

Dlr Energy Improvement and High Performance Buildings

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DIr Energy Improvement

- Public Sector Role
- Future Proofing the County
- Driving Innovation

High Performance Housing

- Completed Projects
- Future Projects

Conclusions













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9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

15 LIFE ON LAND

















- The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ("Transforming our World"), was adopted by world leaders at the UN in 2015 framework for sustainable development globally 193 Countries
- 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) & 169 Targets
- Ireland is currently ranked 13th (SDG Index + dashboard)
- Ireland scores in the bottom third of EU15 -Affordable and Clean Energy (SDG7)





Public Sector and LA Role

Climate Change Mitigation is driven by EU targets

Public Sector is a key factor in achieving Energy Efficiency targets within NEEAP (Nat En Eff Action Plan)



The public sector will improve its energy efficiency by 33% and will be seen to lead by example – showing all sectors what is possible through strong, committed action.

National Legislation SI 426 of 2014 - Public Sector Exemplary Role (previously SI 542 of 2009)



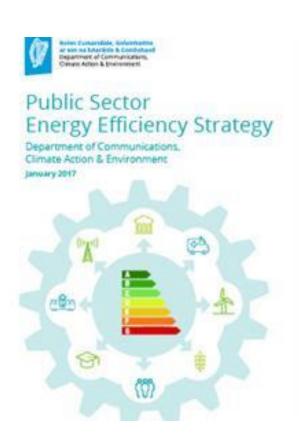


Public Sector and LA Role

- 33% by 2020 (now 50% by 2030) (from 2009 baseline)
- Buildings A3 BER Purchase or Lease
- Energy Audits
- DECs (Display Energy Certs)
- 2018 nZEB (non-Res New Builds or Upgrading > 25%)
- 1 Nov 2019 nZEB Residential
- 30% by 2030, 40% Cov of Mayors, absolute 50% CO₂ by 2030 (from 2016-2018 baseline)
- Supporting the Community/LCDC







All public sector bodies must designate an **Energy Performance Officer** (EPO) from the Senior Management Team

Develop an Energy Management Plan

Drive implementation of projects

Set annual energy saving targets



ENERGY MONITORING & MANAGEMENT



Future Proofing the County

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT





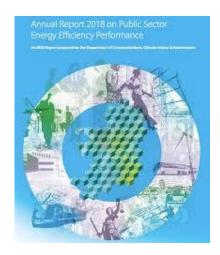
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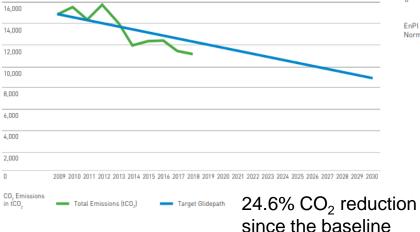








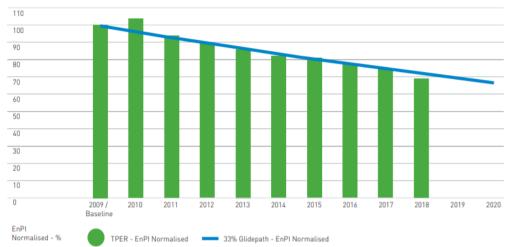


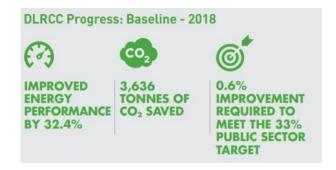


Annual data for SEAI Public Sector Energy Performance Monitoring & Reporting System

33% target improvement in energy efficiency by 2020

By 2018 – dlr had achieved 32.4% energy improvement





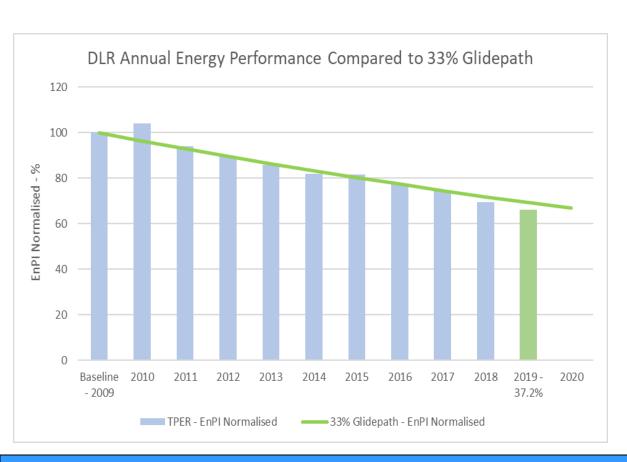




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33% is the target improvement in energy efficiency by 2020

By 2019 – dlr had achieved 37.2% energy improvement



Our 2020 SEAI report has shown that dlr has improved by 51% v 33% target.

2030 public sector target of 50% improvement – based on Gov 2019 Climate Action Plan

Context of LA Emissions



Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Baseline Emissions Report 2016 (Codema)

64% Total carbon emissions

(GHG) in the county related

to **Buildings**

43.5% Private residential

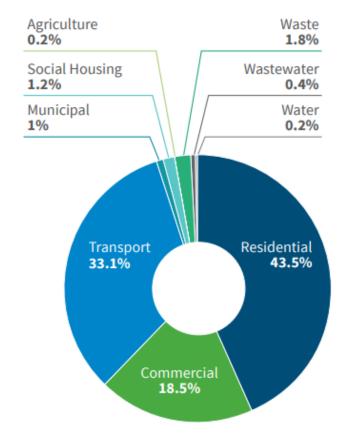
18.5% Commercial buildings

1.2% dlr Social Housing

1% dlr Council Buildings

Need collaboration and action from stakeholders

Setting a high standard for low carbon building









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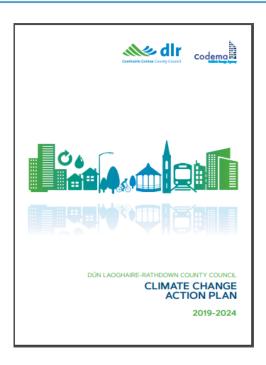
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June 2020 - Irish Government committed to 7% annual reduction GHG 2021-2030

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Energy efficiency = lower CO₂ emissions plus:

- supports economic growth
- enhances social development
- reduces fossil fuel dependency
- protected from future grid worries
- helps build prosperity





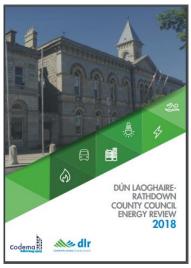
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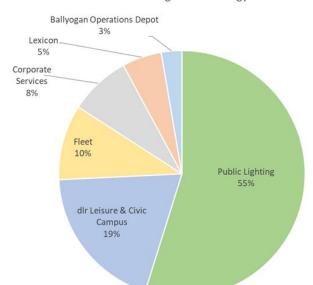
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DLR 2019 Significant Energy Users



