENGTHENING

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Do not underestimate the time required

- Historical steel structures may be highly utilised
- Historical built-up sections limit ability to use software

Providing an alternative load path is sometimes the best solution



STRENGTHENING

TYPICAL MEMBERS

Historical steel beams

- Bending ... Easy ... Parallel axis theorem, $I_v W_{elv}$ model as an equivalent plated member
- Shear ... Tricky ... Existing shear stress in beam ... Suggest building a deconstruction analysis model ... Strengthening required at peak deconstruction, propping may help.

Historical steel columns

Difficult ... Software limitations ... Detailed design process ... Group members to limit calculations,
 carefully review critical design conditions.

Foundations

- Typically, 10% load increase is acceptable due to ground consolidation.
- Think about constructability ... Avoid load increase for those impossible to strengthen.

STABILITY

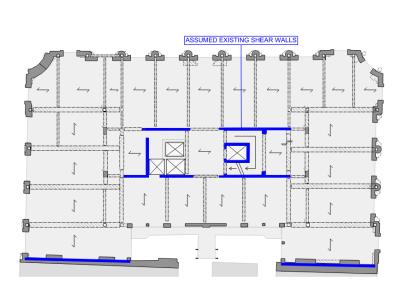
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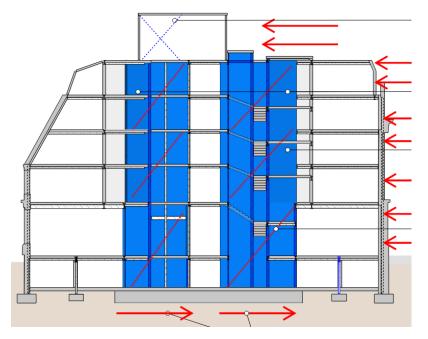
A small increase in building height has a disproportionate effect on stability forces

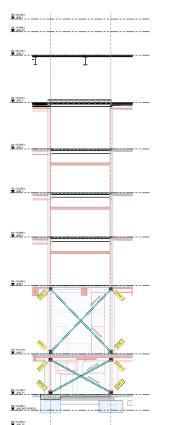
New stability systems may not have the benefit of stabilising gravity forces

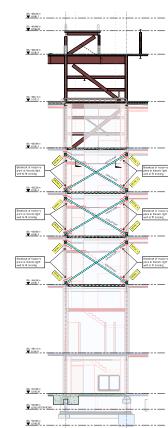
Quantifying existing stability systems can be difficult

It may be beneficial to separate SLS and ULS design









RESOURCING

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NOT THE SAME AS NEW BUILD



SUMMARY

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Reuse = good (even outside London).

Seek historical records and investigate what you need to investigate, with clear instructions, referencing historic sections, ASAP.

Use cloud point surveys, allow for development of design and co-ordination post-strip-out and set out to existing, not grid lines.

Let the building direct its development with early engineer involvement. Control the impact of thermal boundaries.

Do not underestimate the time and cost of verifying and strengthening existing structure. Factor into resourcing.

Expect the unexpected



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Talking Reuse: From Targets to Reality









Thank you



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