



# THE CENTRE FOR FUTURE HOMES

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# Content



About BCU

Project 80

Partnership  
with  
Keepmoat

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## Evidence Based Decision Making

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# Future Homes Research Centre

- Indoor Air Quality and Overheating
- Project 80
- Performance Monitoring
- STEAMsprint
- Occupier Research
- Behaviour insight
- Site Detail Data Capture
- Home User Guide
- Retrofit



# Carbon Pact Research Centre

Cross Industry PHD Action Research

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- Single Life Plastics and waste reduction
- Embodied Carbon
- Decarbonisation
- Transport
- Green Construction Site



# ECO Drive

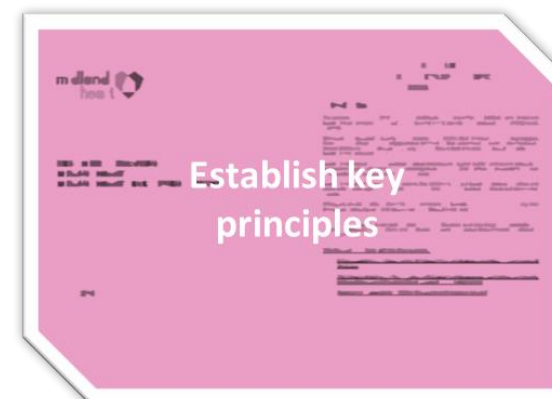


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# Overview of Project 80

Research project which aims to develop homes that model the forthcoming FHS, and generate a significant body of knowledge to enable us to understand what works for us and our residents by:



# Key Partners





# Grosvenor Road

12 homes in Handsworth



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# Specification

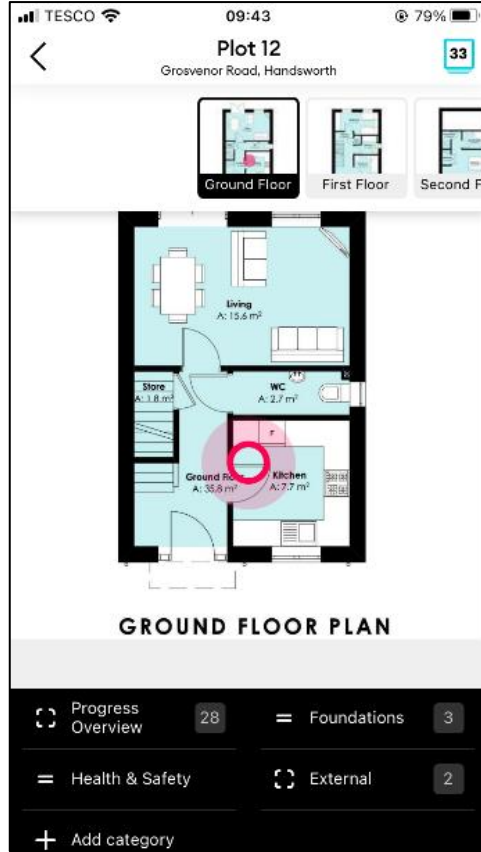
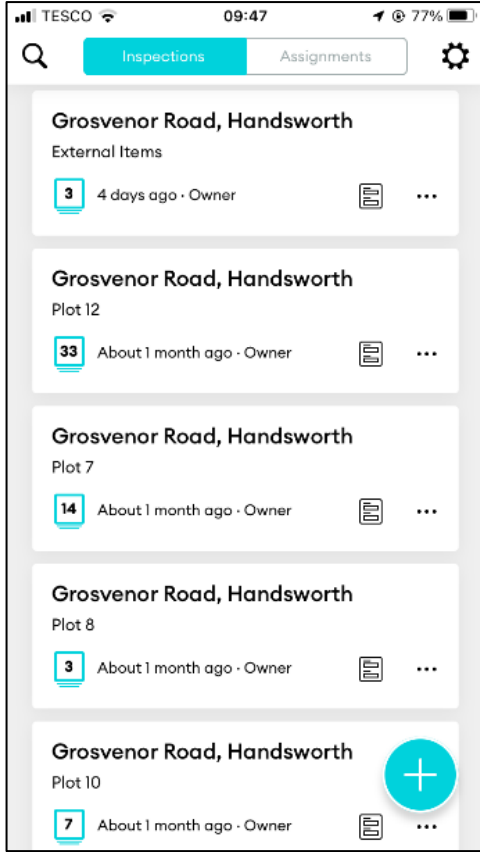
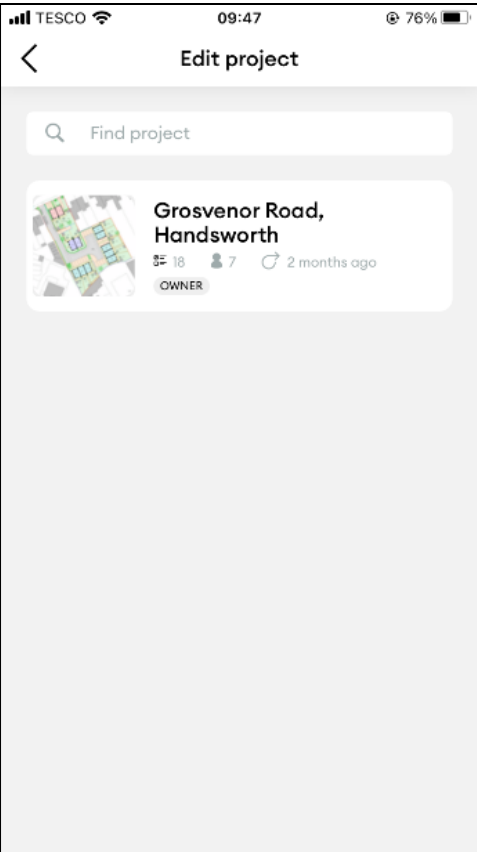
12 homes in Handsworth