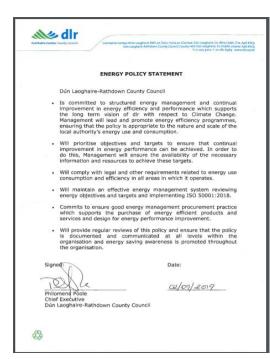
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Sept 2021 – 74% LEDs



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DLR demonstrates compliance with Public Sector obligations through implementation of a formal Energy Management System which complies with International Standard ISO50001



✓ Nonconformities, correction, corrective & preventive action

✓ Control of records





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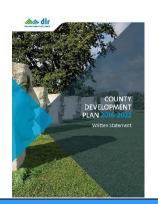
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Dún Laoghaire, Ireland, November $13^{th} - 14^{th}$ 2019 Climate Action through nearly zero energy buildings











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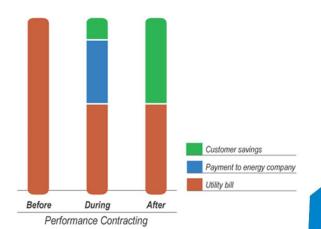


We are pursuing ENERGY
PERFORMANCE
CONTRACTS (EPCs) to
guarantee energy savings and

reduce bills in Council buildings



Energy Performance Contracting is contractually guaranteed energy savings



It enables aging facilities to upgrade their equipment, using the generated savings (future energy costs and operating costs) to pay for the project.

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- 1. Select an **ESCo** via public procurement based on who offers the **most guaranteed savings** (not on capital cost of projects)
- 2. Works begin (3 months). ESCo is paid a **fixed sum** in instalments. ESCo contributes remaining project capital from own resources
- 3. Once works are complete the **Service** phase begins (e.g. 8 years). ESCo is paid **monthly payments** <u>dependent on</u> <u>performance</u>. These payments compensate the ESCo for: Capital costs, maintenance costs and profit

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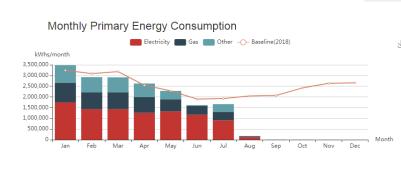
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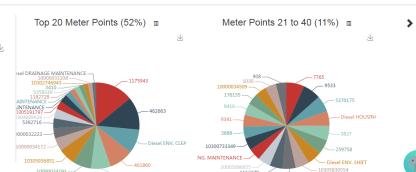




Jan 2019
+31.08%
...Increase compared to Dec 2018

Jan 2019
+7.4%







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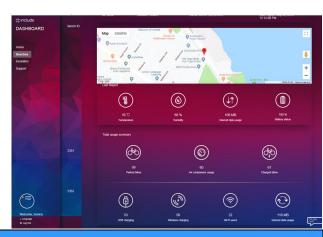
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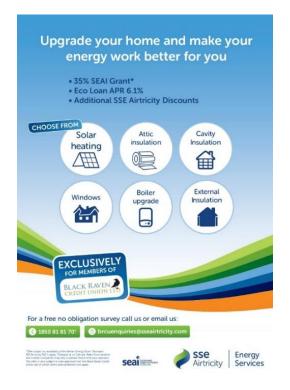
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Deep Retrofit Grant





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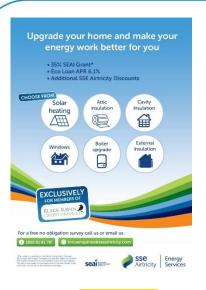




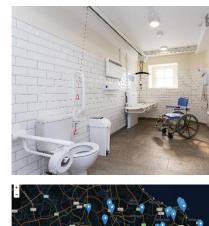


















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SEAI Award Leadership in the Public Sector 2019



3 dlr architects projects -

3 RIAI Sustainability Awards



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The Mews

(with A2 Architects) George's Place, Dún Laoghaire



2019



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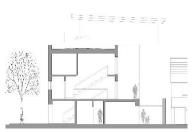


Temple Road









The site, measures 170m², and accommodates two x 2 bedroom duplexes above a 3 bedroom accessible ground floor unit.

















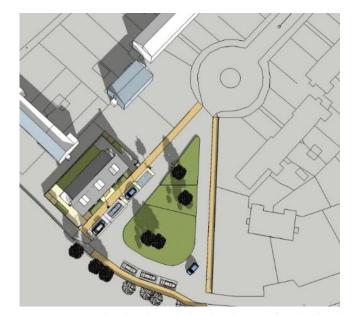




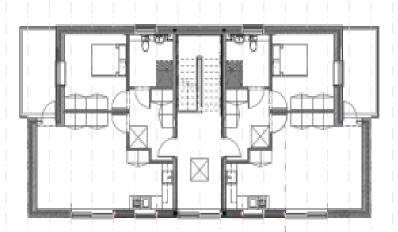


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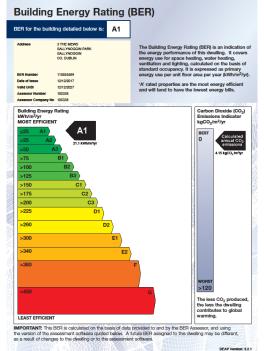






4 x 1 bed apts













2018 RIAI Sustainability Award

SUMMARY FOR PART L CONFORMANCE (Applies to TGD L 2008/2011 for new dwellings only)				
BER Number	110555497	Building Regulations	2011 TGD L	
BER Result	A1	Energy Value kWh/m²/yr	21.10	
CO2 emissions [kg/m²/yr]	4.15	Total compliance with Part L in DEAP?	Pass	
EPC	0.109	EPC Pass/Fail	Pass	
CPC	0.105	CPC Pass/Fail	Pass	





Photos: dlr and Donal Murphy



Pottery Road

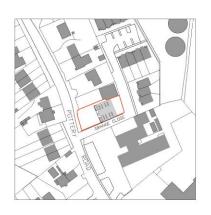


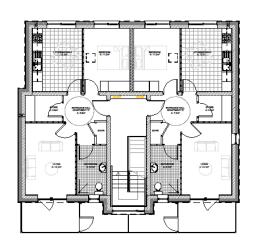
4 x 1 bed apts

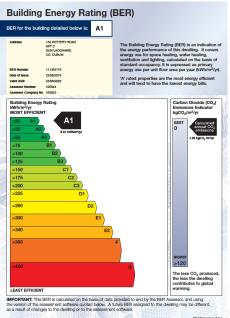


EPC: 0.052 CPC: 0.051

BER Result: A1







Construction: External Insulation on 215mm concrete block

Heating: Electric Panels

Ventilation: Mechanical Heat Recovery (86% Efficiency)

