# Carbon tracking and calculation

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# **Project calculation**



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**Overview** 

About Sheppard Robson

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**Sectors** 

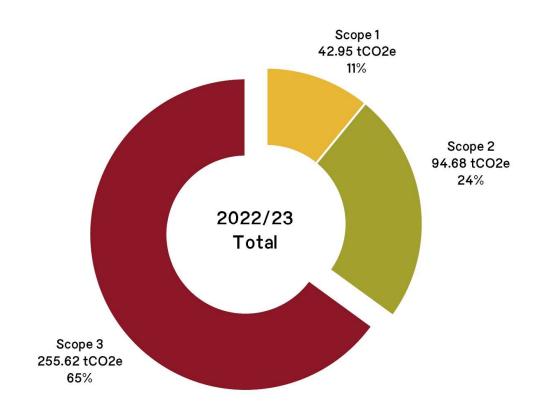
Our Experience About

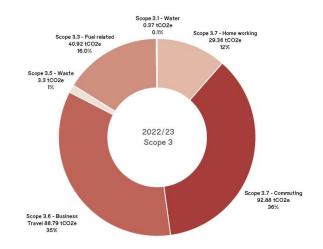


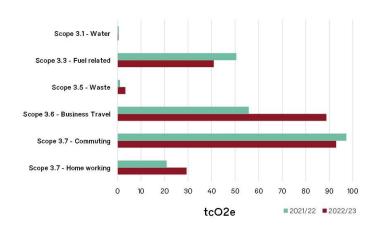
- ISO 9001 + 14001 certified
- Certified Passivhaus Designers
- UKGBC Advisory Group Board
- Signatories of UK's Architects Declare Climate + Biodiversity Emergency Commitment

- Former Sustainability Advisor to RIBA
- Signatories of RIBA 2030 Climate Challenge
- Signatories of AJ Retrofirst Campaign

