



# **CIBSE HVAC Group** Celebration of Buildings & People

# 17 April 2024

At Hoare Lea, Western Transit Shed, 12-13 Stable Street, London N1C 4AB





Phil Draper Twenty One Engineering **CIBSE Winner: Engineer of the Year** 

**Susie Diamond** Inkling LLP **CIBSE Winner:** Small Consultancy

**Eimear Moloney** Hoare Lea **CIBSE Winner:** Large Consultancy & **Residential Project** 

**Bart Stevens** SGA Consulting **CIBSE Winner: Retrofit Project** & Performance Champion













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# Inkling – CIBSE Consultancy of the year\*

### **Susie Diamond – Inkling**

CIBSE HVAC Group

17<sup>th</sup> April 2024



### We won!





### Judges comments



In a strong category, the judges singled out Inkling as:

'An organisation punching well above its weight', 'an influential node in industry, using collaboration as a means to advocate for positive change.'



### What makes Inkling great?





### We love what we do..

..and we are good at it

- Dynamic thermal modelling
  - TAS and IES
  - Overheating risk assessments
  - Operational Energy assessments (TM54)
  - HVAC modelling
  - Part O and L2A compliance modelling and advice
  - BB101 for schools
  - BREEAM credits
  - Bespoke research
  - NABERS IDRs







### We have lives outside work



- Part-time
- Flexible working
- Home based
- No annual leave limits



## We are generous with our knowledge

- Inkling Blog
- CIBSE volunteers
  - Publications (TM59/TM54/AM11)
  - Events (Build2Perform/Symposium)
  - Groups
- LETI volunteers
  - #OMG
  - Treasurer
  - Steering group





Inkling – CIB



### We collaborate

- IMPROVE project (Carter medal winning)
- LETI
- Research & steering groups
- Delivering Net Zero



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### We act on our values





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As **sustainability professionals**, we commit to only work on new projects that do not propose new gas or fossil fuel heating systems.

**#ENDGASNOW** 



### We have a distinctive identity





## Our clients appreciate us



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We always turn to Inkling as a first choice for assessments, guidance and professional support on any project where overheating risk has to be carefully managed and thought about in early design. Whether it is a schools project, bousing or a research commission we know that we will have thoughtful and

| 6 | Oı  | 66 | In today's climate, where achieving net-zero carbon buildings is paramount,<br>Inkling's work as a NABERS DfP reviewer shines through. Their deep |
|---|-----|----|---|
|   | Pe  |    | understanding of energy modelling and building services design has provided us  |
|   | pr  |    | with detailed and invaluable guidance in our effort to de-risk designs while  |
|   | gu  |    | delivering high-quality, net-zero buildings and bridging performance gap.   |
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|   | N/  |    | Their expertise is not only necessary but also exemplary in the pursuit of<br>sustainable built environments                                      |
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|   | int |    | Yorgos Koronaios  |
|   | pr  |    | Associate – Sustainable Design – Savills Earth  |

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### We offer free biscuits



### Thank you for listening!

### **Susie Diamond**

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Eimear Moloney Hoare Lea CIBSE Winner: Large Consultancy & Residential Project (Bryn Bragl)







### Bryn Bragl / Rhiw Cefn Gwlad. Energy Positive Social Housing.

EIMEAR MOLONEY

CIBSE HVAC GROUP 17 APRIL 2024 'Winner' of the 2024 CIBSE Building Performance 'Residential' Project Award.





**\*Energy positive' social homes in** Bridgend, South Wales. Built by Wales & West Housing Association x4 1-bed apartments.x10 2-bed houses.

 $\mathbf{X2}$  4-bed houses.



### The Concept Design.

A housing concept developed by the Welsh School of Architecture.

The output of "Smart Operation for a Low Carbon Energy Region" (SOLCER).

#### Demonstration house built in 2015.



#### Britain's first 'energy positive' house opens in Wales

Powered by the sun, this low cost three-bedroom house is the first in the country to produce and sell more energy than it uses



■ The Solcer House at Cenin in Stormy Down, Wales, was build as part of the Low Carbon Research Institute programme. For every £100 spent on electricity used, it should be able to generate £175 in electricity exports. Photograph: Cardiff University

### The Solcer Design Concent





### Specification Summary.

- 1.2kW Exhaust Air Heat Pump, integrated with MVHR (Pichler PKOM4)
- 'Top-up' duct heaters.
- No gas boilers, no radiators, no cooling.
- 1.25kW in line, direct electric, duct heater
- 400W Electric towel rails
- 13.5kWh Tesla Powerwall Battery
- 3.68 7.37 kWp Solar-Photovoltaics

| Element          | Fabric Details   |  |
|------------------|--|--|
| Floor            | 0.138 W/m <sup>2</sup> K   |  |
| Walls            | 0.122 W/m <sup>2</sup> K   |  |
| Pitched roof     | 0.136 W/m <sup>2</sup> K   |  |
| External doors   | 1.22 W/m²K   |  |
| Windows          | 0.84 W/m²K   |  |
| Air permeability | Target 1.2 m <sup>3</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> .hr<br>Achieved 1.8 m <sup>3</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> .hr |  |



