



# Eco Bicester Living Lab 2016 annual event

Franklins House, Bicester Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016







### Welcome

### **Councillor Barry Wood**

Leader of Cherwell District Council and Chair of Bicester Strategic Delivery Board





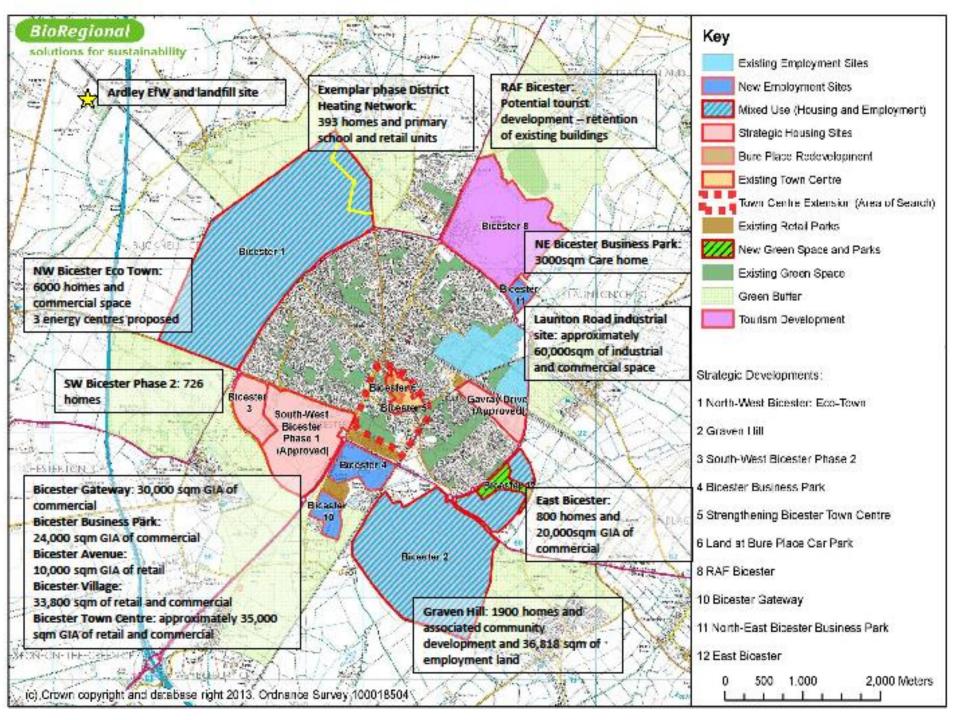
### Update on the Eco Bicester Living Lab

**Professor Rajat Gupta**, Director of OISD, Oxford Brookes University

**Nicole Lazarus**, Bicester programme manager, Bioregional







### **Eco Town PPS1**

### **PPS** standards

- True zero carbon
- Walkable neighbourhoods
- Highest water efficiency (80l/person/day)
- Managing embodied carbon of construction
- Zero waste to landfill during construction
- Climate change adaptation
- Community governance planning
- Net biodiversity gain
- 40% open space
- 1 new job / household



Planning shapes the places where people live and work and the country we live in. It plays a key role in supporting the Government's wider social, environmental and economic objectives and for sustainable communities.



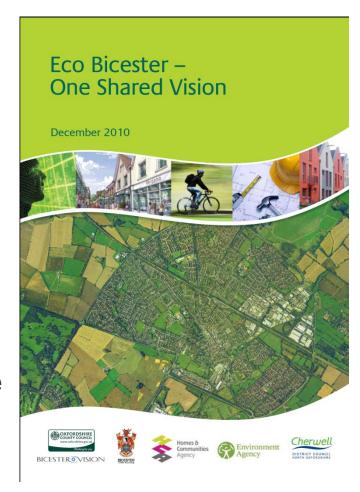




### Eco Bicester - One Shared Vision

### Aspirations for the whole town

- Adapting PPS standards
- Adopted by all three levels of local government
- "Effecting a town wide transition to a low carbon community, triggered by the new eco development at NW Bicester"







### Town wide Eco Bicester projects

### **Demonstration buildings:**

- JPII Community Centre
- Demo house
- Zero carbon Cooper school extension
- Bryan House 23 Code 4 and 5 homes
- Self build programme

### **Energy:**

- Biomass boiler for municipal swimming pool
- Community owned PV roll out
- Heat network feasibility study