Renewables: 4no. 270W Photovoltaic Panels

Air Tightness: Less than 1 air change per hour @ 50 Pa

Part L Specification

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SUMMARY FOR PART L CONFORMANCE (Applies to TGD L 2008/2011 for new dwellings only)				
BER Number		Building Regulations	2011 TGD L	
MER Result	A ⁺	Energy Vision kWh/m?yr	8.61	
CO2 emissions [kg/m²/yr]	1.69	Total compliance with Part L in DEAP?	Pess	
BC	0.052	EPC PassFell	Pass	
CPC	0.051	CPC Pass/Fell	Pass	

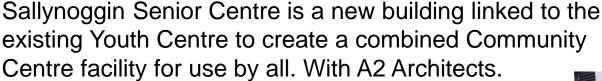
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Sallynoggin Community and Senior Centre

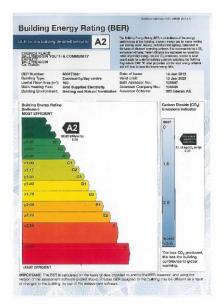






A2 rated and NZEB compliant











Facilities include:
large multifunction hall
entrance hall
disabled WC
kitchen
office
storage space
external relaxation area.





Daleview



2019 - Pilot for maisonette house type





a room unit so

'live' site

4 x 2 bed apts

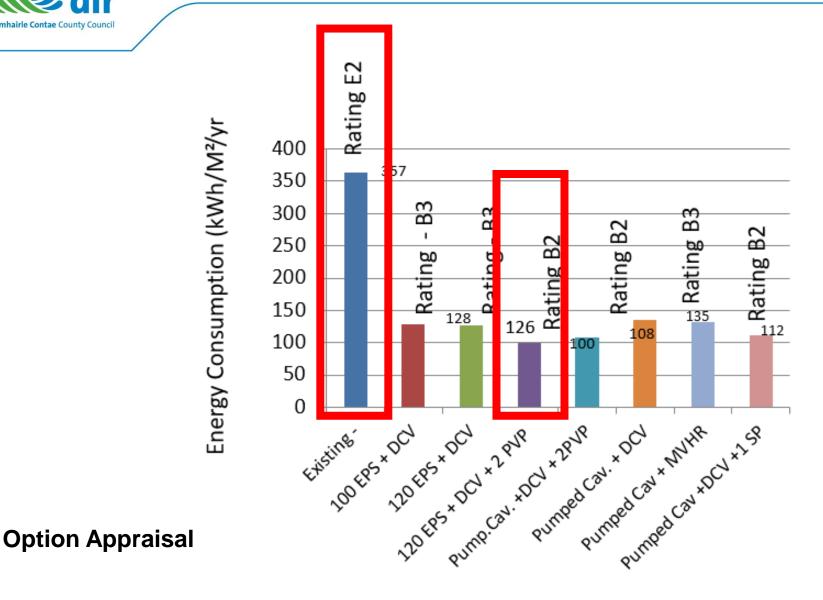


Cramped like Kitchen conditions with no extract and serior condensation formed during cooking (62 yr old kitchen)

Considerations:

- Specification
- Programme
- Health and Safety
- Site Logistics
- Communication with Tenants
- Procurement







Costs c.€32k/unit

Measures taken

Roof - photo-voltaic cells

Walls - external insulation

Ventilation - Demand control units

Junctions - airtightness tape

Doors - high thermal performance doors

Heating - efficient boilers upgrade

Controls - heating controls upgrade

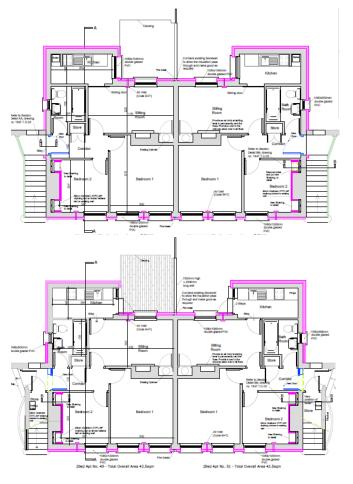
Attic Insulation €400 External Wall Insul €2750 Heating Controls €700 Building Energy Rating €50

Better Energy Homes Grant

€3700 x 4 = €14,800













External and internal insulation





Place Refer to Vertical stop detail Drawing no. 1847.T.D.06

Toor Level Fire break

Typical Side Elevation



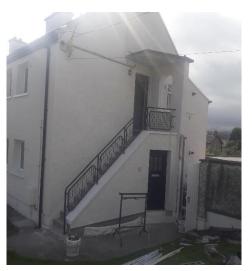
Solution at difficult gable













Ballyogan Court / Ave



Ballyogan Court / Ave

6 terraced 1980's houses - 3 vacant, 3 occupied

Energy Upgrade Works

Brought houses from E to A1 Average cost c.€60k/house 50% SEAI deep retrofit grant



- Attic insulation
- New triple glazed windows/doors
- Basic airtightness works
- Air source heat pump wall mounted
- Low temp rads
- Ventilation to kitchen/bathroom
- PV panels for water heating











Post Retrofit Occupant Analysis

for 3 occupied dwellings

- Dramatic drop in energy bills
- High occupant satisfaction
- Increased comfort levels
- A1 BERs but actually A2, A3, B2

Technical build issues Connectivity issues Challenges using controls



Measured:

- Temperature
- Carbon dioxide
- Relative humidity







Moyola Court



Moyola Court - 12 terraced houses built in 1970's, with poor BER ratings from E to G

The Site was upgraded in two phases:

Phase 1 - Block 1 comprising 8 houses

Phase 2 - Block 2 comprising 4 houses and siteworks







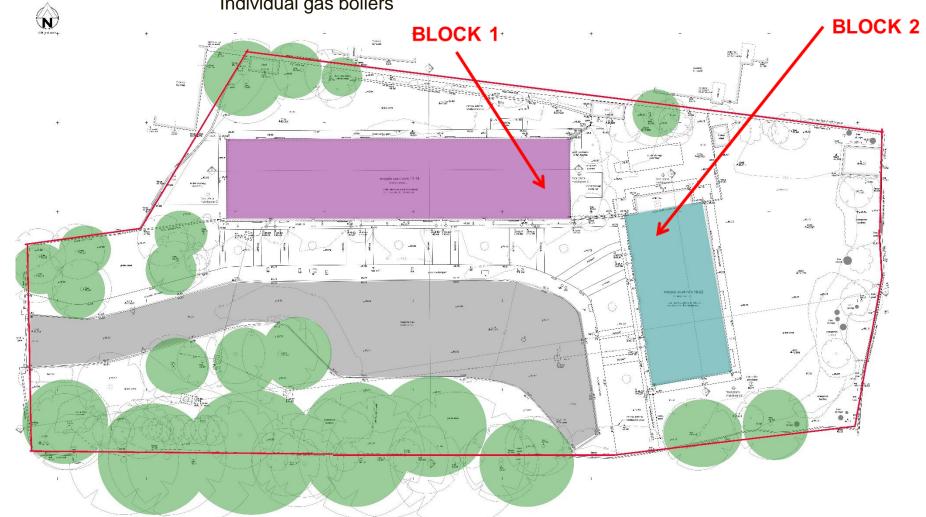
Ground Floor: poured concrete slab with no insulation