Sustainable innovation since 1938







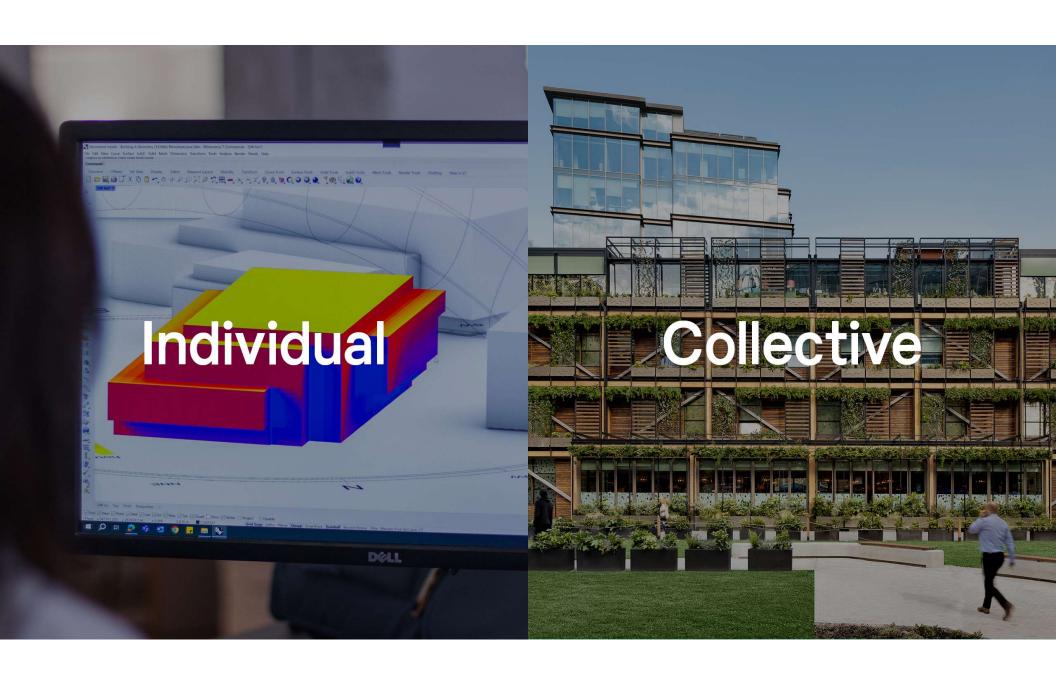
Overall carbon footprint





EXAMPLE PROJECT CARBON FOOTPRINT (A1-A5 ONLY) APPROX 17,000 TCO2E

## Carbon footprint







Passive design



Active design



Parametric design



Embodied carbon



Health + wellbeing



Measurement POE





Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital



245 Hammersmith Road



Collaborative Teaching Laboratories



Siemens Middle East HQ



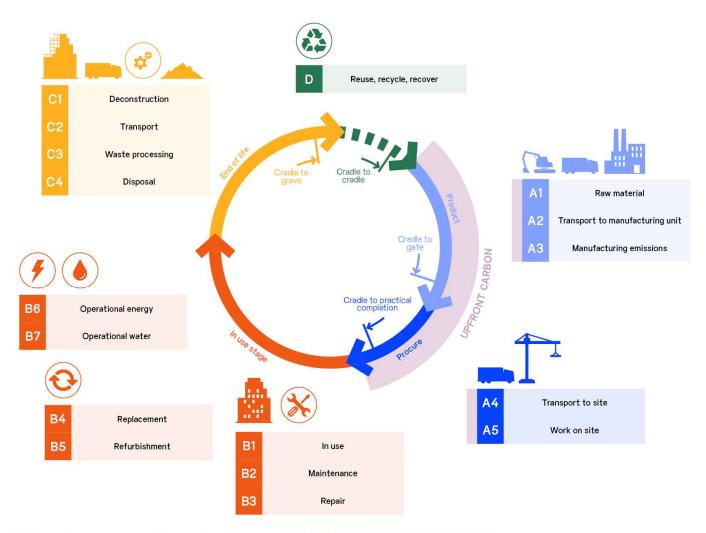
20 Finsbury Circus



Deloitte HQ



Lancaster Institute for the Contemporary Arts



Whole Life Carbon Modules BS EN 15978

#### Note:

Steps aligned with UKGBC Net Zero Carbon Buildings Framework.



#### ) Establish brief

Establish net zero carbon scope, targets and environmental certification aspirations. Consider the reuse strategy.



#### Passive design optimisation

Use a fabric first approach. Future-proof building envelope design by considering orientation, solar shading, airtightness, thermal bridging etc.



#### Whole life carbon

Limit upfront and life-cycle embodied carbon to meet industry typology targets where available. Consider whole life carbon implications of proposals.



#### 3 Eliminate gas

Proposals to be all-electric.



## 2 Reduce operational energy demand

Total regulated and unregulated energy consumption to meet industry typology EUI targets where available.



## 5 Consider onsite renewables

Explore opportunities to integrate renewable energy generation into the architecture of buildings.



# 6 Offset remaining carbon

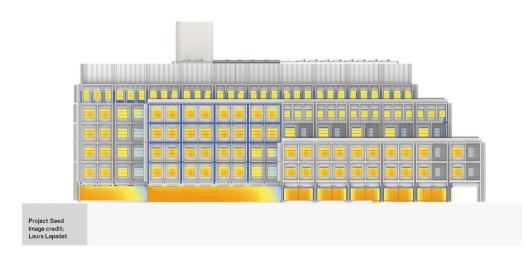
Any remaining carbon to be offset using schemes that align to best practice industry guidance.



#### Publicly disclose energy + carbon data

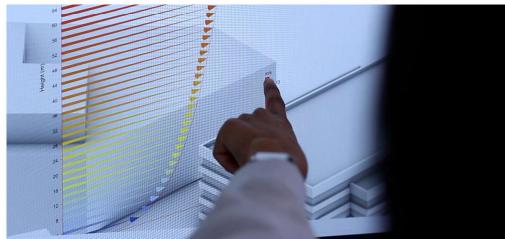
At Practical Completion, and then energy and carbon data annually as the building is in-use.