# Town wide Eco Bicester projects

### **Bicester Green Reuse Centre**

### **Retrofit:**

- 1500 installations
- Green Deal pilot
- Garth innovative retrofit
- Boiler replacement scheme

### **Engagement:**

- Travel behaviour project
- Energy efficiency workshops
- Carbon conversations training







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# **Eco Bicester Living lab**

- An umbrella initiative for all projects in Bicester that:
  - introduce academic rigour and
  - contribute to delivery of the Eco Bicester Vision





### **Eco-Bicester Living Lab (EBLL)**



- Cross-sector collaborative initiative launched in 2014, that provides a home for all projects in which novel ideas related to sustainability are tested in Bicester, with the explicit goal of learning and knowledgesharing.
- Integrates academic rigour with innovation in a real urban setting.
- Capture learning for continuous feedback and improvement.
- Share knowledge and learning with industry, policy-making and voluntary sectors within and outside of UK.
- Initiates projects of strategic importance to promote Bicester as a Centre for Excellence in research and innovation on sustainability.





### Who is involved in the Living Lab?

**Partners** 

BROOKES UNIVERSITY

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**Prof Rajat Gupta**Co-Director of Living Lab

Nicole Lazarus
Co-Director of Living Lab

Key stakeholders





### Other stakeholders

Bicester Town Council, Oxfordshire County Council, Bicester Vision, Bicester Schools, Bicester Chamber of Commerce, Innovate UK

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### Living Lab website www.bicesterlivinglab.org





### Living Lab leaflet (updated)

#### Smart power & Smart community energy

The project explores new approaches to maximising the on-site use of the high-density photovoltaic power generated in new housing developments. The project uses the 393-home NW Bicester Eco-Town Exemplar development as a case study.

Funder: Innovate UK

### Green Deal Pioneer Places

GREEN DEAL
PIONEER PLACES

The project enables the establishment of a Green Deal network of local assessors and installers in Bicester. 100 homeowners and seven businesses received free Green Deal Energy Assessment Reports 14 homes and four businesses underwent Green Deal-type retrofits completely free.

Funders: Department of Energy and Climate Change & Cherwell District Council

### Rethinking the building process



The Bicester Eco-Town Process Improvement Toolkit (BEPIT) is a four year research project based at the Eco-Town Exemplar. The approach enables systemic process failures in technologically innovative build systems to be detected and resolved. Learning from each stage will be captured in a toolkit for wider dissemination across the wider building industry.

Funder: Innovate UF

#### Partners

#### Oxford Institute for Sustainable Development (OISD)

is a multi-disciplinary research institute comprising eight research groups, based within the Faculty of Technology, Design and Environment at Oxford Brookes University. Established in 2004, OISD is regarded as one of the largest academic research institutes in the UK dedicated to research on sustainable development in the built environment.

#### Bioregional

We work with partners to create better places for people to live, work and do business. Our ambition is simple. We want our practical projects to inspire people to live happy, healthy lives within the natural limits of the planet, leaving space for wildlife and wilderness.

#### Key stakeholders

Cherwell District Council and A2Dominion

#### Other stakeholders

Bicester Town Council, Oxfordshire County Council, Bicester Vision, OCVC, Bicester schools, Good Homes Alliance (GHA), Green Building Council, Innovate UK, Bicester Vision, Bicester Chamber of Commerce

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A collaborative initiative by
Oxford Institute for Sustainable Development
and BioRegional



- Promote Bicester as a centre for excellence in research and innovation.
- Develop a test-bed of innovative solutions in sustainability at all scales.
- Provide rigorous academic evaluation of sustainability initiatives in Bicester.
- Capture learning for continuous feedback and improvement.
- Enable knowledge sharing with industry, policy-making and voluntary sectors.

www.bicesterlivinglab.org





### Projects to date (where one/ both of Living Lab partners are involved)

Design for Future Climate



Rethinking the building process



Building Performance Evaluation of Bryan House



Green Deal Pioneer Places



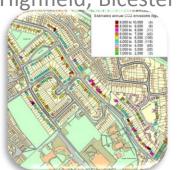
Invest in Innovative Refurbishment



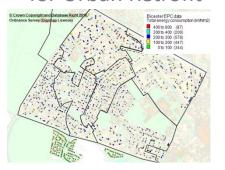
Smart power & Smar community energy



Carbon mapping Highfield, Bicester



Local Energy Mapping for Urban Retrofit



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### Forthcoming projects

- Doctoral research study on evaluating the actual performance of the NW Bicester exemplar development.
- Green infrastructure in a rapidly growing town.
- Energy infrastructure: heat networks and grid constraints.