First Floor: precast hollow core slab

Roof: precast slabs with mineral wool insulation

External Walls: uninsulated concrete block cavity walls with brick facing to front

Individual gas boilers





Energy Upgrade Works

- Brought houses to A2 and A3
- Designed to EnerPHit standard
- External wall insulation
- Roof insulation
- New triple glazed windows and doors
- Airtightness

SEAI Deep Retrofit Pilot Programme (50% funding)

significant upgrade of a building toward nearly zero energy requirements where it is practically feasible and achievable.

minimum BER A3 and a minimum Building Energy Rating (BER) uplift of 150 kWh/m2/yr.



Before upgrade

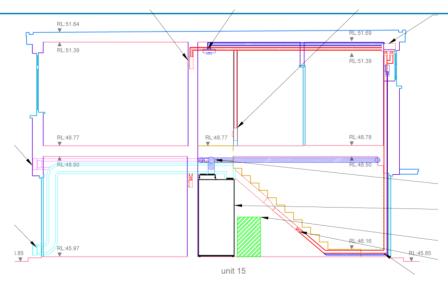


Finished project after upgrade



Block 1











Combined Heating/Hot Water and Ventilation

Nilan Compact P (CP) exhaust air heat pump (Indoor unit) providing, ventilation, heat recovery, space heating through ventilation system and domestic hot water.

Supplementary electric heaters are used as a secondary heat source.









Photovoltaic solar panels battery with smart inverter carbon electric paint heat panels and (JouleTherm CeP) hot water cylinder with heat recovery





Electric Heating and Hot Water powered by PV Solar Panels and Heat recovery and with Battery Storage

The JouleThermH2O cylinder uses 70% less energy than traditional electric immersion heaters.

The air handling capability of the JouleThermH2O is used to extract air from the bathroom and kitchen, through humidity sensor control. The unit will then extract heat from this air, using it to heat the domestic hot water, before venting it externally.



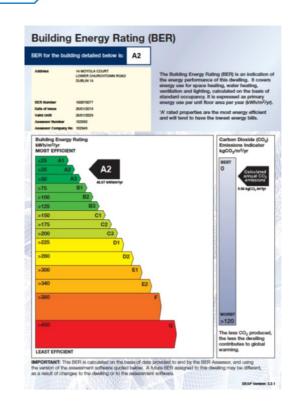
The **space heating** requirement is met by the JouleTherm **Carbon Electric Paint** (CeP) system. JouleThermCeP uses carbon graphene paint screenprinted on to insulated plasterboard, heated by 24V low voltage technology, to turn walls into radiators. JouleThermCeP, which was developed in Ireland, is invisible in use, safe, low maintenance, and extremely efficient.

The combined occupancy / temperature / CO_2 room sensors will provide control over heating, by allowing heating to be switched on by the temperature sensor, only if the room is occupied, therefore allowing for a much more efficient system.



Units achieved A2/A3

Mid terrace meets NZEB Standard







SUMMARY FOR PART L CONFORMANCE		
BER Number	100876077	
BER Result	A2	
CO2 emissions [kg/m²/yr]	9.06	
EPC	0.309	
CPC	0.299	

Costs - c.€63k per house (50% Grant from SEAI)

Grant Challenges - application process, programme, contractor skills

Won SEAI Award for SSE Airtricity

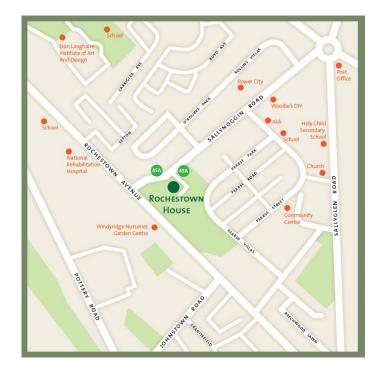




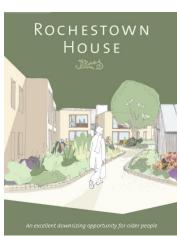
Rochestown House



- Located within the former walled garden of an estate house near local shops and amenities in Sallynoggin
- Existing small Bedsits were too small and difficult to rent - dark, cold, damp
- Creating a new community of smart and accessible buildings
- Long term living range of unit types to suit evolving needs
- Part of DLR downsizing project
- Multi Stakeholder DLR, Local Community, DHPCLG, SEAI, EuroPHit



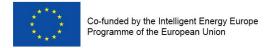












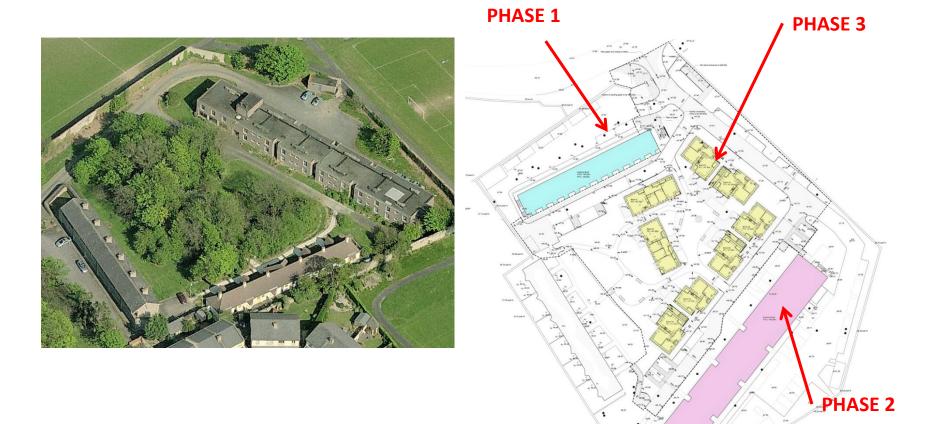








The Site has been upgraded in three phases





Rochestown Terrace

Phase 1

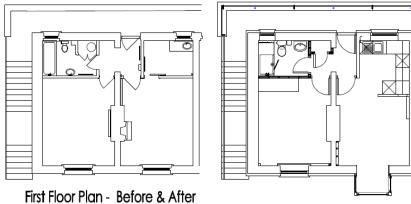


PHASE 1

Phase 1 − 12 bedsits + 6 one beds upgraded to 12 one bed apts



Re orientation of access
Bay windows added
New electrics & plumbing
Level access showers





