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Energy Efficient Office Buildings – Examples, Research and the Future



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- BCO Guide to Environmental Management
- Planning and Sustainability Briefing Paper
- A Good Practice Guide to Green Travel Plans
- Green Travel Plans for Offices
- BCO Guide to Green Incentives
- Green Roofs Research Advice note
- Sustainability starts on the Boardroom
- Sustainable Offices are better buildings



The STERN REPORT - Impact on growth and development by 2100:

- An extra **250,000 children a year will die** in the poorest countries
- Up to **220 million more people** could fall below the **\$2 a day poverty line**.
- **Crop failure** will leave hundreds of millions at risk of starvation
- The **extinction** of between **15 and 40 % of all species**.
- **Rising sea levels** will threaten countries like Bangladesh but also London, New York, Tokyo and Shanghai.
- 200 million people will be displaced by rising sea levels, floods and drought..
- The world's richest countries will suffer with more hurricanes and floods.
- Climate change could **cost between 5 and 20 per cent of global GDP**.

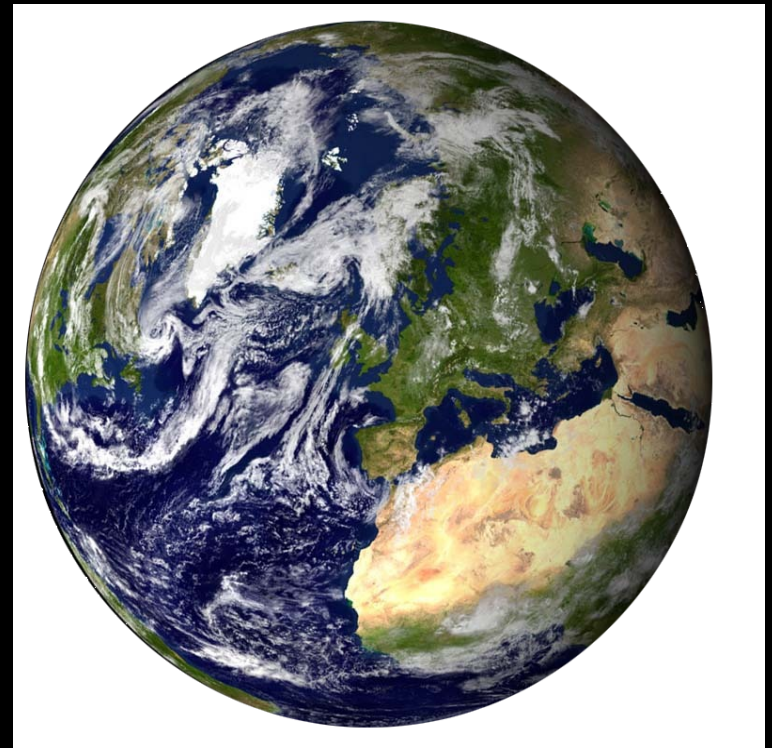


It's a FACT that:

If we consumed resources globally at the same rate as **North America** we would require **5 planets to support us**.