### Activities of Eco Bicester Living Lab

- Dedicated website for knowledge-sharing
- Showcase publications, monitoring results and learning from the Living Lab case studies
- Annual dissemination event on cross-cutting themes
- Offer student research projects at a PhD level
- Act as launch pad for new research and innovation projects for which we welcome new partners.
- Secure external funding for future. Host Knowledge Transfer Partnerships
- Host key study days of relevance to partners working in Bicester
- Facilitate cross fertilisation of knowledge and experience between business, academia, social enterprise and community action.



### Future research priorities

- Building performance evaluation programme of new build and refurbishments – addressing the performance gap
- Building climate resilience and adaptation in buildings and communities
- Carbon mapping, scaling-up retrofit and mass PV installation
- Smart grids and widespread uptake of renewables
- Social cohesion and community development in the existing town and new community
- Health impacts of sustainable neighbourhoods
- Sustainable transport
- Green infrastructure
- Heat networks





# Update on NW Bicester Eco Town

**Lewis Knight**, Bicester Eco town Project Manager, Bioregional







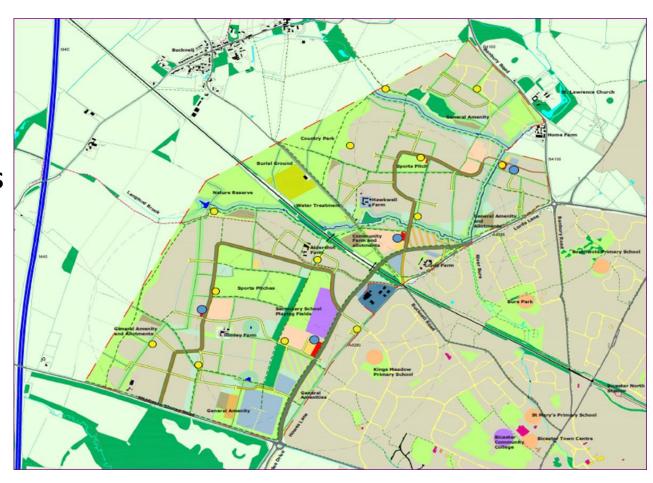




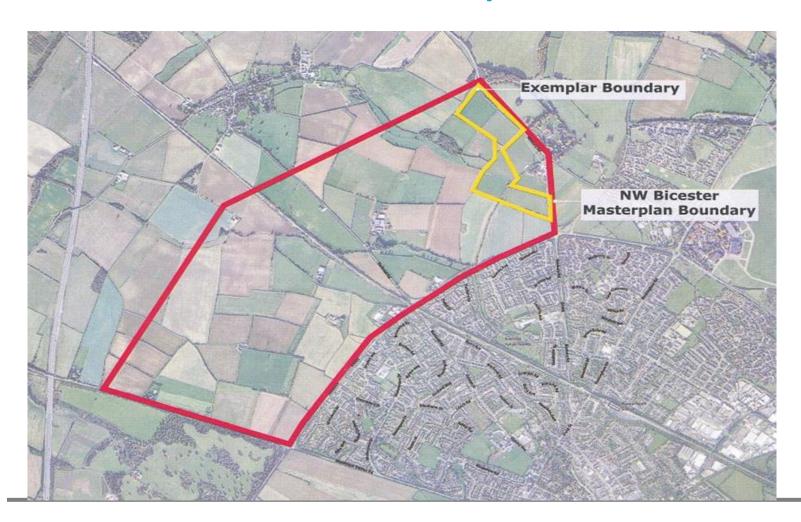
Bioregional Lewis Knight, Bicester Eco Town Project Manager

### What is NW Bicester?

- 6,000 true zero carbon homes
- Primary Schools
- Local centres
- Commercial centres
- Energy centres
- 40% green space



# NW Bicester, Exemplar



## What makes NW Bicester Unique?

- First Eco-town in the UK and part of the wider Garden Town for Bicester
- Healthy Town
   Partnership
- Award winning scheme