Net zero carbon roadmap

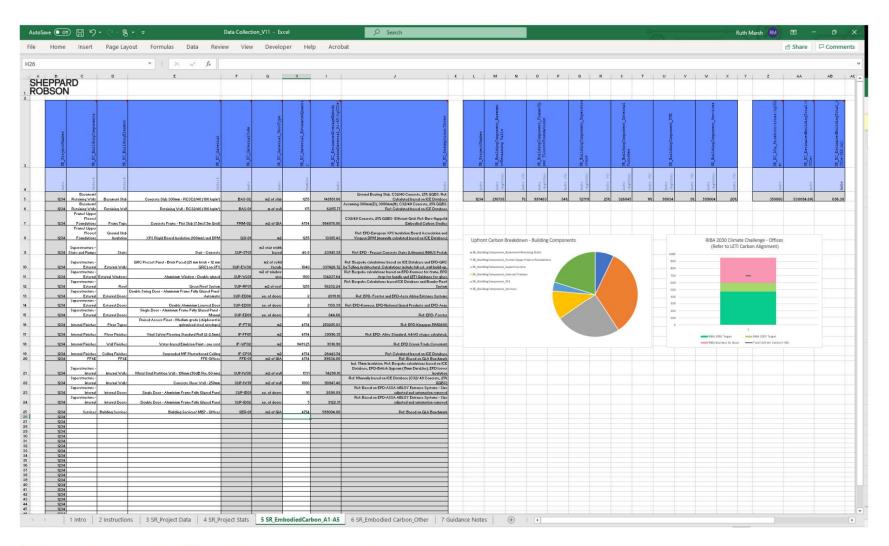




- PHPP
- Ladybug and Honeybee
- Forma



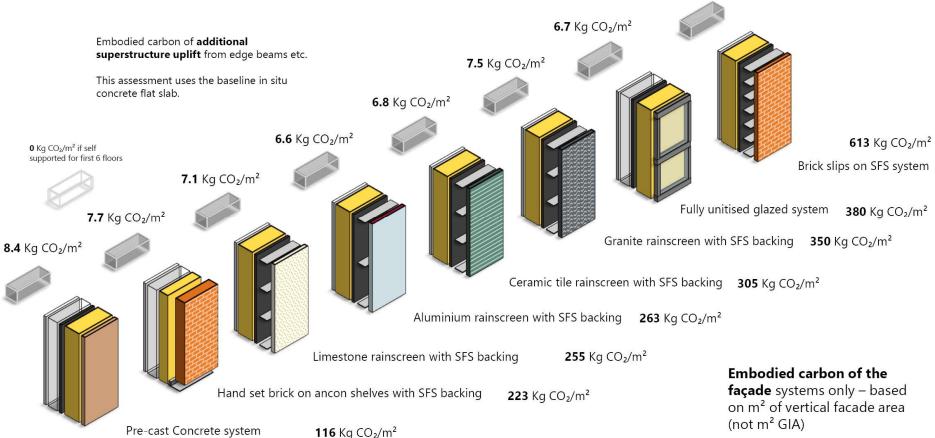
In-house Passive Design Tools



## **Up Front Carbon Tool**

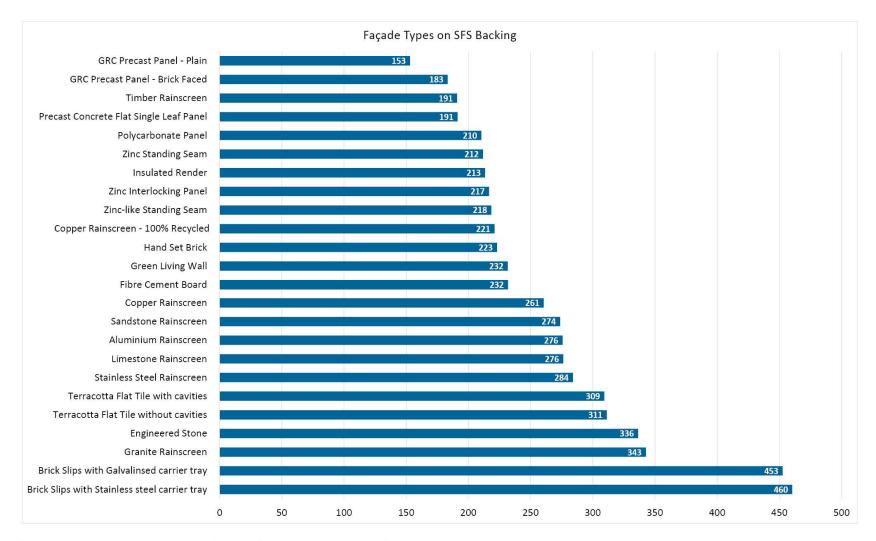
#### Courtesy of Buro Happold





**7.1** Kg CO<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>2</sup>

### Façade Analysis



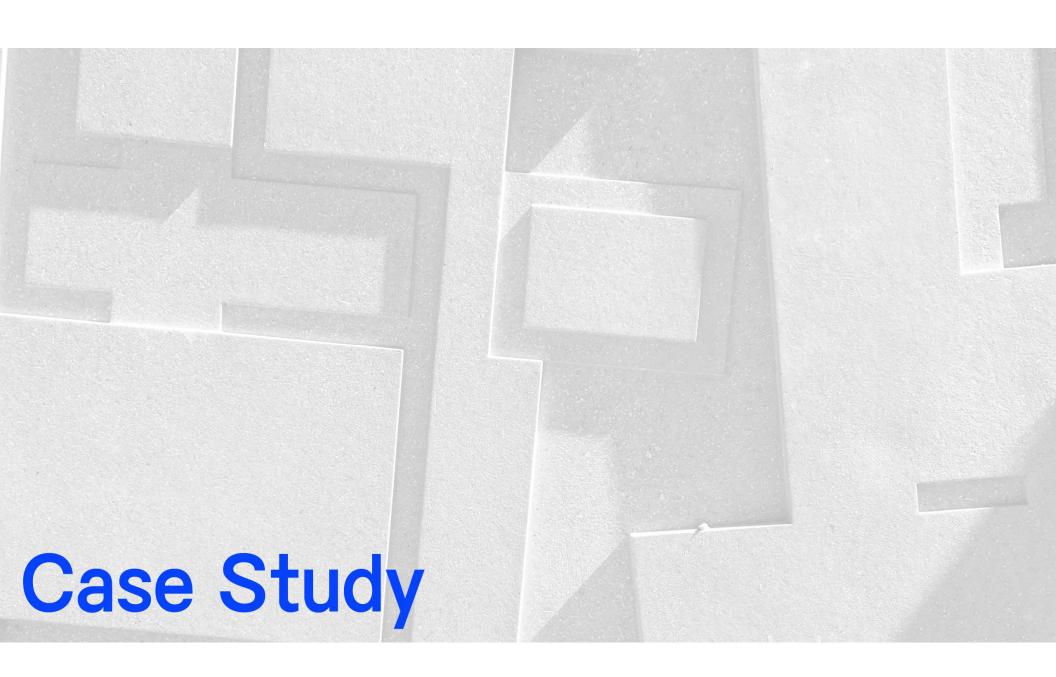
Façade Analysis from In-House Tool







## **Low Carbon Materials Library**

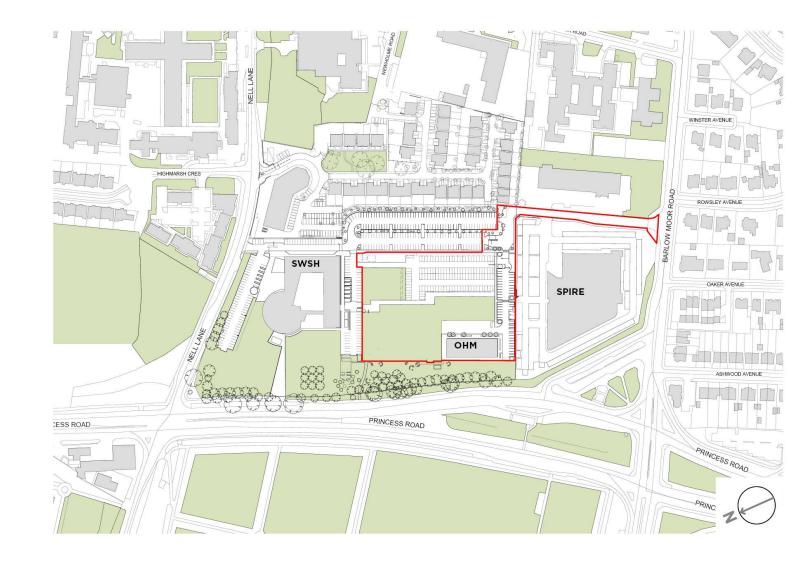




Location: Manchester

Client: Bruntwood

**EvO Building** 

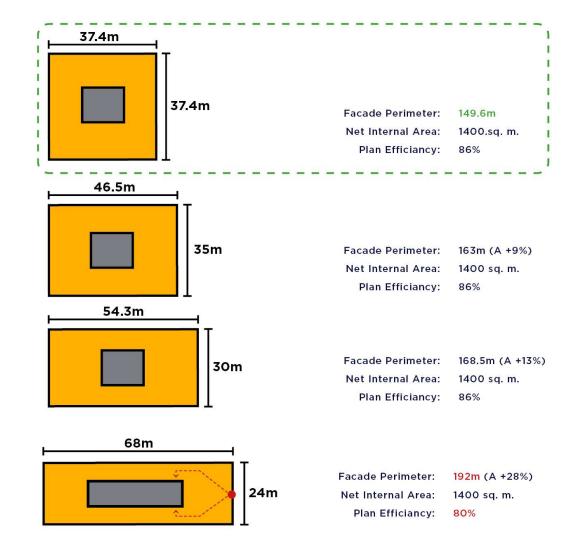


- Edge of town