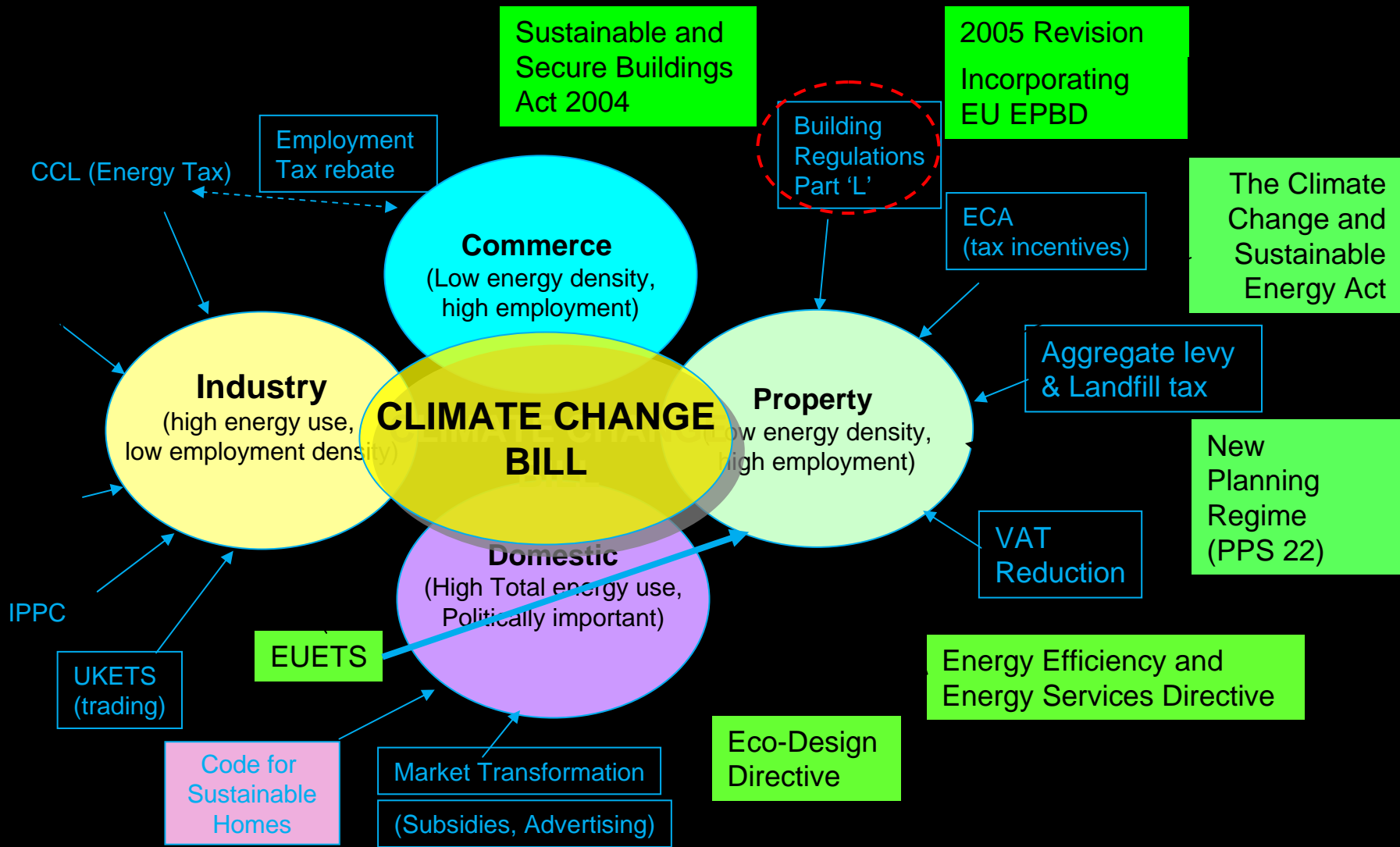
If we consumed resources globally at the same rate as **Somalia** we would require **1/5 of a planet to support us**.

As an average globally we require **3 planets to support our lifestyle currently**.