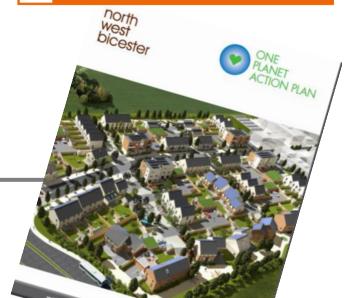


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### One Planet Action Plan

- Exemplar is an endorsed One Planet community
- One Planet action plan has been written
- Reviewed annually

- Health and happiness
- Sequity and local economy
- Culture and community
- **10** Land use and wildlife
- Sustainable water
- Local and sustainable food
- Sustainable materials
- Sustainable transport
- Zero waste
- Zero carbon



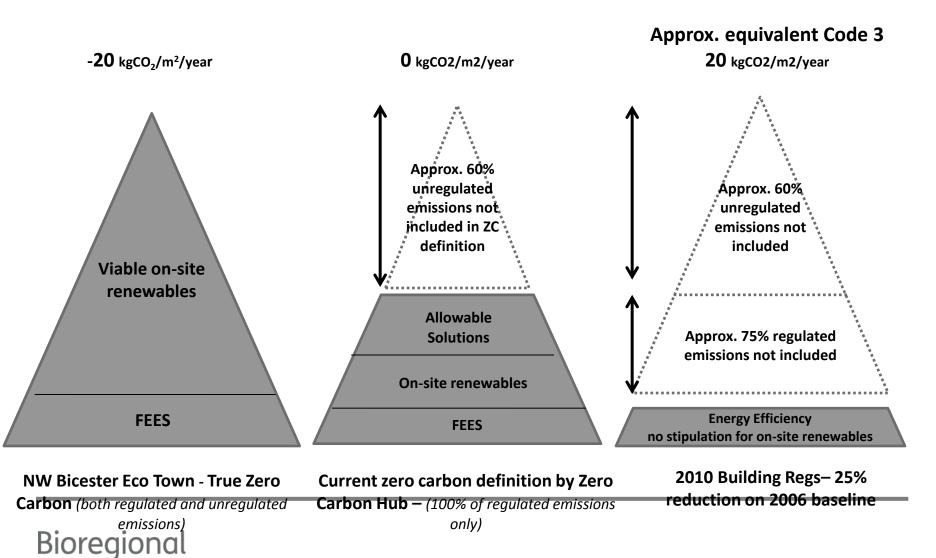
### **OPAP** Headlines

- True zero carbon at scale
- Code 5 at scale
- 30% reduction in embodied CO2
- Modelled and adapted for future climate
- Zero waste to landfill during construction
- Net biodiversity gain
- Reducing car usage to 50% from 65%
- 40% open space





### "True" zero carbon



### Demand reduction

- Code 5 fabric performance
- Air tightness: 3m3/(hr.m2) @ 50Pa
- 100% low energy lighting (>45 lumens/Watt)
- All private and shared ownership homes issued with
  - Fridge freezers, dishwashers, washing machines A++
  - Ovens A+
  - Induction hobs

# District Heating and Energy Centre

- District Heating network
- Short/medium term: Gas CHP
- Medium/long term: Waste heat from existing nearby incinerator plant



# PV solar provision

- Installed capacity 1,461kWp
- Average PV per home 3.7kWp



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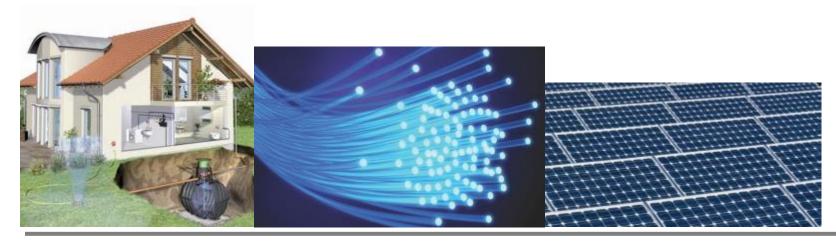
### Homes

- Excellent daylighting levels
- Homes are super-insulated
- Good ventilation and indoor air quality
- Adapted to Climate Change



### Homes

- Cheaper running/living costs
- Technology such as Photovoltaics and Rainwater Harvesting
- Super-fast broadband
- Code 5, Building for life and lifetime homes