- Deep retrofit
- Cavity and external insulation
- Double glazed windows
- Demand control ventilation
- Upgrade of district heating from oil to gas
- From F/G BER to B2/C1 BER



Before upgrade







After upgrade Before upgrade

After upgrade



Rochestown House

Phase 2







Rochestown House, Phase 2 – EuroPHit EU Pilot Project a Passive House upgrade of existing Housing for the Elderly

Dramatically Improving the Energy Performance and
Comfort of Existing Buildings with Step-by-Step

Refurbishment and Integration of Renewable Energy Systems (EUROPHIT)







Rochestown House, Phase 2 – EuroPHit EU Pilot Project, a Passive House upgrade of existing Housing for the Elderly

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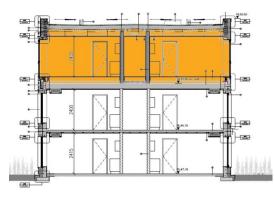


Training for design team
Training for tendering contractors
Further training for successful contractor
Supervision on site
Education on site – study trips
Monitoring and Verification
Post Project Analysis

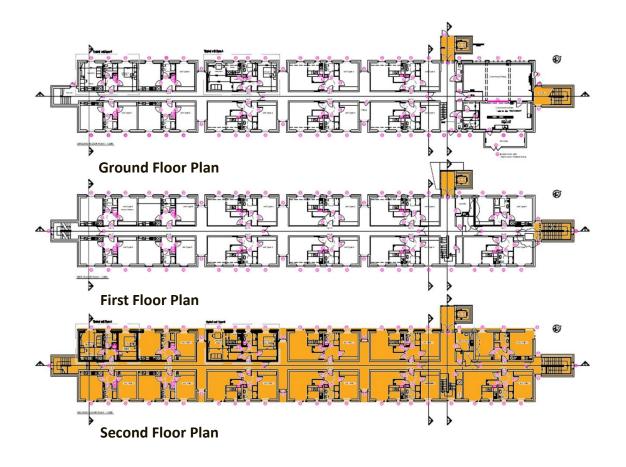
Supported by DHPCLG & SEAI through BEC 2014



- Additional lift and stair core
- New floor added on top of existing
- New communal areas and facilities
- Whole building externally insulated



Cross Section



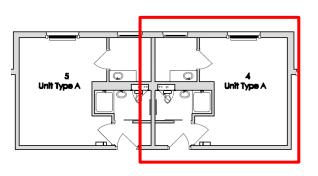


Phase 2 – 26 bedsits and 8 one bed apartments upgraded to 34 one bed units

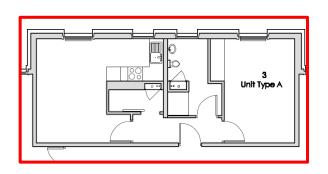
- Accessible/Ambulant with lift added
- Facilities office, nurse's station, laundry, commercial kitchen, communal room
- Project cost c.€3.5m
- Energy efficiency elements c.€890k







Unit size before upgrade - 24m²



Unit size after upgrade - 48m²



Before upgrade

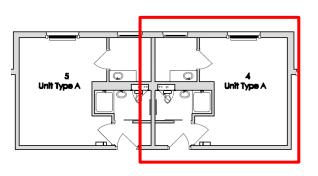


Phase 2

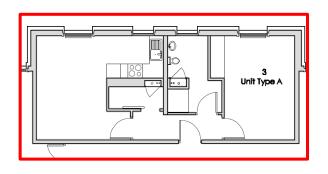
- EnerPHit PH refurbishment standard
- Upgrade of district heating from oil to gas micro CHP serving Phases 2 and 3
- Airtightness below 1 air change per hour
- Heat recovery
- From F/G BER to A3/B3 BER







Unit size before upgrade - 24m²



Unit size after upgrade - 48m²



Before upgrade





Phase 2 Construction Commenced November 2014

Completion Date August 2016







User controls



Micro CHP



Gas Boilers



Heat Recovery Ventilation (Communal room unit)



First Floor Plant

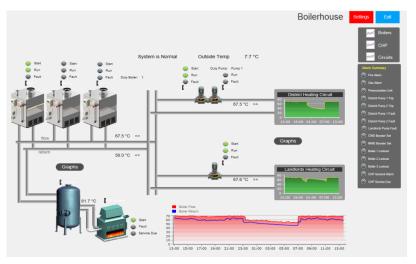




BCMS System with remote access





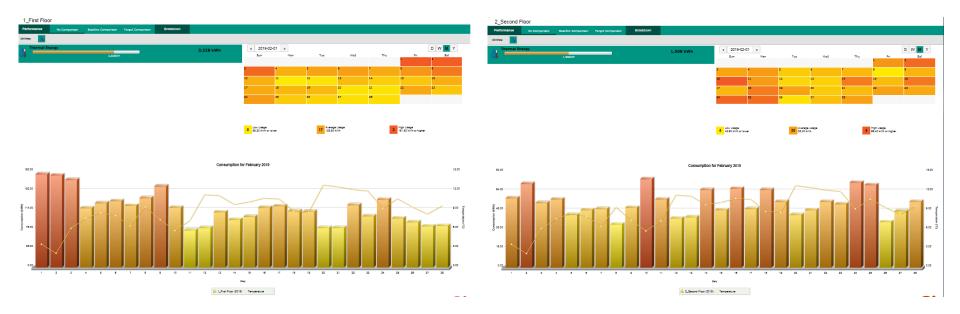




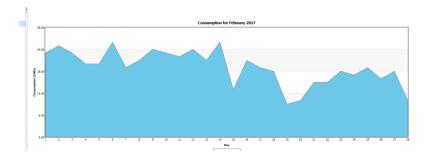
Energy
Consumption
per Floor for
one month