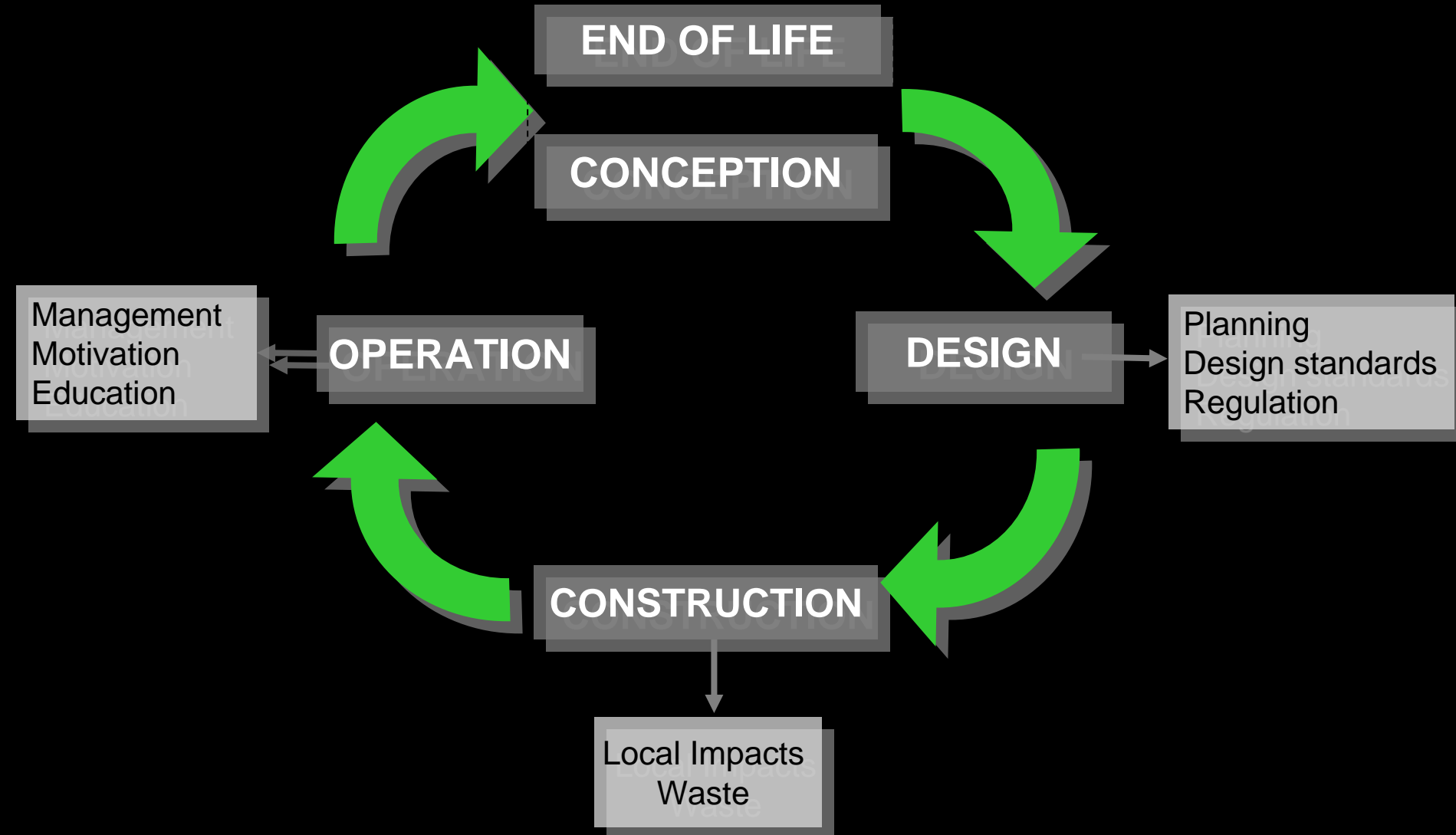



- **Construct new buildings and infrastructure** that can cope with climate change.
- **Regulations**
 - to encourage better use of **land**
 - **higher quality buildings**
- **Carbon pricing - core of any policy**
 - appropriate price on **carbon**, through **taxes**, trading or regulation
 - encourage **low-carbon goods** and services
 - **carbon trading schemes** to give industry and business financial incentives to reduce emissions
 - **investment** in new technology to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
 - **increase in incentives** for "low emission technologies".









Energy Certificate	Building Energy Performance >		As built:	In use:
	Certificate type	FULL	Asset Rating	Operational Rating
	Building Type	Office		
	Whole or part of building	Whole building		
	Very energy efficient			
	A			
	B			B
	C			
	D		D	
	E			
F				
G				
Not energy efficient				
Asses rating method: UK National Standard 2004 Operational rating method: UK Office Tailored Benchmarks 2005 Units used: kg CO ₂ per sq m of net area per annum		Predicted	Actual	
		62	79	
Occupancy level	Square metres net internal area per person	14	12	
Equipment heat gain level	Watts per square metre net	12	10	
Monthly occupancy hours	Hours per month	15	95	
Heating performance ratings		A-B-C-DEFG	A-B-C-DEFG	
MVAC performance ratings (cooling, heat and pumps)		A-B-C-DEFG	A-B-C-DEFG	
Lighting performance ratings		A-B-C-DEFG	A-B-C-DEFG	
Management rating (for in-use performance only)			A-B-C-DEFG	
Internal Environmental Quality		Not assessed	Not assessed	
Risk level			Not assessed	
Further information can be found in the Energy Log Book.				
GB 2004				
 Directive 2002/91/EC				
Certifying organisation: Street or PO Box: City: Postcode: Contact: Tel: email: Certificate Ref No:	Building name: xxxxxxxx Organisation: xxxxx Street: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx City: xxxxxxxx Postcode: xxx xxx Contact Name: xxxxxxxx Tel: xxxxxxxxxx email: xxxxxxxxxx	CERTIFICATE REF NO: XXXXX Date of issue: xx-xx-xxxx		

• BREEAM

- In the UK over **95.000 buildings** have received certification.
- BREEAM In Use (release 2009)



• LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)

- In 2007 **5,528** buildings registered or received LEED certification, a **330% increase** from the 1,672 in 2006.*



• BOMA

- BEEP (BOMA Energy Efficiency Programme)
- ROI (Return On Investment)



• Energy Certification

* Source CoreNet Global May/June 2008

LEED buildings

- Research carried out by NBI and CoStar of a series of buildings
- 25 to 35% energy savings
- **4% Increase in occupancy rate**
- **\$11 Rental premium per square foot**
- **\$170 Increase in value per sq/ft**



“Demand in the Marketplace for Sustainability Creates Higher Occupancy Rates, Stronger Rents and Sales Prices in Green Buildings”

Quote CoStar Study, BOMA US - March 2008

This is how two building standards programs cut the energy use and enhance the finances of newly built green commercial buildings.