# Greenspace / Public realm

- Lots of greenspace (40% of the site)
- Great walking and cycling routes
- Play areas
- 2 community orchards and allotments
- Wildlife habitats
- Fruit tree available in every garden



# **Transport**

- Semi-rural car club and community bus service
- Electric vehicle charging points
- 5-minute walk to bus stops
- Homes are 10mins from local school
- Real time public transport information





## **Economy**

- Eco Business Centre being built
- Local labour and apprenticeships used on site
- Local centre planned



## Community

- Community Events welcome to your home, reuse and repair workshops, cookery classes etc...
- UK's first Heart Safe Community



## Community

- The 'Green Charter'
- Strong identity, community spirit and volunteering
- Local Management Organisation



Proposed Residents' Green Charter

We the residents of NW Bicester agree to:

- Look for ways to be as environmentally friendly as possible
- Take part in the spirit of this eco town and be creative about reducing our community's eco footprint
- Take part in surveys and activities that measure our carbon footprint and other environmental measurements
- Learn how best to use our state of the art eco home and be mindful of energy and water use
- Report any problems with the home that stop us from being as energy and water efficient as possible

## In summary...

- The first 91 homes (phase 1)complete
- First residents have moved in!
- First welcome to your home event
- Primary school is underway





# In summary...

- DECC Ministerial visit and opening of energy centre
- Monitoring starting soon on occupied dwellings
- Phase 2 foundations started





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# Project Updates







# Improving the performance of new-build housing

- Design for future climate
- Closing the performance gap
- Monitoring and evaluation





Design for future climate: Futureproofing through adaptation measures in Bicester

Kirk Archibald, Associate Director, PRP







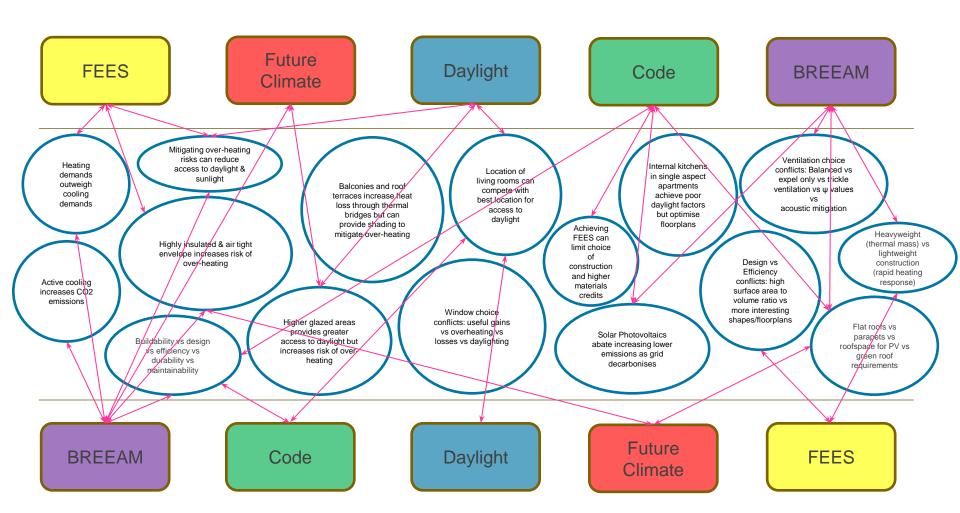
# Designing for Future Climate Bicester Ecotown

07 June 2016 Kirk Archibald, Associate Director



## Pertinent Planning Conditions

Condition	Requirement
8	Daylighting
10	Overheating
11	Passive ventilation + thermally massive floors
20	Green roofs
34 & 48	Zero Carbon + Construction emissions
42 & 58	Rainwater harvesting
69	SUDs



#### Cotemporary unit

- Larger windows + Spandrel Panels
- Albedo effect (reflective surfaces)
- Soft landscaping under ground floor windows



#### Traditional unit

- Small windows
- Traditional façade (non-reflective surfaces)
- Hard landscaping under ground floor windows



### Single storey unit

- Mono-pitched bungalowHigh form factor (SA/FA ratio)
- Secure night cooling?



### Larger family unit

- 5-bed house with integral garageNaturally ventilated in some cases



# Designing for Future Climate Overheating

#### Initial Research (Oxford Brookes)

Effective/passive adaptation packages for tackling overheating combine shading, ventilation strategies, colour of fabric and material of construction elements (thermal mass).

