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DYNAMIC SIMULATION MODELLING & POST OCCUPANCY EVALUATION

### 'THE CURRENT REALITY'

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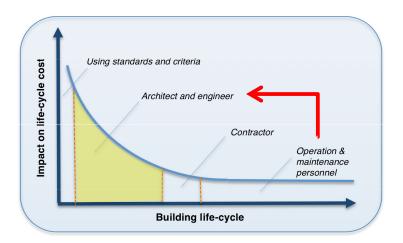
# The bigger picture



Why do we do what we do!!

To provide buildings

- (1) ..... an environment where people can live, work and achieve
- (2) ..... in the most energy efficient way possible



## The bigger picture



Why do we do what we do!!

#### **Current Facts**

- Average temperatures have climbed 0.8 °C since 1880
- Rate of warming is increasing. Last two decades were the hottest in 400 years
- In the Arctic Average temperatures have risen at twice the global average
- Glaciers and mountain snows are rapidly melting
- Coral reefs deteriorating due to highly sensitive to small changes in temperatures
- Upsurge of extreme weather events

#### Cause

Due to industrialization, deforestation, pollution, greenhouse gases carbon dioxide etc.

#### **Predictions**

- Extreme weather conditions (Strong hurricanes, droughts, heat waves, wildfires)
- Predicted ice-free summer in the Arctic by 2040
- Sea level could rise 100 million people live within 1 meter of mean sea level



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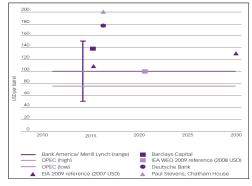
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"A supply crunch appears likely around 2013.... Given recent price experience, a spike in excess of \$200 per barrel is not infeasible"

Professor Paul Stevens, Chatham House



Taken from Lloyd's 360 Risk Insight Sustainable Energy Security White paper – Chatham House

#### Vulnerability

- Political instability of several energy producing countries
- Price (Supply vs Demand)
- Saving money (energy & water)
- Terrorist attacks on supply infrastructure
- Natural disasters

## The bigger picture

Why do we do what we do!!

..... because we have to.

#### Policy

- In the EU, buildings are responsible for 40% of energy consumption.
- EU EPBD -20% reduction in  $CO_2$  emissions by 2020
- In UK Zero carbon non-domestic buildings by 2019
- Local Authority Policy: 10-20% renewables

#### **Building Regulations**

Approved Document Part L:2010 - Conservation of Fuel & Power

#### Standards

- BRE Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM)
- Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED)
- British Council for Offices (BCO)
- Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE)
- Other guidance such as Building Bulletins for School

...... but are we? Do we stop at 'handover'?





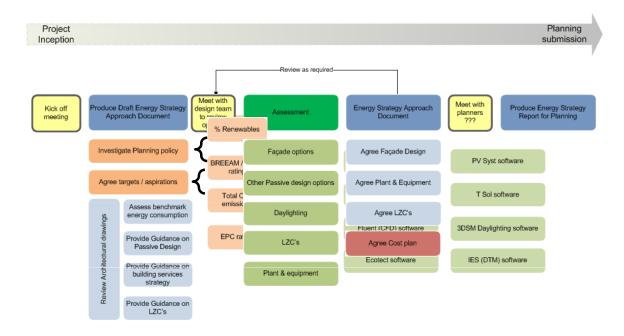


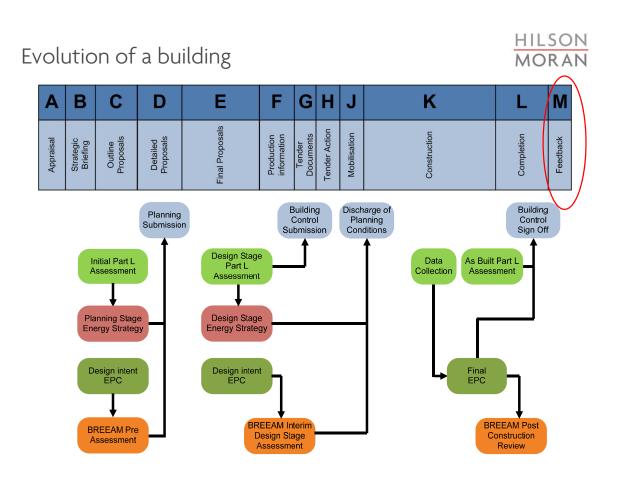




# Evolution of a building





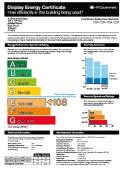


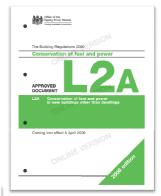
## Mechanisms



Building Regulations
Carbon Reduction Commitment
BREEAM 2011
BSRIA 'Soft Landings'
EPCs and DECs













## Mechanisms



**Building Regulations** 

Building design and ensure 'as designed' = 'as built' - Criterion 1-4

Ensure energy efficient operation – Criterion 5

Provide sufficient information about the building. CIBSE TM31: Building Log Book Toolkit

- Purpose & responsibilities (Facilities Manager ?)
- Overall building design
- Maintenance review
- Metering monitoring and targeting strategy
- Building energy performance records (CIBSE TM22)

Benefits to all stakeholders:

- Client, designer, FM and occupants





## Mechanisms



Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC)

Mandatory scheme for large public & private sector organisations

Responsible for 10% of the UK's emissions

Scheme based on three drivers; reputational, behavioural and financial.