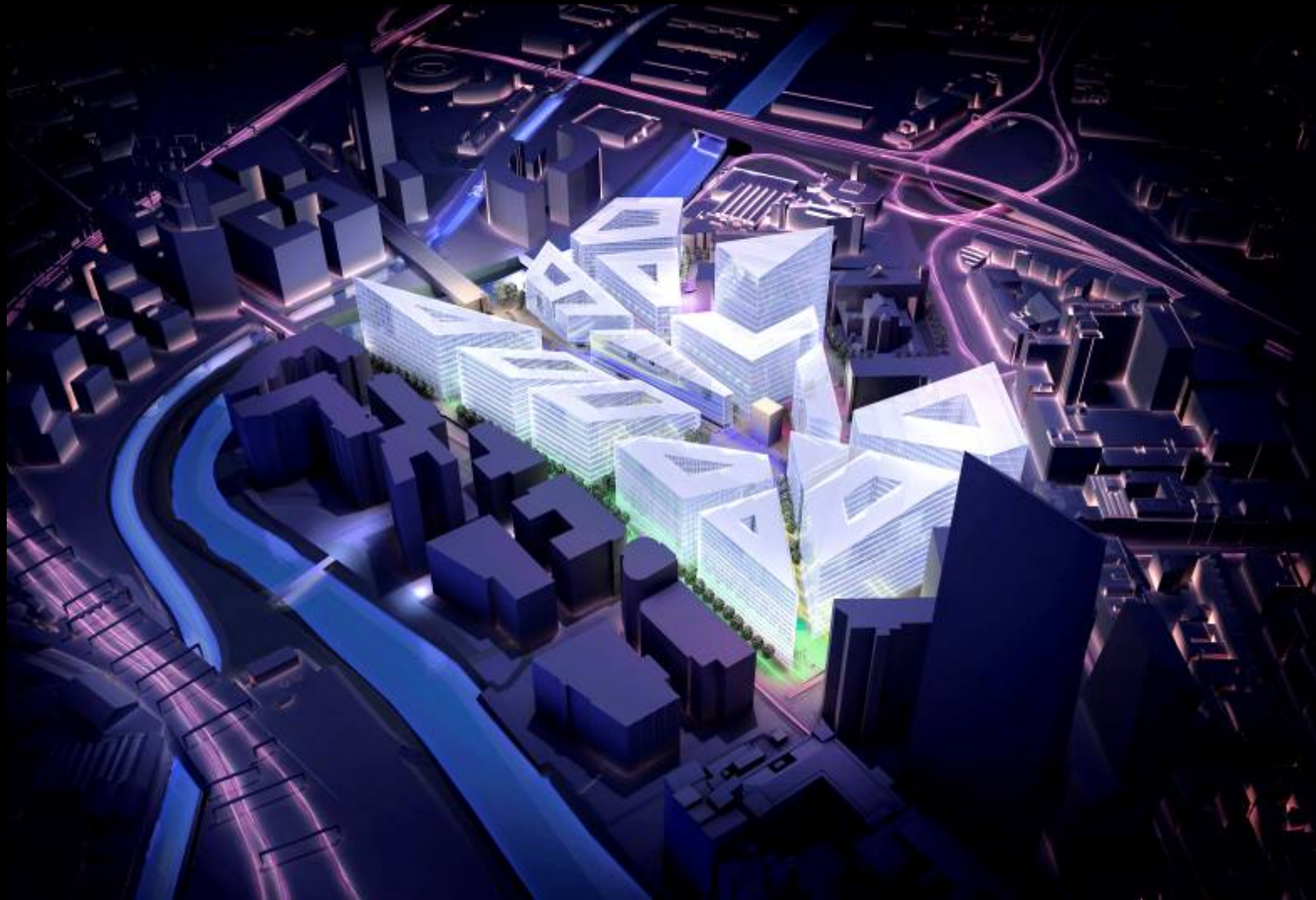
	Energy Savings	Rent premium, per sr.ft.	Increase in occupancy rates	Sales Premium, per sq.ft.
LEED certified	25-30%*	\$11.24	3.8%	\$171
Energy star certified	<40%	\$2.38	3.6%	\$61

* 25-30% for all LEED buildings, including certified, silver, gold and platinum grades. For gold and platinum savings approach 50%.

