

Towards Zero Carbon: A Short Introduction to Passivhaus at Tye Green Paul Smyth, Passivhaus Certifier & Tye Green Consultant



What is Passivhaus?

An energy and comfort standard for buildings

Developed in Germany in the 1980's. Proven in over 7000 buildings worldwide





Huge reductions in energy use for heating





250 237 200 150 **Space Heating** (kWh/m2/yr) 104 100 50 16 15 10.9 10.8 0 Neue Burse, Wien, Husby Amfi, Konstanz Constable Heronbank, Molkereistraße 1. Terrace, University University of Norway Apartments, University of Wuppertal, Rothenburg, of East Anglia, UK Warwick, UK Austria Germany Switzerland

Comparison of UK and European Best Practice

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Source: Passivhaus Institut, Darmstadt



How do we do it?

Passive House Verification 4 2 End-of-Terrace Passive House Kranichstein Buildina Location and Climate: Darmstadt Kranichstein Standard Germany Street D-64289 Darmstadt Partendo/City: Germany/Hesse Country: Terraced House/Dwelling Building Type: Bauherrengemeinschaft Passivhaus Home Owner(r) / Client(r): Street: D-64289 Darmstadt Partendo/City: Prof. Bott/Ridder/Westermeyer Architect: Jahnstr. 8 Street: D-64285 Darmstadt Partendo/City: öeb Dipl.-Ing. Norbert Stärz Mechanical System: Street: Bahahofstr. 49 D-64319 Pfungstadt Partendo/City: 22 Year of Construction 1991 Number of Duelling Units: 1 Interior Temperature: 20.0 ·c 23 24 25 26 665.0 Enclared Valume V.; Internal Heat Gains 2.1 Wim. Number of Occupants: 4.5 27 Specific Demandr with Reference to the Treated Floor Area m2 29 Treated Floor Area: 156.0 30 Applied: Haalki, Halkad PB Coolificato: 1-16:11-47 Specific Spece Heat Demand: 14 kWM(m²a) 15 kWM(m²a) Yes 31 0.2 1.1 0.6 6.4 Yes **Pressurization Test Result:** 32 Specific Primery Energy Domend (BEW, Braling, Cooling, Annihisty and 65 kWM(m²a) Yes 120 kWh/(m²a) 33 Reserved Electricital : Spraific Primary Earryy Denand 37 kVM(m²a) (BEW, Braling and Annihisen Electricity): 34 Spraifis Primary Earryy Dravad kVM(m²a) 35 Earryg Coursealine by Salar Elevisity: V/m² 10 36 Bealing Load: 37 3 z 25 c Freesenses of Americalian: over 38 Spraific Barfal Cauling Earryg Drazad: kVM(m²a) 15 kWh/(m²a) Cooling Load: 9 V/a² 39 41 We confirm that the values given herein have been issued ou: 42 43 determined following the PHPP methodology and based 44 on the characteristic values of the building. The calculations signed: with PHPP are attacked to this application. 45 46 14 4 **>** >1 Brief Instructions Verification Areas U-List U-Values Ground Windows / WinType / Shading



Calculate energy using the Passive House Planning Package (PHPP).



Ventilation

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Ready



Maximise 'free' heat savings

Huddle buildings together into terraces or flats

Increase windows on the South to capture the suns heat.

Keep the building simple.

Balconies or radiator fins?





Scale bar - check to ensure printing is to scale

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Cooling Load:	7	W/m ²		5	W/m ²	

Specific Space Heat Demand

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Specific Primary Energy Demand (DHW, Heating, Cooling, Auxiliary and Household Electricity)

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Eliminate air leakage 10X better than building regulations

Building Type	Air Permeability (m ³ /hr/m ² at 50 Pa)				
	Good practice	Best practice			
Dwellings	10.0	5.0			
Dwellings (with balanced mech. vent.)	5.0	3.0			
Offices (naturally ventilated)	7.0	3.5			
Offices (with balanced mech. Vent.)	3.5	2.0			
Superstores	3.0	1.5			
Offices (low energy)	3.5	2.0			
Industrial	10.0	2.0			
Museums and Archives	1.7	1.25			
Cold Storage	0.8	0.4			
Air Leakage Standards, based on CIBSE 1	M23 2000 (upper fiv	'e),			
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Build quality must be game changing

Ventilation

Continuous flow of fresh, filtered air into the home.

Heat is recovered from extract air.

Passivhaus is mixed mode so windows can be opened!



extract supply exhaust air air 19 18 17 16 15 10



MVHR filter after 6 months in Central London Image from bere:architects.co.uk



10X smaller heating system needed to stay warm

Building stays warm "passively" from solar gain, appliances and people!

You could heat the house with a hair dryer!



Mercedes Benz quality

Comfort is reliant on good workmanship

Opportunity to improve low carbon skills









Passivhaus V Code for Sustainable Homes

Passivhaus only deals with energy. Code addresses water, materials, biodiversity etc.

Focus on fabric and energy rather than renewables and carbon. You need both for a zero carbon home.

Passivhaus = Code Level 3 or 4.

Passivhaus principles will be standard practice within 10 years





Homes not houses

"I want to reduce my carbon emissions"

"We need a warm house as my husband has Raynauds syndrome"

"We want to save on fuel bills, they're only going to go up"

"Filtering the air will help with my hayfever"



Huge reductions in energy costs

€39 bill for 8 months of heating!

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