Dynamic thermal simulation is vital for testing adaptation strategies in design of low impact buildings.

No consensus yet on what emissions scenario, weather year or probability level to use for modelling climate change risk

A range of overheating metrics exist for different building typologies

For holistic evaluation and take-up, we need to simulate both overheating implication and energy savings of adaptation measures

### PRP Overheating Assessment

Three separate overheating assessments to date:

- Phase 1 (exemplar Ecotown)
- Phase 2
- Specific unit (plot 313)

#### Planning Condition:

- Overheating risks must be mitigated for 1<sup>st</sup> 20 occupied years
- Mitigation solutions proposed for 2030s & 2050s

#### Methodology/criteria:

#### Phase 1

- CIBSE Guide A (2006)
  - Annual hours above 26° (living rooms) & 28° (bedrooms) must be no more than 1% of total annual occupied hours

#### Phase 2

- CIBSE TM52 (2013)
  - Adaptive criteria; Hours of exceedance; Daily weighted exceedance; Upper limit Temperature

# **Dynamic Modelling**

### Base assumptions

1, 2 & 3 storey dwellings

Suburban density (~35dph)

Edge of town urban extension (surrounded by green space)

High thermal performance

- low U-values
- good detailing & low thermal bridging
- Airtight construction
- triple-glazing
- Heat recovery ventilation (MVHR)
- Low thermal mass
- Communal heating
- 100% LELs
- No A/C

#### Designing for future climate

- Addressing overheating in 1<sup>st</sup> 20 years with current designs
- Mitigation measures for future years (20+)
- Rainwater harvesting
- SUDs
- True Zero Carbon

#### Assumptions

- Occupancy, lighting & equipment gains
- Natural Ventilation (window openings and times)

### Phase 1 Overheating Assessment (Jan14)

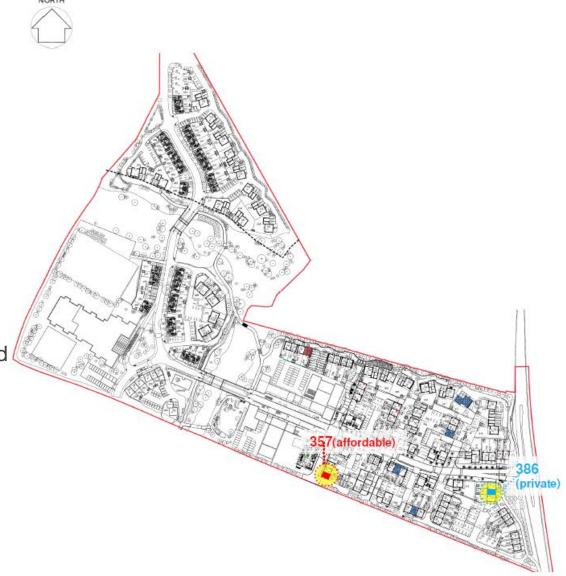
#### Phase 1

Assessment of typologies likely to overheat:

- South, west & east facing
- Surrounding shading
- Large windows/exposed walls
- Single aspect/heat loss coefficients
- Layouts/Hard landscaping

2 worst-case unit typologies modelled using dynamic simulation

- Plot 357 2 storey house (affordable)
- Plot 386 2 storey house (private)



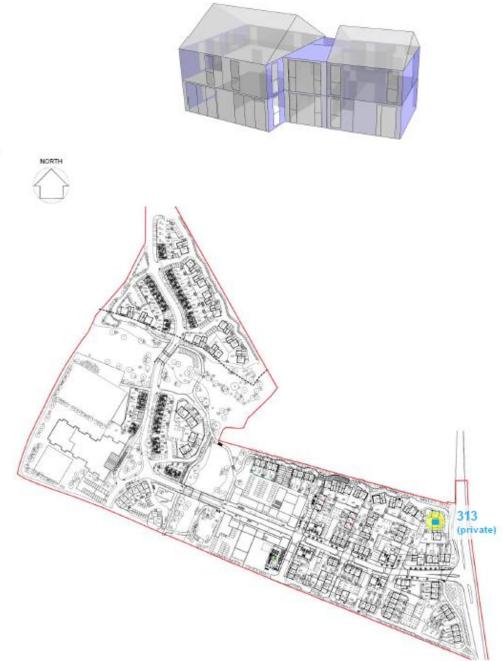
## Plot 313 (Sep14)