The above table is sourced from the the USGBC website

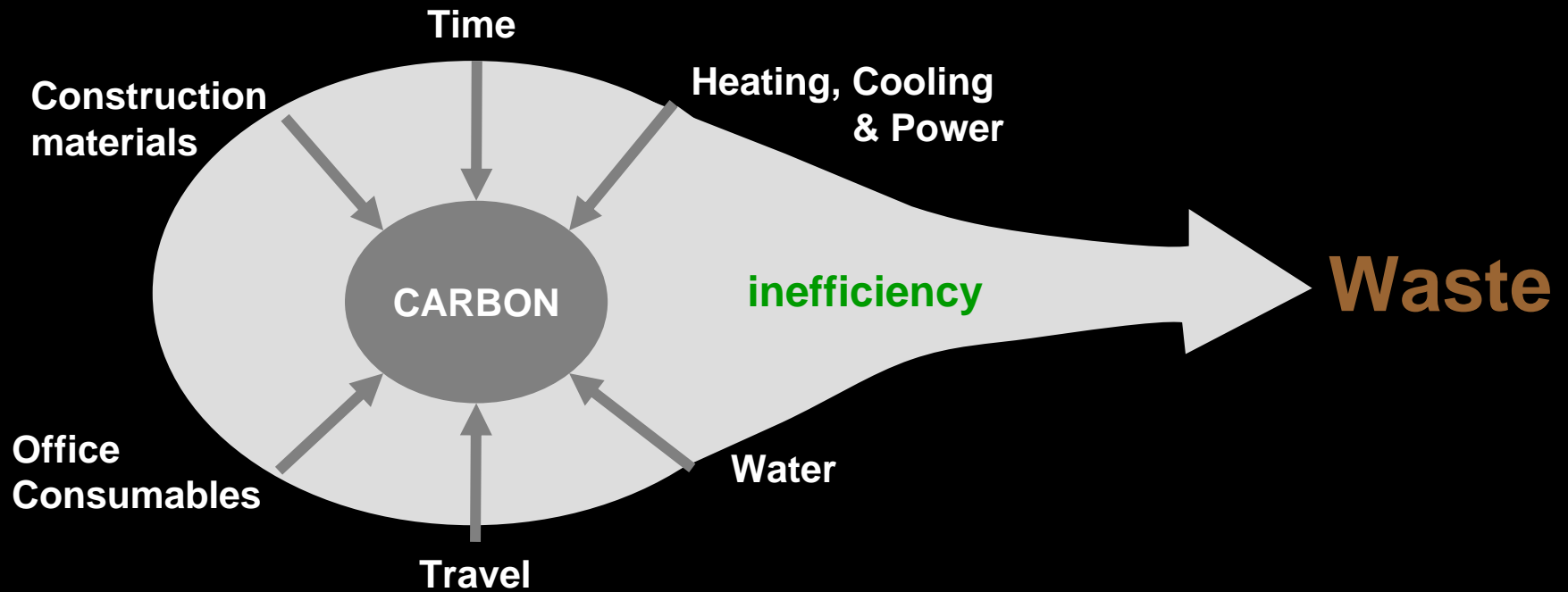


Case Study – Wellington Place



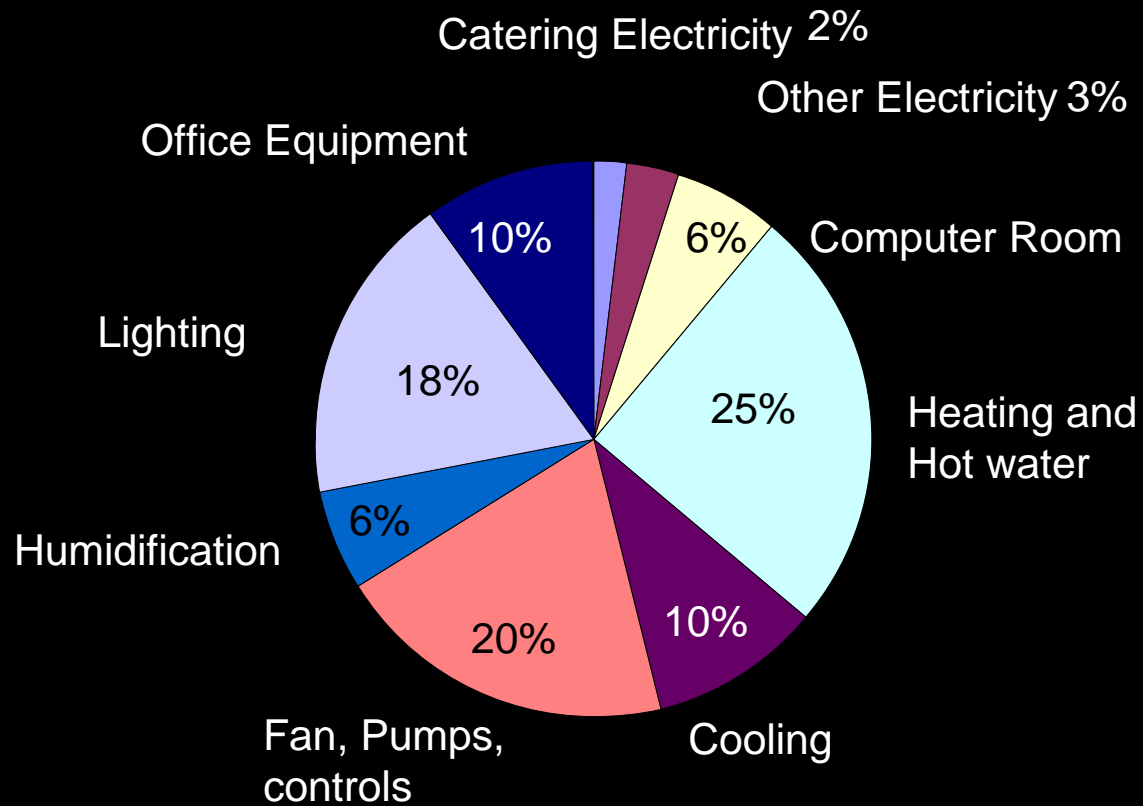
- 250,000 sq.m. (2.7million sq.ft.)
- New city centre business quarter
- Mixed-use development.
- 14 acres
- Sustainable community
- Offices
- Residential
- Restaurants & cafes
- Cultural facilities
- New public squares