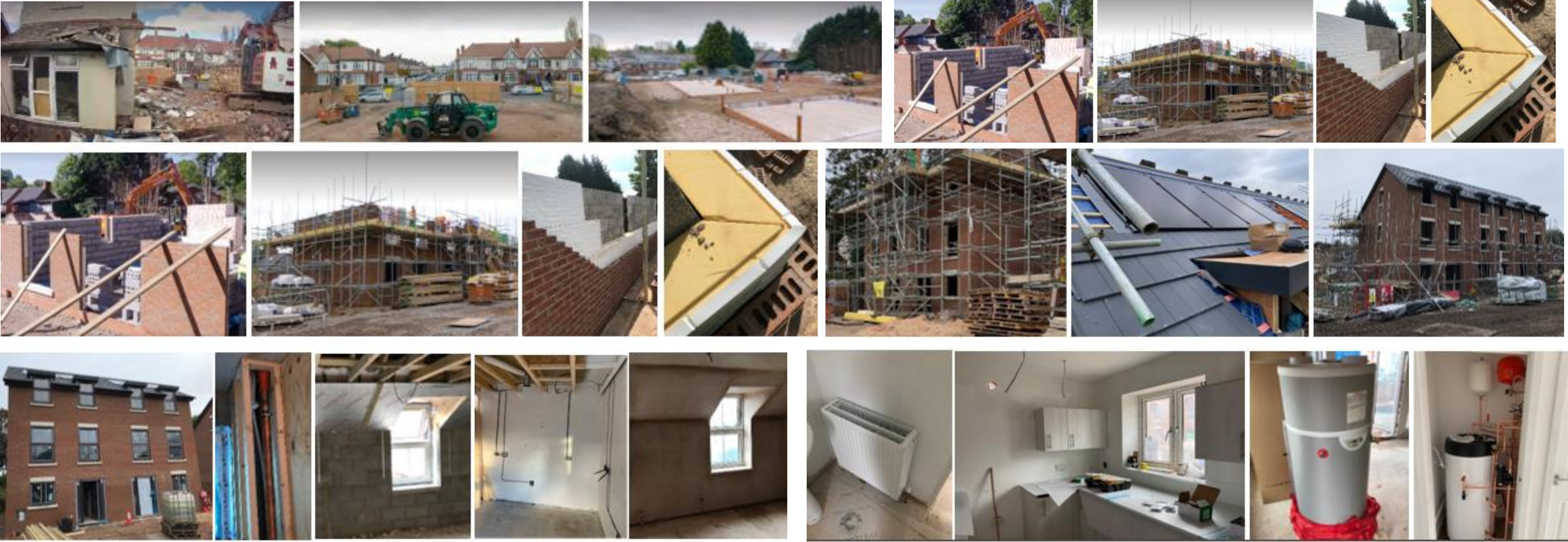
|                                | SAP 2012<br>Plot 5 | SAP 10<br>Plot 1-2 | SAP 10<br>Plot 3-4    | SAP 10<br>Plot 5-12 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Floor U-value                  | 0.13               | 0.11               | 0.11                  | 0.11                |
| External wall U-value          | 0.18               | 0.13               | 0.13                  | 0.13                |
| Roof U-value                   | 0.14               | 0.1                | 0.1                   | 0.1                 |
| Window U-value                 | 1.4                | 1.2                | 1.2                   | 1.2                 |
| Door U-value                   | 1.4                | 1.2                | 1.2                   | 1.2                 |
| Air permeability               | 5.12               | 1.5                | 1.5                   | 5.0                 |
| Heating                        | Gas boiler         | ASHP               | Panel Heaters<br>HWHP | ASHP                |
| Ventilation                    | Natural            | MVHR               | MVHR                  | Natural             |
| PV                             | None               | Yes                | Yes                   | Yes                 |
| WWHR                           | No                 | Yes                | Yes                   | Yes                 |
| y value                        | 0.05               | 0.028              | 0.0274                | 0.028               |
| Maximum Kg CO <sub>2</sub> /yr | 1626.71            | ~352.14            | ~268.98               | ~313.52             |