Large 5 bed house Passively ventilated

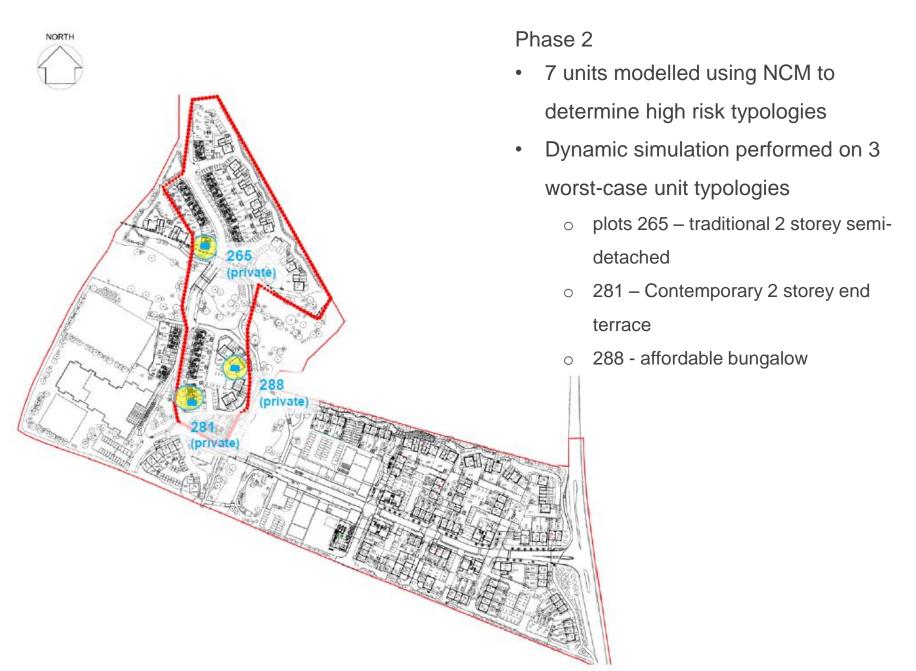


Ground floor





### Phase 2 (Apr16)



# Modelling Results

### Phase 1 Results

			Mitigation	plot 357		
Weather year	Room	basecase	walls/windows	Ext. shutters	Night cooling	Combined (Shutters + NC)
current	living	0.30%	0.26%	0.16%	0.00%	0.00%
	dining	0.14%	0.07%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	bed1	0.74%	0.62%	0.56%	0.22%	0.04%
	bed2	0.71%	0.65%	0.46%	0.23%	0.07%
2030s	living	0.30%	0.23%	0.03%	0.00%	0.00%
	dining	0.13%	0.09%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	bed1	1.93%	1.69%	1.08%	0.20%	0.03%
	bed2	1.90%	1.64%	0.91%	0.29%	0.06%
2050s	living	1.60%	1.41%	0.97%	0.50%	0.12%
	dining	1.25%	1.11%	0.84%	0.17%	0.07%
	bed1	4.02%	3.92%	2.86%	1.36%	0.71%
	bed2	4.10%	3.94%	3.22%	1.47%	0.75%

			Mitigatio	plot 386		
Weather year	Room	basecase	walls/windows	Ext. shutters	Night cooling	Combined (Shutters + NC)
current	living	0.16%	0.16%	0.03%	0.10%	0.00%
	dining	0.07%	0.07%	0.04%	0.04%	0.01%
	bed1	0.52%	0.52%	0.20%	0.29%	0.06%
	bed2	0.46%	0.46%	0.20%	0.25%	0.07%
2030s	living	0.30%	0.32%	0.00%	0.07%	0.00%
	dining	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	bed1	0.82%	0.85%	0.22%	0.36%	0.04%
	bed2	0.53%	0.55%	0.17%	0.13%	0.03%
2050s	living	1.36%	1.38%	0.43%	1.00%	0.12%
	dining	0.46%	0.46%	0.19%	0.22%	0.07%
	bed1	2.87%	2.88%	1.05%	1.77%	0.71%
	bed2	2.35%	2.39%	0.98%	1.38%	0.75%