- Flat Site
- Near busy road

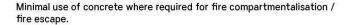
### **Site Location**

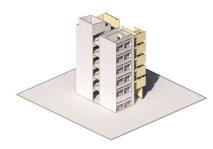
- From factor 0.76, LETI recommend less than 2
- Low form = less heat loss and gain
- Low form factor = less material required to build the facade
- Simple square plan
   high efficiency and less material to build building

### Form Factor









Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) used for non-structural elements



Glulam columns & beams with minimal spans to reduce embodied carbon.



CLT floor slabs at optimal spansto reduce embodied carbon



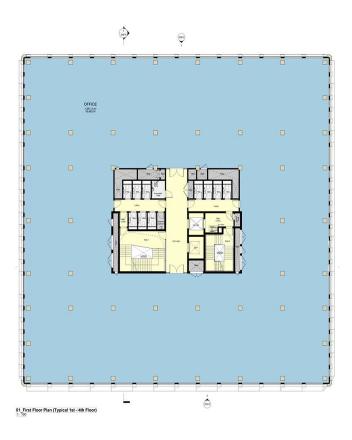
Raised Access Flooring /Roof / Plant Screen



Air tight envelope combining solid and glazed elements

## **Building Structure**





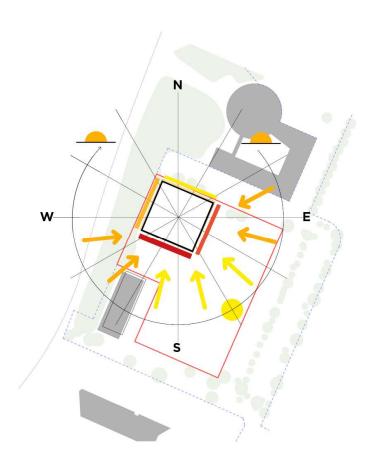
**Ground floor Plan** 

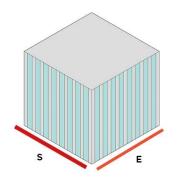
**Building Layout** 

Typical Floor Plan

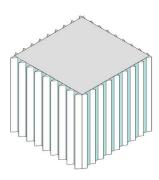


- Low U-value facade not required due to internal heat sources (people, lighting, computers)
- Square floor plate limited peak heating requirements
- Minimising solar gain was important in reducing peak cooling load and annual energy requirements.
- Orientation alone had little impact but when combined with maximising shading to suit sun path the impact was significant