“Just use less stuff”

BUSINESS ENERGY USE AND CARBON



Building Features

- Displacement ventilation – through raised floor plenum
- Chilled ceiling
- Perimeter hot water radiator heating
- 50% window to wall ratio to reduce solar gain
- Saving in fan energy from typical four pipe fan coil system
- Less maintenance
- Low energy solution



Other Features

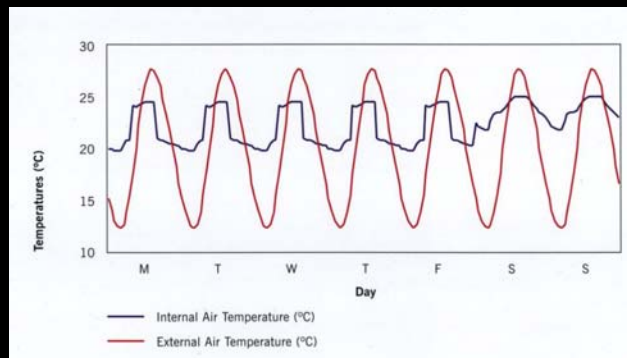
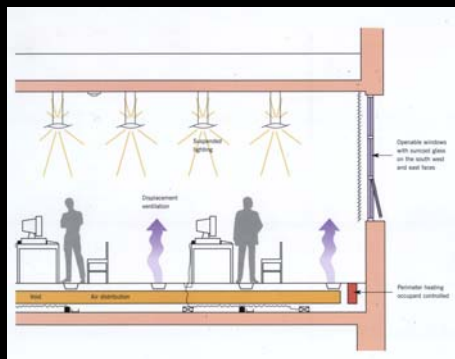
- Designed on a 1.5 m plan grid
- Partition head fixing detail incorporated in the 'chilled ceiling' system on a 1.5 m tartan grid

NB this has proved highly successful and sustainable in dealing with high churn rate and flexibility

- Client very pleased with the overall flexibility and environment of the building

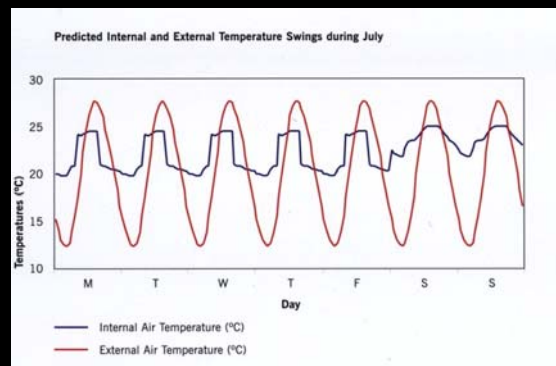
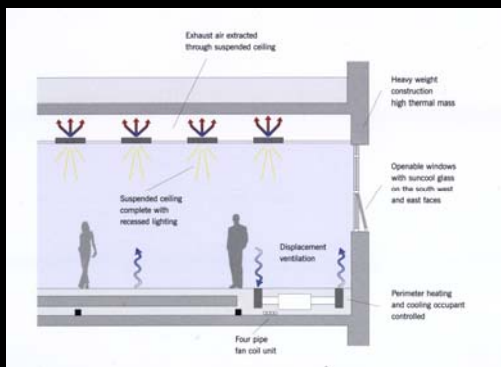


- The Developer was keen to explore the benefits of a sustainable design
- Sustainability was central to the design process from the start
- Performance targets were used to aid the design process
- Robust yet simple servicing strategy
- Maximum use made of the existing thermal mass and high open floor plates



Central Square Phase II Advances on Phase I

- Simple lighting controls added to improve tenants energy consumption
- Additional cooling (w/m²) provided through installation of fan coil units
- Controls philosophy simplified following experience on phase 1
- Increased number of dedicated tenants risers provided



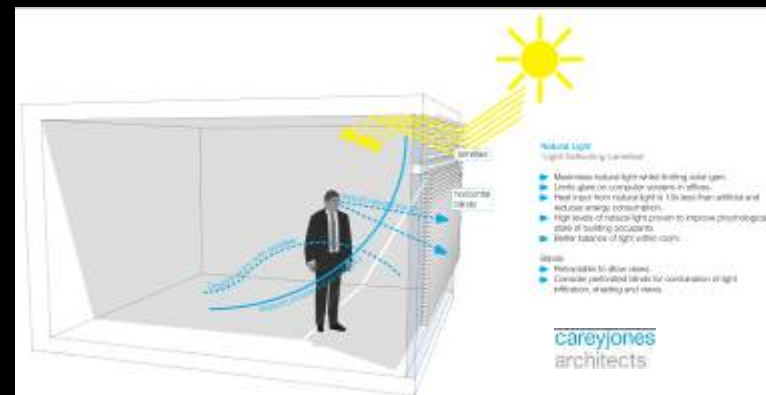
Simple ideas to Create a sustainable office Part 1