# Data capture and Documentation



# Gallery

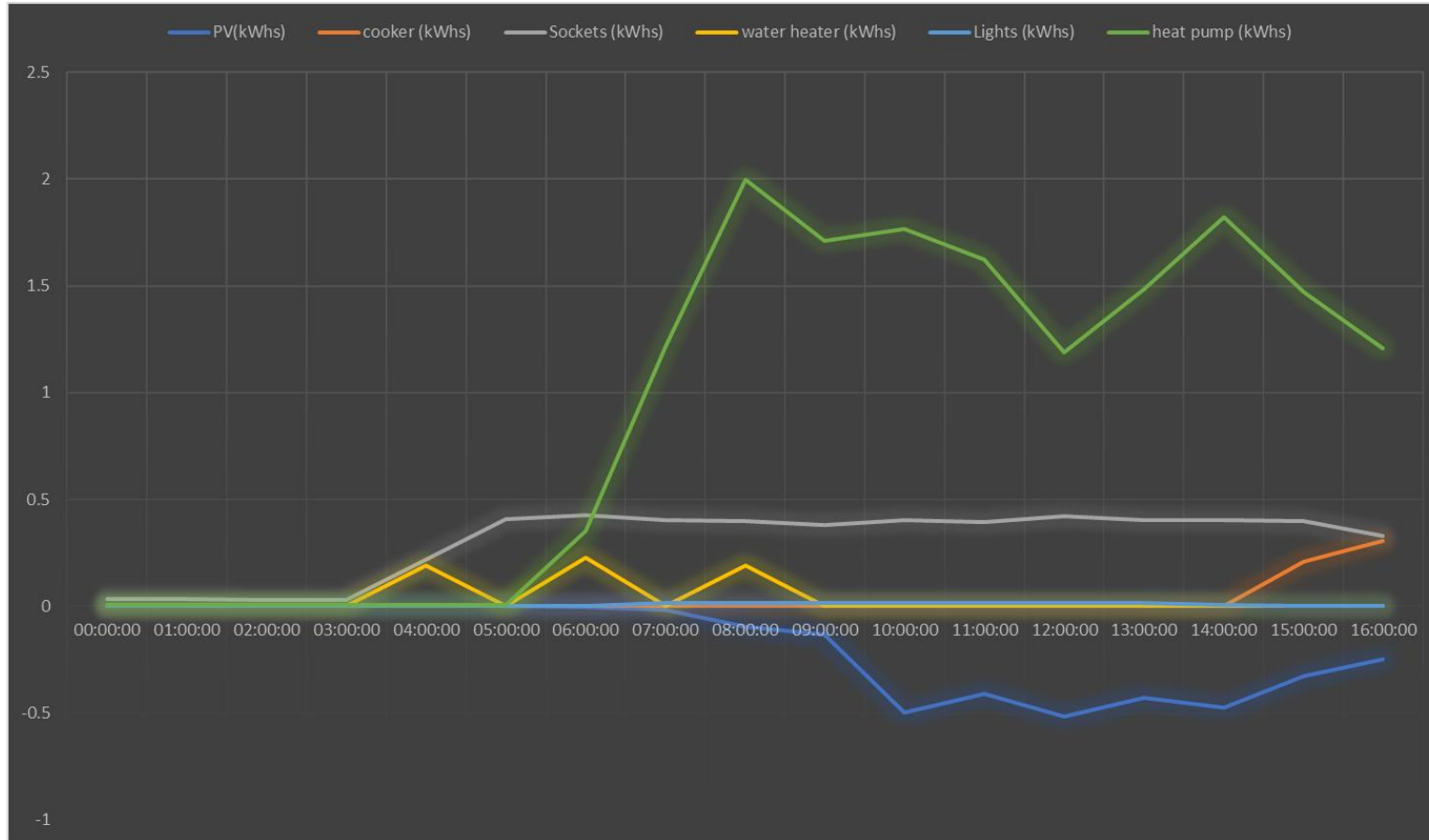


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# Data Collection

Research – energy use, temperature & indoor air quality monitoring

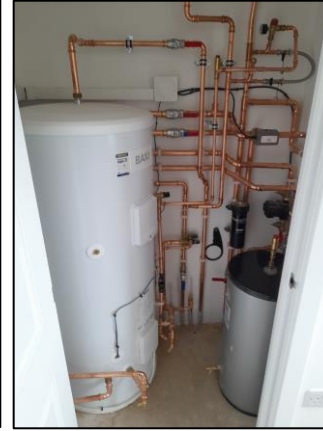


# Early Lessons

Brick layers



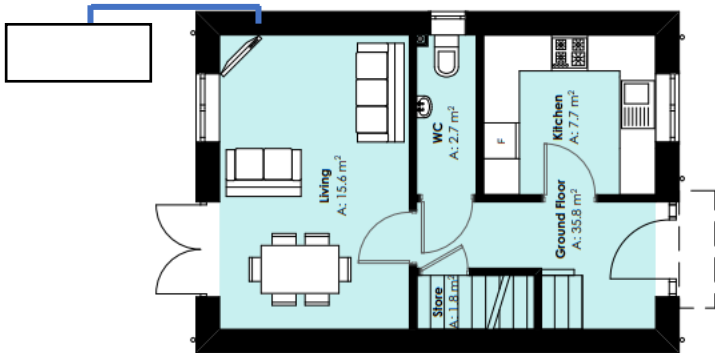
UVHWC space



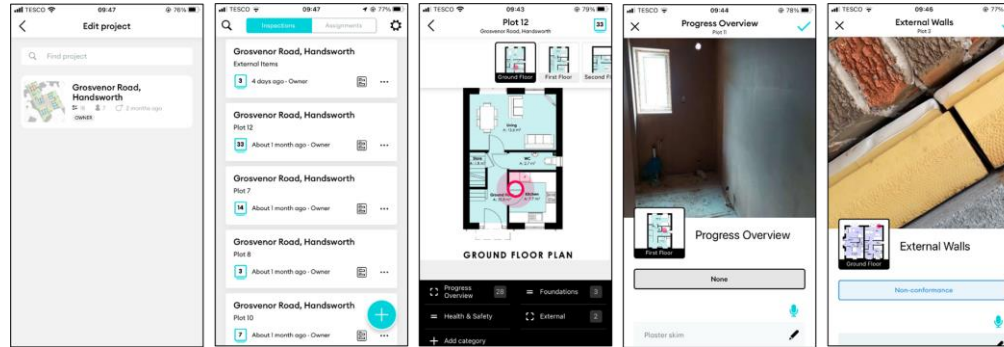
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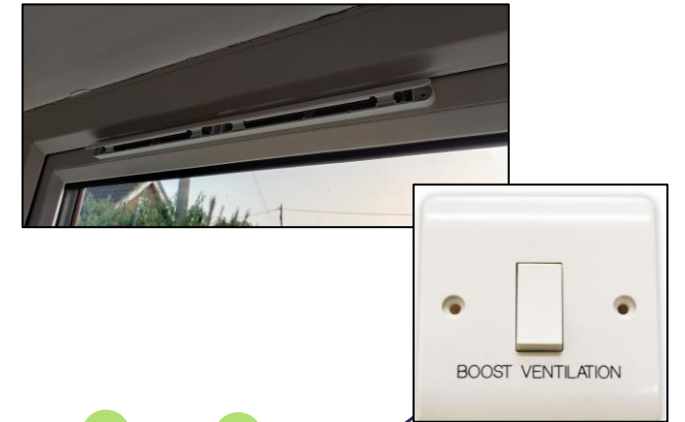
ASHP position