### **Capital Costs.**

- Welsh Gov. cost guidance: £1,800/m<sup>2</sup>
- RCG costs over 14 homes: £2,436/m<sup>2</sup>
  (i.e. 35% cost increase).
- Additional costs attributed to improved building fabric, integrated heat pump/ MVHR system, solar-PV & battery storage.
- Future economies of scale likely to reduce capital costs.

#### Indicative cost of innovation elements

|                                       | Extra cost per home |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| External Frame (SIPS)                 | £15,700             |
| Exhaust Air Heat Pump/ MVHR<br>system | £15,700             |
| Building integrated PV systems        | £4,700              |
| Battery                               | £5,900              |
| Monitoring package                    | £850                |
| Misc. additional contractor costs     | £14,300             |
| Total                                 | £57,150             |









### Benefits of energy efficient/ passive design approach.

Bryn Bragl baseline energy consumption is, on average, less than half typical practice benchmarks. (Some variation is due to different occupancy/ operation patterns).





### The Energy Performance - Insights.

- All houses performed better than the RIBA baseline
- Four houses better than RIBA 2025 target
- ~70% of energy uses are unregulated loads, lighting, towel rails and cooking.
- Ventilation, heating and hot water ~ 30%
- 400W towel rails initially using a lot of energy but 2-hr timer modification reduce consumption, which was liked by the occupants.





### The Annual Energy Balance (kWh/m<sup>2</sup> per year).





### The Annual Energy Balance (kWh/m2 per year) Insights.

- Seven were energy positive over the year, i.e. generated more than they consumed.
- Seven of the houses were energy negative over the year, i.e. consumed more than they generated.
- Unregulated loads has the most significant effect on the disparity of energy consumption.
- Comfort set point variations from 19°C to 25 °C

### HOARE LEA (H.)

### Some Observations on Energy Utilisation

- Significant differences in heating and hot water set-points influence energy variability.
- One house has a hydrotherapy pool
- Electricity demand was higher than expected.
  Potentially due to duct heaters & set-points.
- Some controls and operational fixes were made after handover, as a result of monitoring performance.
- A monitoring screen helped residents understand energy use.





### The Annual Energy Cost Balance (£/year)





### **Occupant Feedback.**

"The systems built into the house are really easy to use. The house is so well insulated that the temperature hardly drops below 20 degrees. Even on some of the coldest days in winter we didn't need to put the heating on"

**RESIDENT AT BRYN BRAGL** 





### **Cost Benefit of Energy Positive Homes**

Average annual energy bill in credit by:



"We have built up more than £250 in credit during the summer [due to the solar power generation]. ...The extra money we are saving in our household has allowed us to spend more on healthy, fresh food and save for our children's school uniforms and special occasions."



### HOARE LEA (H.) Occupant Feedback.

"The battery is fantastic. It stores the electricity from the roof for when we need it. I also have an app on my phone so that I can control the heating and hot water when I am away from home to save even more energy."

"We are paying just £20 a month for our electric bills and are <u>in credit on our bills</u>, which is amazing. The house is perfect."



**RESIDENTS AT BRYN BRAGL** 



### **Conclusion.** Lessons for Net Zero Carbon Development.

1. Energy positive buildings are viable with three key features:

- Very low energy/ passive design.
- Sufficient on-site renewable generation.
- Energy storage and smart controls.

2. Demonstration projects provide useful case studies for learning and knowledge sharing.

3. The role of the occupant will become increasingly important as user behaviour influences appliance operation and optimisation of controls.







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Any Questions?





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#### YORK GUILDHALL REFURBISHMENT













#### **BUILDING LISTING**











#### INSULATION









#### HEAT PUMP





#### HEAT PUMP SCHEMATIC





### HEATING AND COOLING







#### **GUILDHALL HEATING**



#### **COUNCIL CHAMBER** VENTILATION



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#### COUNCIL CHAMBER COOLING







#### DOES IT WORK?



#### SOFT LANDINGS







#### SOFT LANDINGS - ISSUES FOUND

Keep guildhall underfloor heating off on cool days in summer because of long time lag of space

Turn hot water off over weekends if not needed

Adjust CO2 set points in guildhall if needed

Lower vent set point in slype to keep it cooler

Client not aware of 2-speed control of kitchen ventilation



#### ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND CO2







#### **RIVER FLOODING**



### FLOOD LEVEL













#### **RIVER LOGISTICS**





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