- Specify products with true 'Green' credentials
 - Create a Green Library!
- Reduce waste through design
- Video conference more – travel less!
- Review the existing buildings performance/energy/water use – collect data
- Review the way the building is occupied – densities, maximisation etc
- Improve lighting controls/sensors



Simple ideas to Create a sustainable office Part 2

- Review building management systems
- Overhaul mechanical equipment
- Eco loos and sensor taps
- Review glazing – solar control and heat loss
- Sun shading – internal or external
- Waste disposal/ compactors
- Waste management strategy/ building alterations
- Encourage cycling - showers and lockers
- **Appoint a good professional team!**



Simple ideas to Operate a sustainable office Part 1

- Turn off lights when not needed
- Review light source/bulbs
- Turn off computers and other equipment when not being used and particularly over night (i.e. not on standby)
- Buy energy/electric from sustainable providers
- Review temp settings e.g. can higher temps in summer be acceptable if people change their dress code?



Simple ideas to Operate a sustainable office Part 2

- Ensure mechanical and electrical equipment is properly serviced
- Separate waste at source/bins
- Double sided printing
- Washable crockery rather than disposable, e.g. plastic cups
- Recycling strategy – paper/furniture/equipment
- Review suppliers/deliveries/couriers compliance
- Implement green travel plan – encourage walking, cycling and public transport
- Educate and engage staff



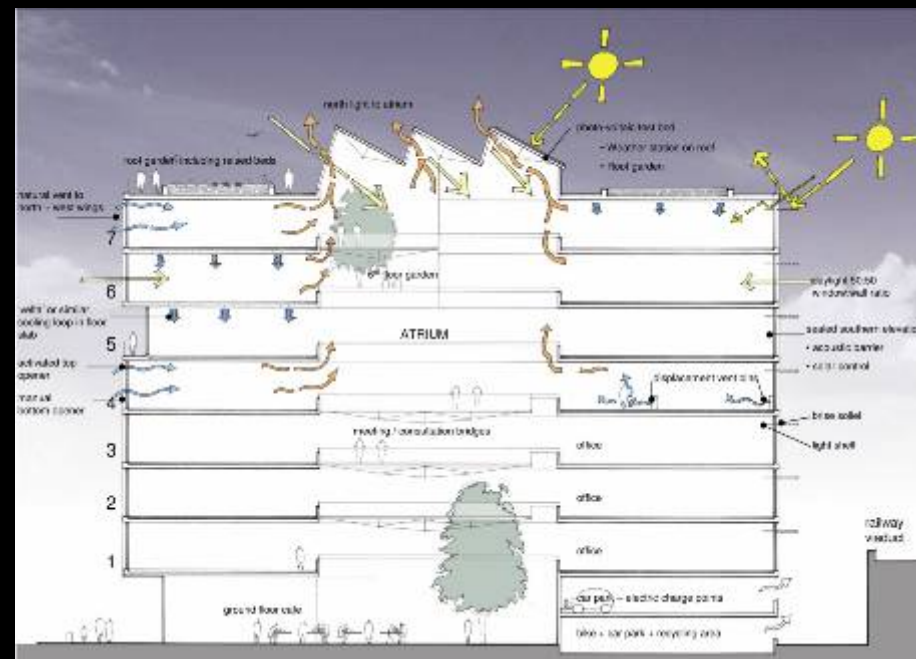
Building Features

- Low carbon Grade A office scheme
- Holistic approach sets new standards for future office design
- Designed as an exemplar/showcase for sustainable design and management
- South wing acts as an acoustic shield to the railway – solar gain reduced through high performance glazing and solar shading
- North and west wing naturally ventilated through manual and automated opening windows to maximise efficiency
- Flat slab concrete floor incorporates “Velta” or similar cooling loops providing “chilled floor” solution
- Velta system connected to Aquifer providing natural cooling.
- High floor to soffit circa 3550mm enhances air flow and thus comfort
- Atria produces “stack effect” ensuring air flow at all times



Building Features

- Southern wing air supply via displacement vent bins with cooling through adiabatic system (low energy)
- Additional tenant cooling provided by chilled beams (cooling from the aquifer source)
- Bio diesel or bio mass boiler utilised for heating
- Potential to use solar hot water system (mounted on atria north light roof)
- 50:50 window to solid wall ratio – good natural daylight balanced with reducing heat loss/gain
- High quality suspended light fittings providing up/down light. Sophisticated lighting controls to minimise electric consumption
- Dimmer system to encourage lower overall lux levels and utilise task lighting – more energy efficient.
- Internal light shelves to southern façade to enhance
- Weather station on roof to monitor buildings performance and provide long term data
- Recycling facilities provided
- Photo Voltaic test station on roof (new products)
- Roof garden provides both food produce for café and also amenity space for the tenants
- Building materials carefully selection from renewable resources in order to reduce carbon footprint