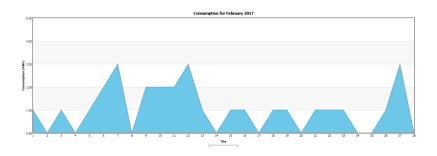




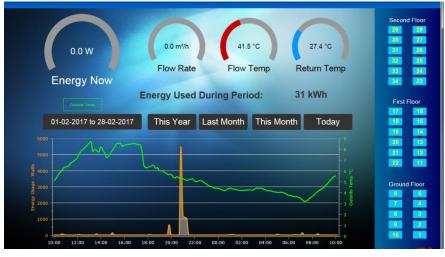








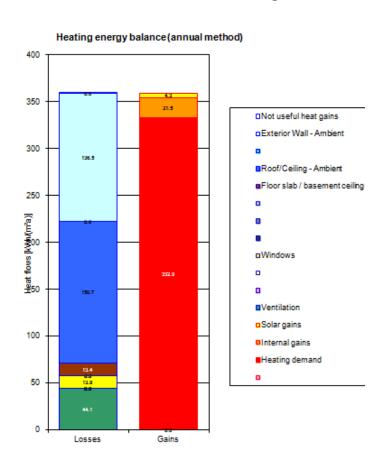






Before Retrofit

Annual heating demand 410 kWh (m²a)



After Retrofit

Annual heating demand 25 kWh (m²a)



























Apartment Type A

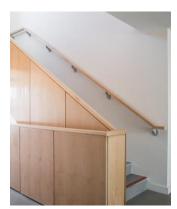
Apartment Type B



Hair Dressers



Corridor



Main Stairs



Communal Laundry









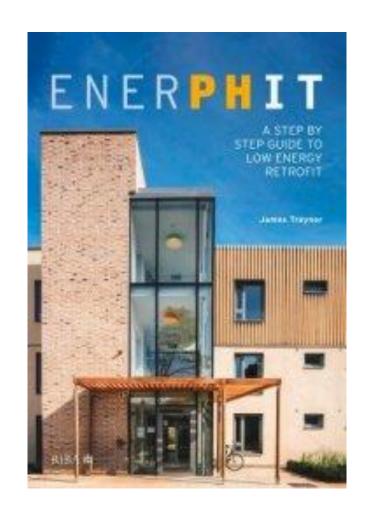




SEAI Award Finalist

2017 RIAI
Sustainability Award
Winner

RIBA London Dec 2019



20 Architectural
Projects Against
Climate Change book

ACE Workshop

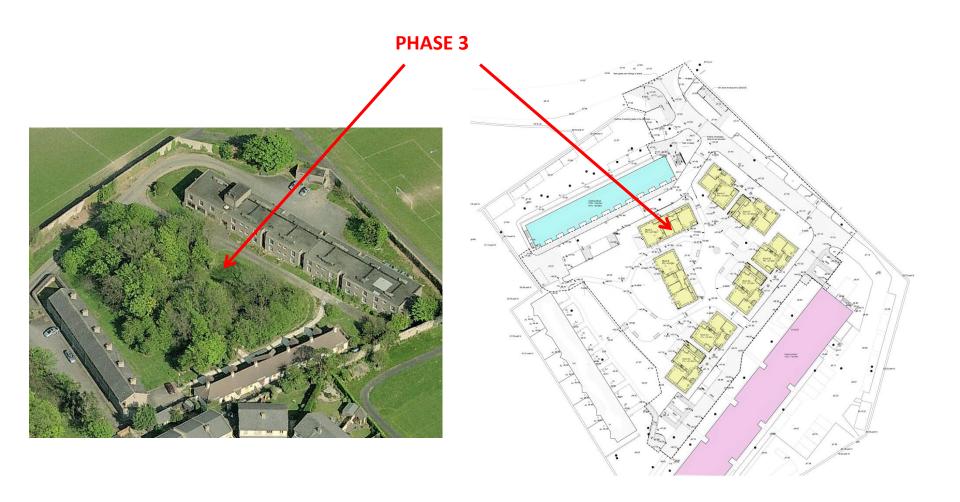
European Parliament Exhibition



Rochestown House

Phase 3





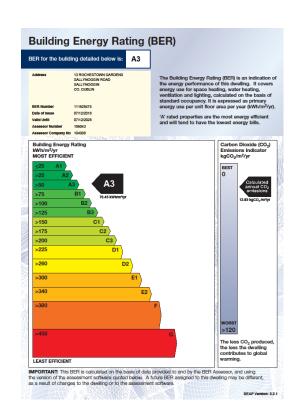


Phase 3 - 14 new units

12 x 1 bed apartments (58m²) and 2 x 2 bed bungalows (75m²)

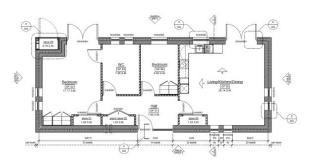
8 are wheelchair accessible, 6 are ambulant accessible

- Built to Passive House standard BER A3
- Apts are cavity wall (block/insulation/brick)
- Bungalows are block/insulation/timber cladding
- Zinc roofs
- Triple glazed windows and doors
- Heat recovery, mechanical ventilation system
- Use of district heating from gas micro CHP in Phase 2
- Airtightness target 0.6 air change per hour
- Monitored onsite or remotely via BCMS



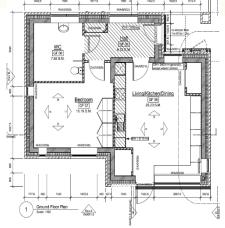






Single storey units





Two storey blocks



RIAI Award 2020/1 Accessibility finalist (current)



ICE Construction Excellence Awards shortlisted 2020







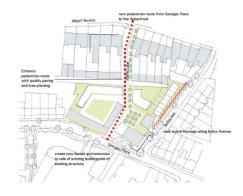


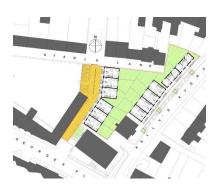
Photos: Donal Murphy



George's Place









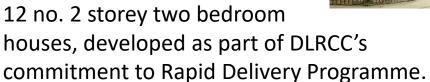
Dún Laoghaire Urban Framework Plan

Three Themes:

Reconnecting the Town Centre to the Waterfront

Creating Vitality

Strengthening Links with Adjoining Areas



Enabling Architects - **A2 Architects**Contractor – **Sisk Living (OMP Architects)**





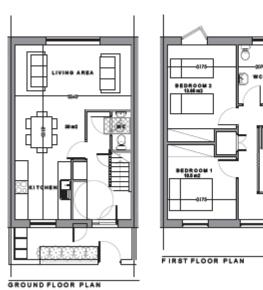


- Timber frame
- Solar Photovoltaic panels
- Triple glazed windows and doors
- •Mechanical heat recovery ventilation with heat pump.
- External wall completion Brick & Block/Render



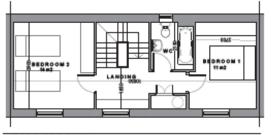


Narrow Frontage – 10 no. 2 bed house





Wide Frontage - 2 no. 2 bed house







For DB projects:

Be clear about what you want and put into your Works Requirements - DB is different

Be brave and don't lower your standards - the market can deliver, but won't if you don't ask

Be conscious of parameters that allow options and so should result in more competitive tenders

Allow the contractor to bring his expertise - there can be more than one right way

Choose MEAT criteria appropriately

MEAT criteria: Quality / Price

Quality - Programme / Design Approach / D+B Team / Durability



Aims:

RIAI Award 2019 (Housing)

show how we can regenerate under utilized urban sites into much needed sustainable neighbourhoods

RIAI Award 2019 (Sustainability)

produce high quality, low energy housing while moving to a rapid delivery programme

ICE Construction Excellence Award Winner 2019

disprove the idea that rapid build necessarily means lower quality as it is vital that in the current drive to increase numbers that we don't allow quality to drop

ICSH Award Winner 2019 (Housing)

demonstrates what can be achieved cost effectively, to a rapid delivery programme, on a difficult site







THE HOME PERFORMANCE INDEX (HPI)[©]
Know that your house is a home.