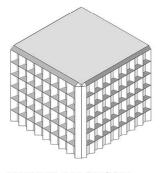




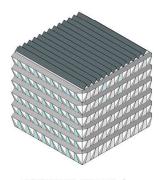
OPTIMISE PERFORMANCE -MAXIMISE DAYLIGHT & MINIMISE HEAT LOSS / SOLAR GAIN



MINIMISE SOLAR GAIN -VERTICAL SHADING

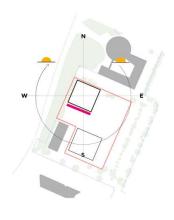


MINIMISE SOLAR GAIN -HORIZONTAL SHADING



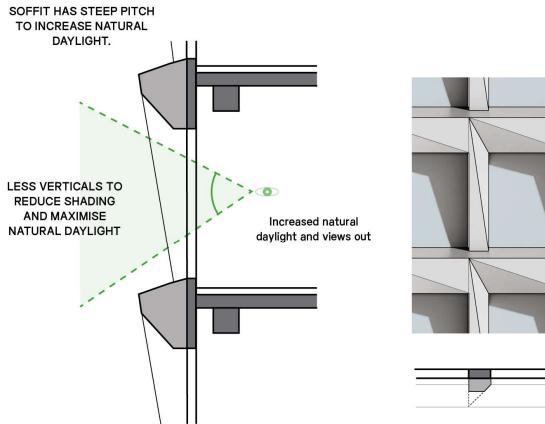
OPTIMISE VIEWS /
PERFORMANCE WITH
SOLAR GENERATION (PV / PVT)

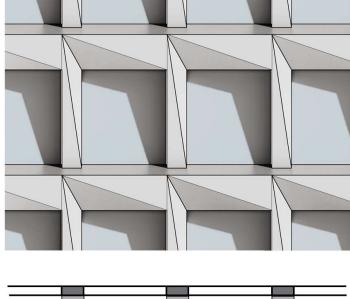
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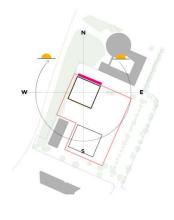


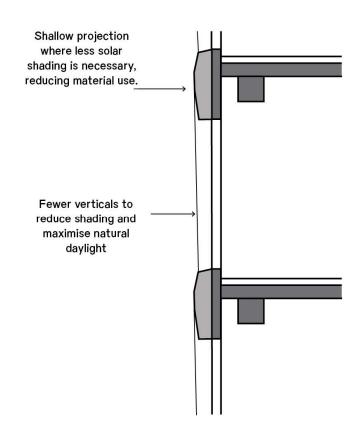
- Minimise solar gain from high south sun via horizontal shading
- Minimise solar gain from hot afternoon west sun from vertical shading
- Angle soffit to maximise daylight