App/details capturing



Other



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# Putting the Occupier at the Heart of the Journey

## Resident Workshop



## User Guide



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# BCU Objectives

## Creating better homes for occupants

### Sustainable and Healthy Homes

|                  | People    |                       | Involvement       | Outputs                            |
|------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Solutions</b> | Buildings | <b>Living<br/>Lab</b> | ■ Research        | ■ Data/ evidence/ research funding |
|                  | Services  |                       | ■ Teaching        | ■ Students Learning                |
|                  |           |                       | ■ Project support | ■ Policy Impact                    |

Knowledge base for future projects - Understanding Occupants needs and impact Performance: energy, carbon and costs



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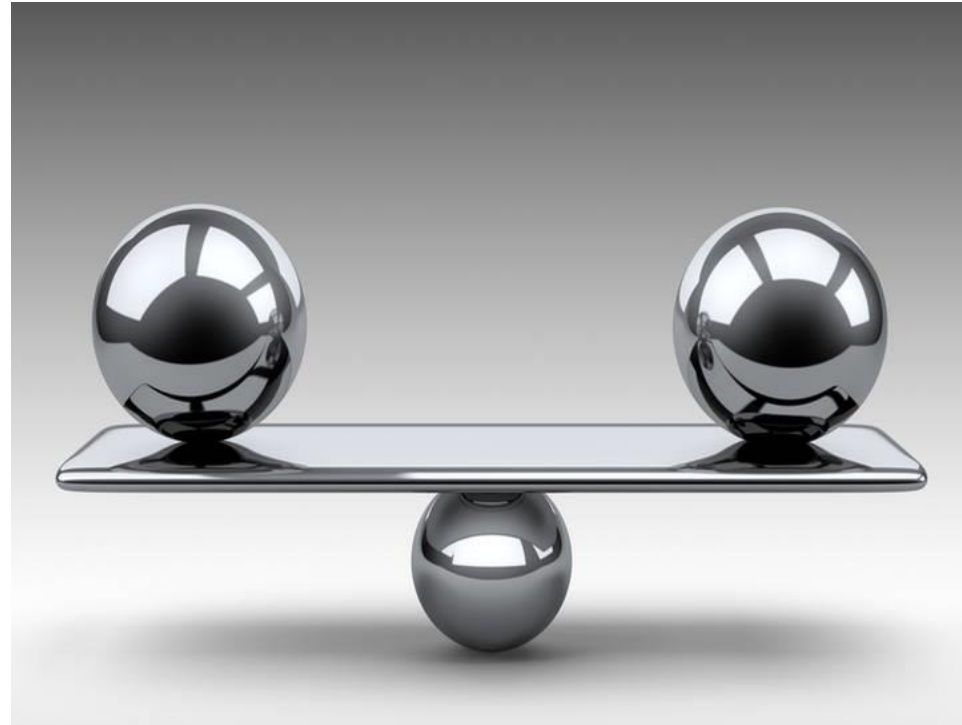