Silver Certification - highest score so far for multi unit development

Building Energy Rating (BER) BER for the building detailed below is: 2 GEORGES LANE The Building Energy Rating (BER) is an indication of DUN LAOGHAIRE the energy performance of this dwelling. It covers CO. DUBLIN energy use for space heating, water heating, ventilation and lighting, calculated on the basis of standard occupancy. It is expressed as primary 111106068 energy use per unit floor area per year (kWh/m2/yr). 18/05/2018 Date of Issue 'A' rated properties are the most energy efficient 18/05/2028 Valid Until and will tend to have the lowest energy bills. **Building Energy Rating** Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) kWh/m2/yr Emissions Indicator MOST EFFICIENT kgCO2/m2/yr **A1** >75 >100 >125 >150 >175 >200 >225 >260

12/06/2018

Part L Specification

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SUMMARY FOR PART L CONFORMANCE (Applies to TGD L 2008/2011 for new dwellings only)			
BER Number	111106068	Building Regulations	2011 TGD L
BER Result	A1	Energy Value kWh/m²/yr	19.58
CO2 emissions [kg/m²/yr]	3.85	Total compliance with Part L in DEAP?	Pass
EPC	0.132	EPC Pass/Fail	Pass
CPC	0.127	CPC Pass/Fail	Pass



Fitzgerald Park

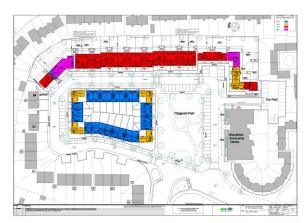


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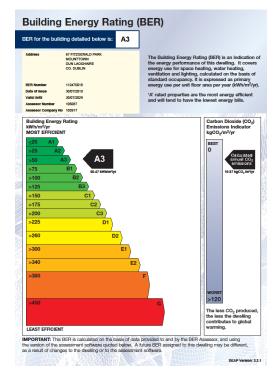








50 homes



Part L Specification

SUMMARY FOR PART L CONFORMANCE (Applies to TGD L 2008/2011 for new dwellings only) BER Number 112470018 **Building Regulations** 2008 TGD I Energy Value kWh/m²/yr BER Result A3 60.47 Total compliance with Part L in DEAP? CO2 emissions [kg/m²/yr] 10.97 Pass EPC EPC Pass/Fail 0.372 Pass CPC CPC Pass/Fail 0.332 Pass





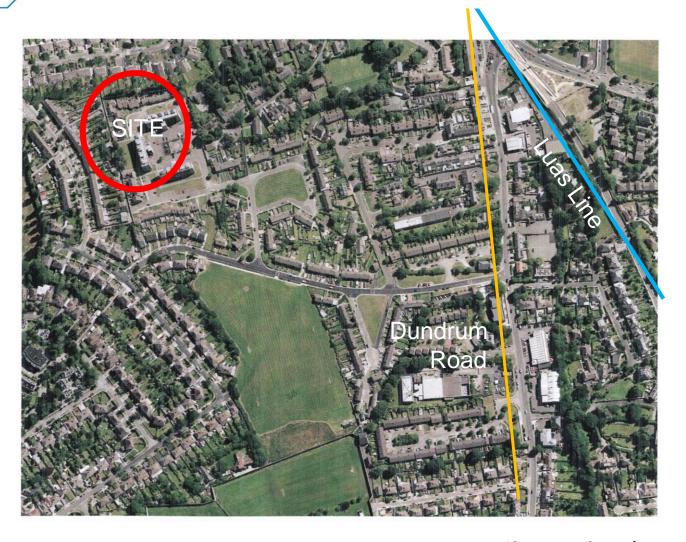
Rosemount Court



https://openhousedublin.com/locations/site-specific-rosemount-court/







Site Location Plan









Original Rosemount Flats - 84 Units / 5 Storeys







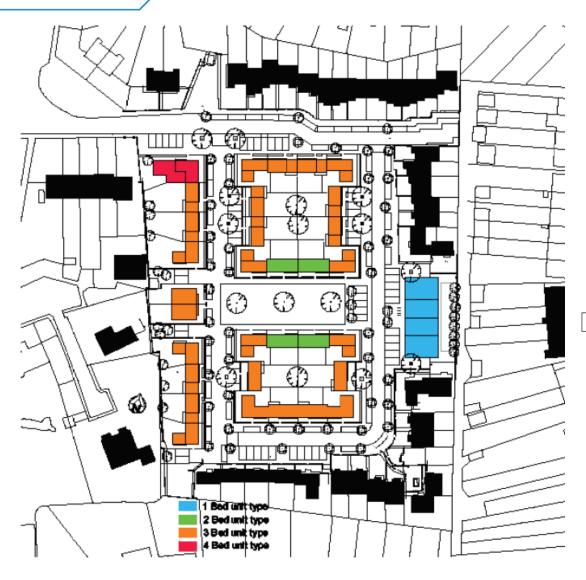
Carefully designed housing layout set around a green and two homezones

Maximum height of three storeys

Designed in such away as to minimise impact on the existing residents and integrate the new scheme into the community