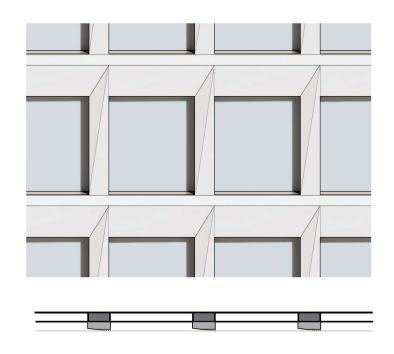
South Façade





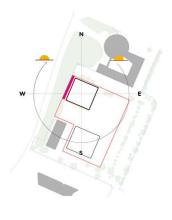


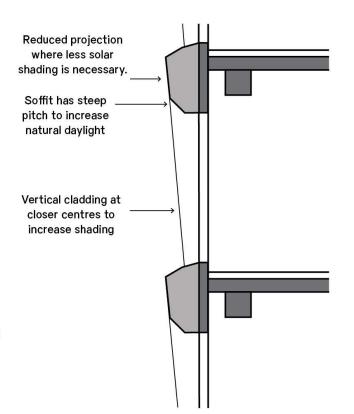


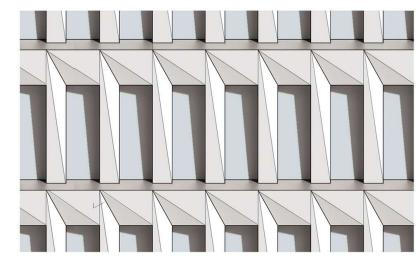


- Minimal shading
- Maximise daylight

## North Façade



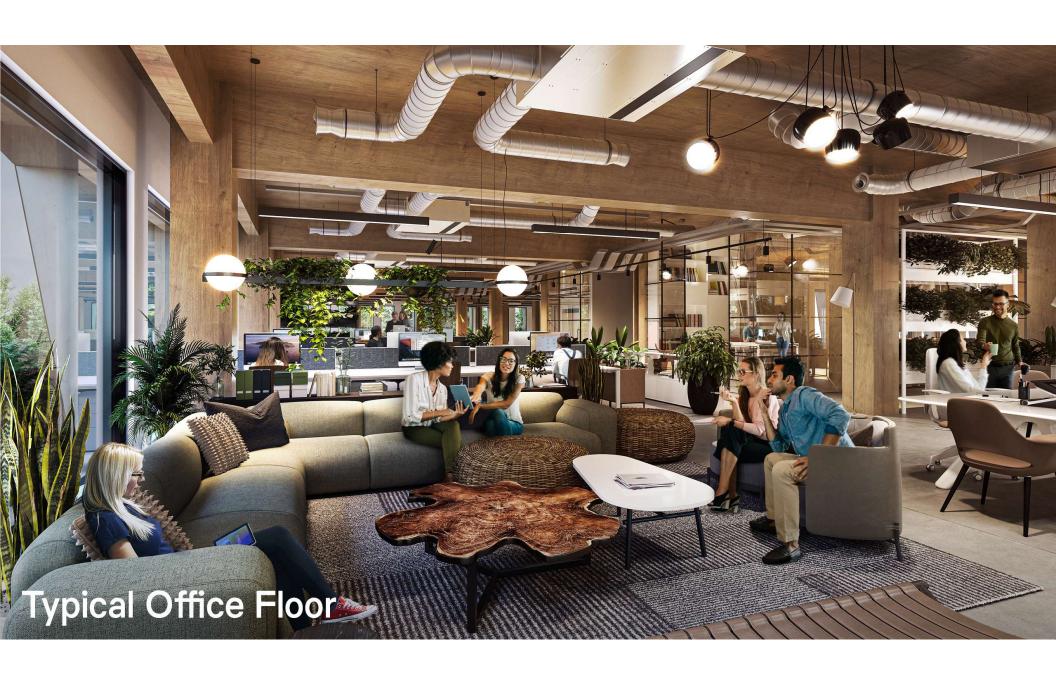




- Minimise solar gain from hot afternoon west sun from vertical shading
- Reduce spacing of vertical cladding to increase shading

## West Façade







### Upfront carbon

- This is the total carbon generated to produce a built asset, including emissions caused by extraction, manufacturing, transportation and assembly.
- 124kg C02e/m2 of the gross internal area (GIA) when taking carbon sequestration into account. 516kg CO2e/m2 (GIA) without taking sequestration into account, which is 14% lower than the 2020 LETI design target of 600kg CO2e/M2
- The Whole Life Carbon assessment for the development is currently calculated at 871kg C02e/ m2 (GIA), below the RIBA 2025 target of 970kg C02e/m2 (GIA), with the ambition of meeting the RIBA 2030 target of 750kg C02e/m2 (GIA) during design development.