Monitor energy use, calculate CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and purchase allowances

Performance league Table (PLT) is produced yearly



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BREEAM 2011

Life cycle stages:

- Design Stage (DS) leading to an Interim rating
- Post-Construction Stage (PCS) leading to a Final BREEAM certified rating

Stakeholder participation (Man 04) - (1 credit mandatory for 'Excellent' & 'Outstanding') Credits awarded for

- Building user information
- Post Occupancy Evaluation (POE)
- Information dissemination



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BSRIA – 'The Soft Landings Framework'

- Used to smooth the transition throughout the design process
- Can be used for new construction, refurbishment and alteration
- Soft landings starts by raising awareness of in-use performance
- Early stages
- Manages expectations
- Critical handover
- Extended aftercare (year 1-3)



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Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs)

- Intended to inform potential buyers or tenants
- Can be used for new construction, refurbishment and alteration
- Energy rating (A-G)
- Provides recommendations
- Accredited software

Display Energy Certificates (DECs)

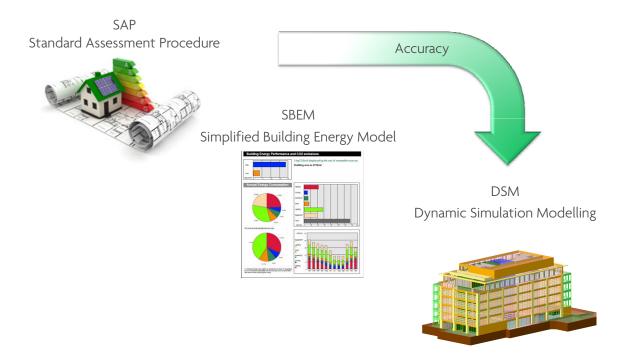
- To raise public awareness on energy use
- Same scale Energy rating (A-G)
- Measured energy data, recorded annually



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# Modelling Approach

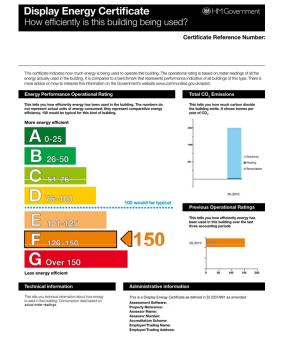




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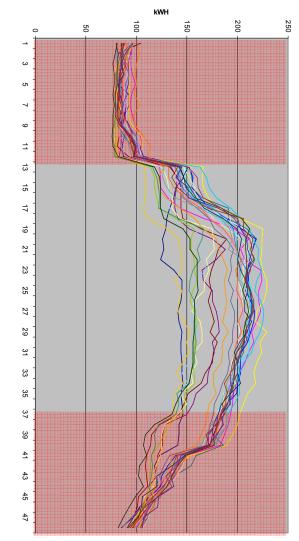
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- EPC Asset rating band = B
- Plant run times extended occupied hours
- Gas usage was less than expected
- Tenancy: Landlord = 2:1
- Ventilation on unoccupied floors
- Trace heating energised on BCWS



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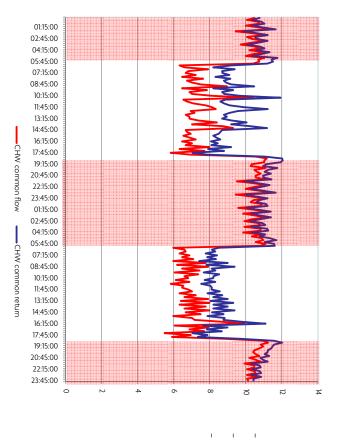




- Multi-tenant commercial office
- Half Hourly electricity supply over 24 hour period

# Examples





- Chilled water
- Over 48 hour
- Very low loads during 'out of hours'

# Final thoughts



### REMEMBER – WE are obliged to design 'ZERO' CARBON BUILDINGS by the end of the decade

- Building simulation as a compliance tools vs design tools
- POEs can help account for "known unknowns"
  - The modeller
  - The physical models
  - The software
  - 'Real conditions' Actual climate and occupancy
  - Design variations
- In this industry, post-occupancy evaluations have many advocates but a few practitioners
- Cannot manage what is not measured measuring data is useless without taken action

THANK YOU - QUESTIONS ?