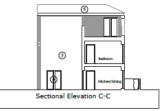
Site Plan





- 1 x 4 bed adapted unit
- 27 x 3 bed units
- 4 x 2 bed units
- 12 x 1 bed units

Unit Mix









First Floor Plan



TYPE A 3BED UNIT 115 m2











West Facing Elevation





South Facing Elevation





East Facing Elevation





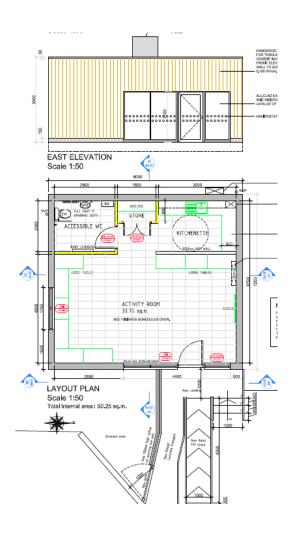


In The Detail





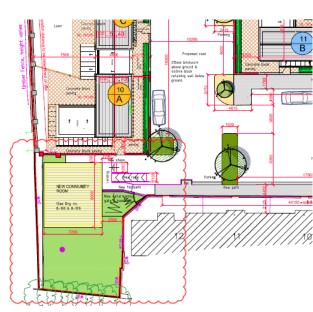












Community Centre



RIAI 2020 (Housing) Highly Commended Highest award given in Category

Shortlisted ICSH
Awards 2021
(current)
(Irish Council Social
Housing)

Enabling Architect: Walsh Associates





DIr High Performance Buildings

On the Drawing Board



Rockville Green

13 Houses Rapid Delivery - On Site 2021



Timber frame
Solar Photovoltaic panels
Triple glazed windows and doors
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External wall completion - Brick & Block/Render





Mall Mall Mall



Enabling Architects - Van Dijk Architects

Contractor - Forrme Construction (JNP Architects)

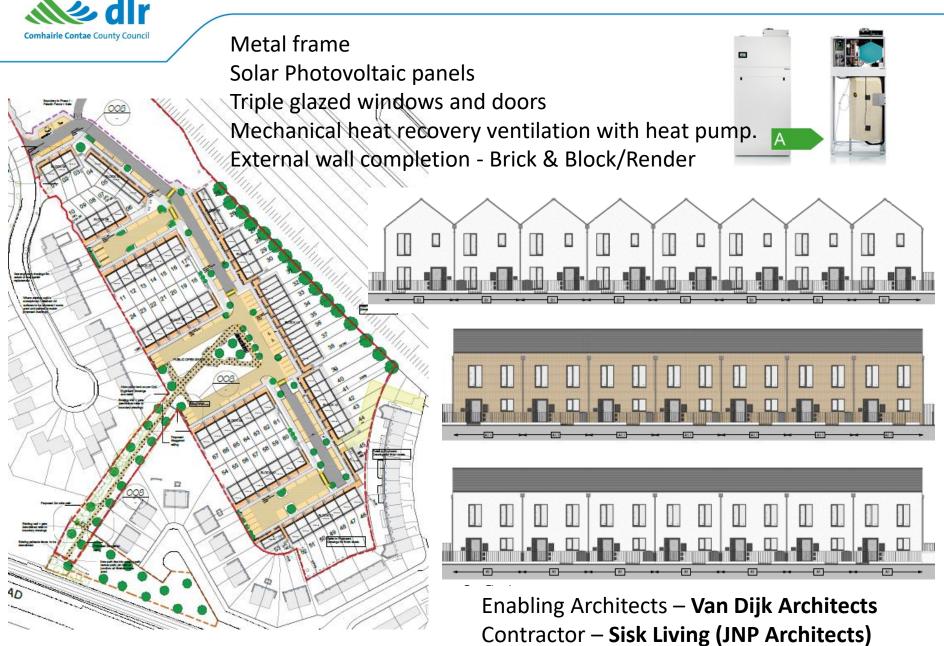


Ballyogan Square / Rise

119 total (67 houses, 52 apartments) Rapid Delivery



67 houses Rapid Delivery - On Site 2021



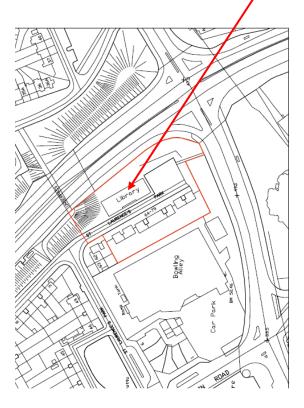


St. Laurence's, Stillorgan



Existing Stillorgan Library

Former Leisureplex Site







Design Team led by ABK Architects



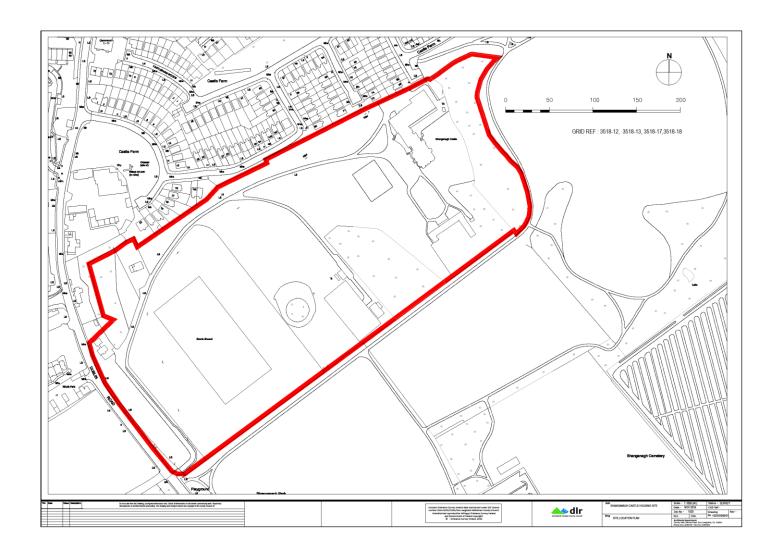






Shanganagh Castle







LDA project of 597 homes with Design Team led by ABK Architects









Conclusions



Project Learnings from Site

- Projects illustrate how existing stock can be reused even if in poor condition
- Greater awareness of the importance of Energy by Client and Tenants
- nZEB & EnerPHit high standards with emphasis on on-site care and quality assurance required to ensure effective on-site attention to detail
- Many versions of nzeb varying levels of comfort and indoor air quality
- nZEB isn't end of journey, only step along the way
- National up-skilling of the design and construction sectors is needed for either build
- Positive but big learning experience for both Contractors and Design teams
- Learnings as project develops Theory v Practice be alert to impact on project costs
- Knowledge dissemination



General Comments

- Sustainability Social, Economic, Environmental
- Energy upgrade projects have enabled Council's desired downsizing policy to be kick-started, other projects now underway
- Benefits to be achieved by designing energy efficient but also smart buildings have a huge impact
- Buildings should be smart (back of house) but must be user friendly (front of house)
- Need post occupancy reviews to ensure expected outcomes have been achieved
- 90% of existing building stock will still be in use in 2050, Government's Housing Action Plan puts emphasis on making best use of existing stock
- Policy does affect change but you need a led vision
- Benefit of pilot projects
- New learning and standards
- Construction employment opportunities
- Funding implications for deep retrofit



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