HANDOVER

Testing and Commissioning to

- Achieve health and comfort
- Maintain building systems
- ***Minimise carbon emissions***

Occupier Education

- Key environmental features
- What maintenance and how often
- Occupier to take “ownership”
- Occupier / Landlord agreement
- “Green” Leases



Post Occupancy Monitoring and Fine Tuning

- **Reduce 30% of Energy Usage** by implementing some of the following actions:

- Equipment Functioning as designed
- Consider your Cleaning Options (team/day cleaning, switching off)
- Initiate an Energy Awareness Programme
- Install Monitor Power management Software
- Change Incandescent to CFL and HID
- Harvest Daylight
- Evaluate After-Hours usage
- Adjust ventilation

- Feedback / evaluation / good practice

- **Involve the original designers**

We need to challenge the defaults that our lifestyle is set to.



BCO Best Practice Guides reflect the BEST of INDUSTRY standards

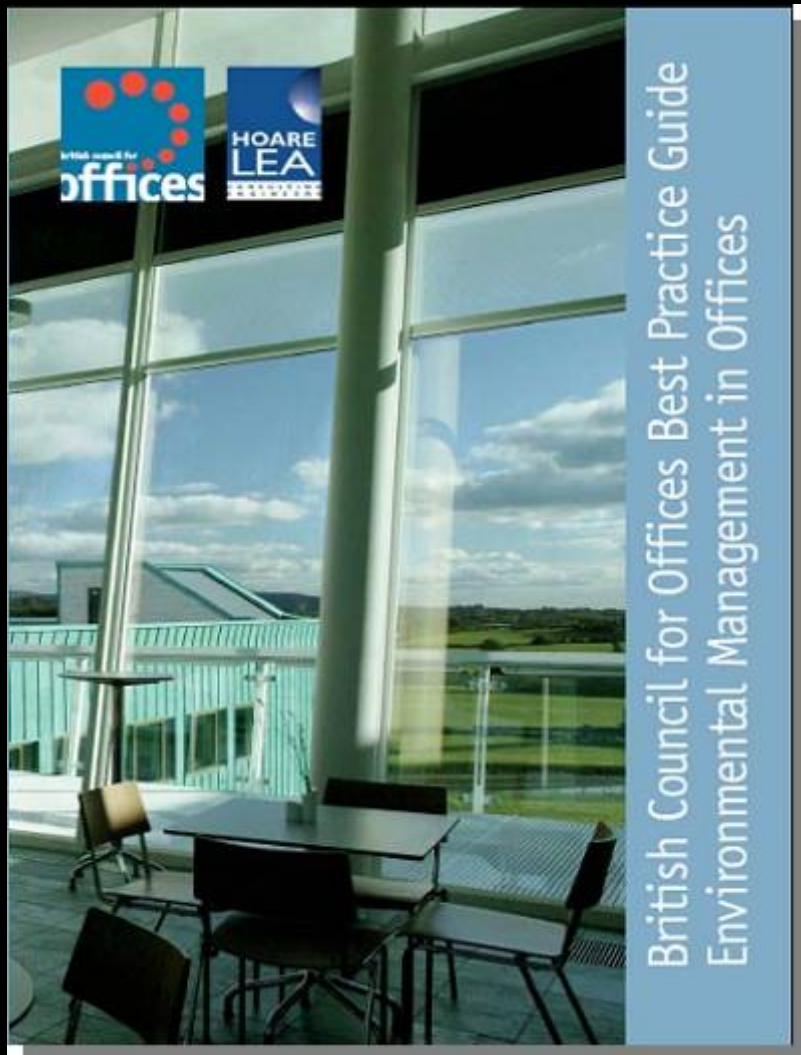
Investor
Building Owner
Developer

Building user

Agents

Contractors
Operators
Design Team





Next Steps – BCO Research:

- Refurbishment / re-cycling of the UK's older office stock
- BCO highlight issue, provide best solutions
- Research criteria to consider:
 - Site Issues
 - Building Form including grids and core elements
 - Engineering
 - Finishes and Fit out
- Major focus on:
 - Energy, carbon footprints
 - Life-cycle costs
 - Business performance and workplace productivity
 - Balance between productivity and business performance issues versus the costs of high sustainable building quality and kit.
 - The investment issues

A Developers View...

- Moved from a position of skepticism to one of acceptance and basic necessity
- New developments with environmental issues are a primary consideration
- Industry's ability to develop new highly energy efficient buildings tempered only by the degree they can be delivered in a practical and cost effective way
- In the medium and long term environmental issues will directly affect value – **IGNORE THEM AT YOUR PERIL**

Quote Mike Hussey, Land Securities

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