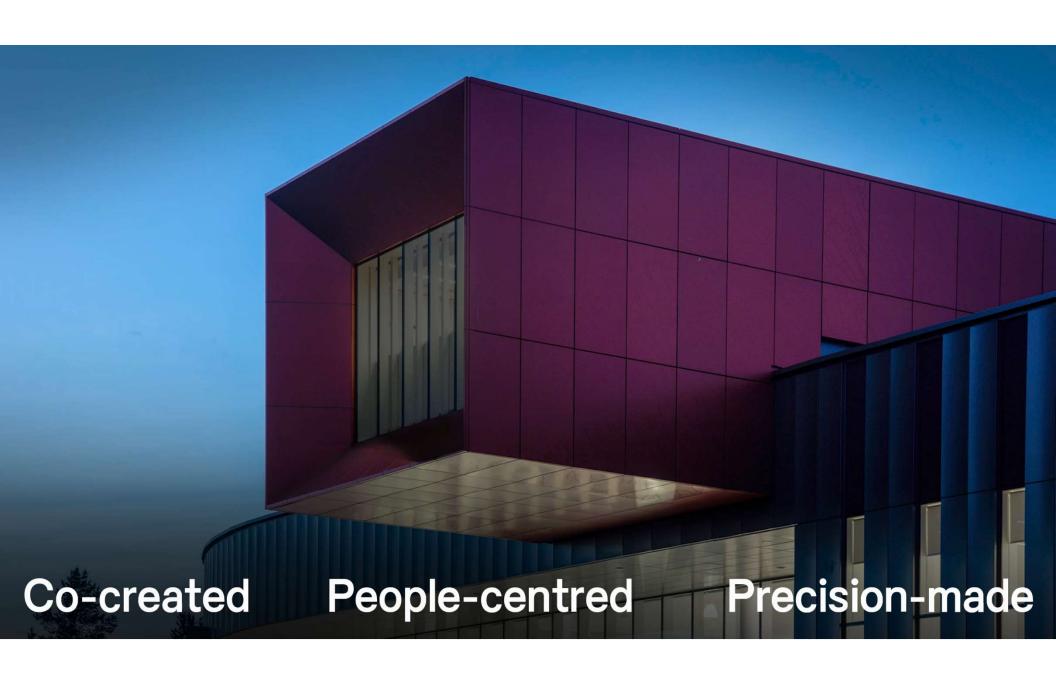
### Operational carbon

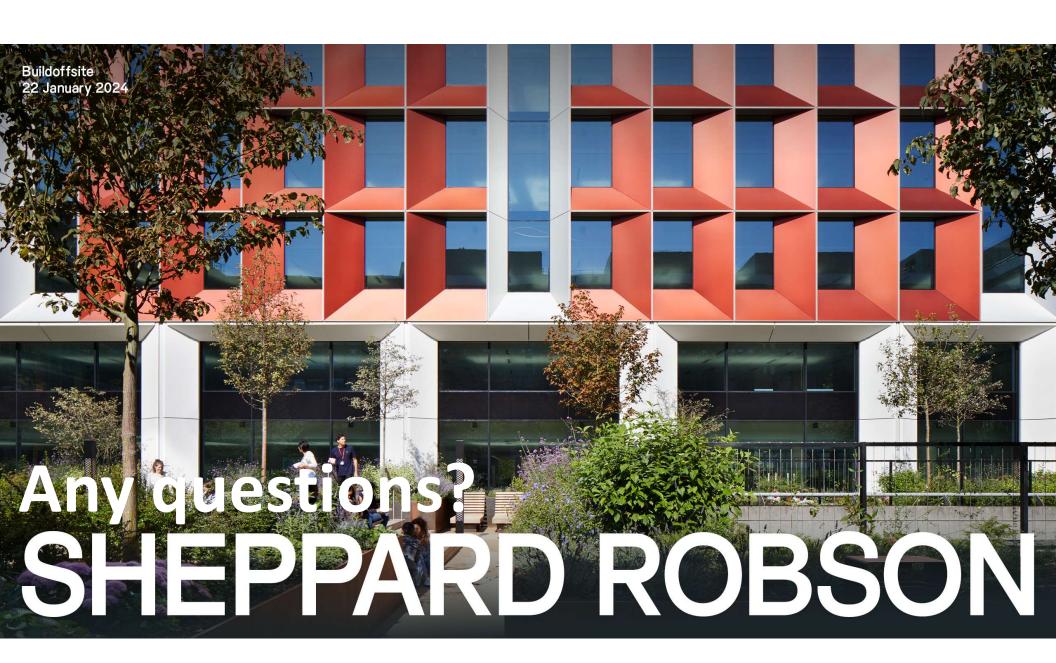
- The base building operational energy use has been calculated at 28kWh/m2/year (GIA), which is slightly below the UKGBC's Paris Proof Target of 30kWh/ m2/year (GIA).
- Occupier energy has been assumed at 35kWh/m2/ year (NIA) in line with the UKGBC's Paris Proof Target, whole building energy intensity is at 54kWh/ m2/year (GIA), again slightly below the UKGBC's Paris Proof Target of 55kWh/m2/year (GIA).
- If the onsite generation is included, i.e. if only energy demand imported from the grid is assessed, the operational energy demand for the building is calculated at 5kWh/m2/year (GIA), The remaining energy demand of the building will be met by green energy generated from Bruntwood's co-operative wind farm.

**Net-zero Carbon** 

- Re-using an existing structure would save 40% embodied carbon
- Form factor is hugely important
- SFS with punched windows preferable to curtain walling
- Efficiency is key, i.e build with less
- Reducing peak loads is key i.e cooling
- Reducing cost can be associated to reducing carbon
- Exposed timber structure minimises need for finishes and adds tenant appeal
- Design programme needs to account for iterative design process

### **Lessons Learnt**





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