# Improvements = Added Complexity

Complexity  
To make better



Understanding  
to make work

## Avoiding Unintended Consequences



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# Case Study

Comparison between homes built to different regulations  
monitoring, interviews and analysis

- **User experience and learning**
- Design and Build
- **Costing, economics and carbon accounting**
- Building performance and modelling: energy, carbon, air quality
- **Evaluation of industry implications, whole life, economics and preparation**



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# Outcomes

## Creating better homes for occupants

- Building the knowledge base for future builds through evidence
- Influencing building regulations and future policy
- Creating a practical approach to sustainability and healthy homes
- Working collaboratively across sectors, agencies, disciplines and people



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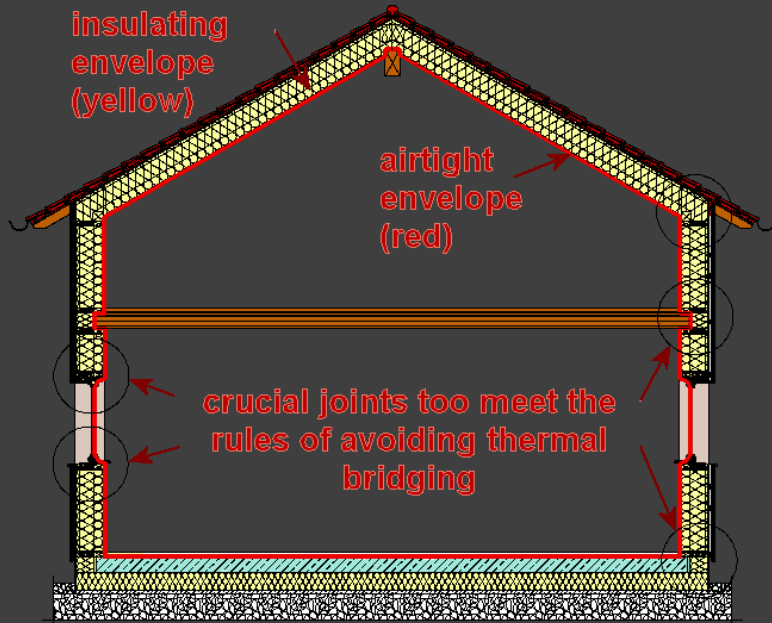
# Performance Gap

Predicting energy efficiency is easier said than done, especially once human behaviours becomes part of the calculation

Recent studies have shown that human behaviours is at least as important as the physical characteristics of a building in influencing energy use, and that carbon emissions from dwellings are most sensitive to internal temperature changes



# Healthy Homes



# Lambley Lane Research

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AES Sustainability Consultants



Homes  
England



Collaboration

A miniature house with a green knitted hat and a red pom-pom, sitting on a red knitted blanket. The background is a blurred outdoor scene.

# Making new homes zero carbon ready by 2025

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Ministry of Housing  
Communities &  
Local Government

Thank you and Questions?