### Plot 313 Results

plot 313					
Weather year	Room	basecase	Blinds	Night cooling	Combined (Blinds + NC)
current	Living	0.70%	0.40%	0.60%	0.30%
	Dining	0.80%	0.40%	0.60%	0.30%
	Kitchen	0.70%	0.40%	0.60%	0.30%
	Breakfast	0.60%	0.30%	0.50%	0.20%
	Study	0.30%	0.10%	0.20%	0.00%
	Maste bed	0.70%	0.40%	0.30%	0.10%
	bed2	0.60%	0.50%	0.10%	0.01%
	bed3	0.70%	0.50%	0.20%	0.10%
	bed4	0.70%	0.50%	0.10%	0.01%
	bed5	0.70%	0.40%	0.10%	0.01%
2030	Living	1.20%	0.60%	0.80%	0.10%
	Dining	1.40%	0.80%	0.90%	0.30%
	Kitchen	1.10%	0.60%	0.60%	0.20%
	Breakfast	0.90%	0.40%	0.50%	0.10%
	Study	0.20%	0.20%	0.10%	0.10%
	Maste bed	1.20%	0.60%	0.20%	0.10%
	bed2	0.90%	0.10%	0.01%	0.01%
	bed3	1.20%	0.20%	0.01%	0.00%
	bed4	0.90%	0.10%	0.01%	0.00%
	bed5	1.00%	0.10%	0.01%	0.00%
2050	Living	3.10%	1.90%	2.20%	1.20%
	Dining	3.40%	2.10%	2.50%	1.30%
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## Phase 2 Results (plots 265 & 288)

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Weather year	Room	basecase	Blinds	Night cooling	Combined (Blinds + NC)
current	kitchen	no risk	no risk	no risk	no risk
	living	no risk	no risk	no risk	no risk
	bed1	minor risk	no risk	no risk	no risk
	bed2	minor risk	no risk	no risk	no risk
	bed3	minor risk	no risk	no risk	no risk
2030s	kitchen	no risk	no risk	no risk	no risk
	living	no risk	no risk	minor risk	no risk
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	bed2	minor risk	minor risk	no risk	no risk
	bed3	minor risk	no risk	no risk	no risk

			Mitigation meas	sures	plot 288
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current	kitchen	no risk	no risk	no risk	no risk
	living	no risk	no risk	no risk	no risk
	bed1	no risk	no risk	no risk	no risk
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	bed3	no risk	no risk	minor risk	no risk
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	bed2	minor risk	minor risk	minor risk	minor risk
	bed3	minor risk	no risk	minor risk	no risk





### Phase 2 Results (plot 281)

bed1

bed2

bed3

Mitigation measures	
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			plot 281		
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current	kitchen	minor risk	minor risk	no risk	no risk
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	bed2	no risk	minor risk	minor risk	no risk
	bed3	risk	risk	risk	minor risk
2030s	kitchen	minor risk	no risk	minor risk	no risk
	living	minor risk	no risk	minor risk	no risk
	bed1	minor risk	minor risk	risk	no risk
	bed2	minor risk	minor risk	minor risk	no risk
	bed3	risk	risk	risk	risk
2050s	kitchen	minor risk	risk	minor risk	minor risk
	living	risk	minor risk	minor risk	minor risk

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**Spandrel** Mitigation measures **plot 281** 

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	living	minor risk	minor risk	minor risk	minor risk
	bed1	risk	risk	minor risk	minor risk
	bed2	risk	risk	minor risk	no risk
	bed3	risk	risk	risk	minor risk

# Outcomes

### Mitigation measures implemented

- ✓ Thermal mass screeded ground floors with hard surface treatment only
- ✓ Lower G-values (triple glazing)
- ✓ Blinds provision within specification + user education
- √ Shading spandrel panels + some canopies
- √ Ventilation maximising openable areas
- ✓ Night cooling upstairs windows (NB single storey units)
- ✓ Soft landscaping large areas of green space
- x Shutters potential to install external shading in future
- x Additional mass Potential to include phase change materials in future
- x Secure night cooling (ground floors) potential for louvered vents

### Other Future Proofing Measures

Thermal Mass – 6 units with passive ventilation





#### Rainwater harvesting







Soft landscaping



# Guidance / Rules of Thumb

#### **NORTH ELEVATION**

- Medium or high Window to Wall Ratio (WWR) if combined with high performance glazing (low-emissive/triple glazing)
- No need for shading although some solar gains will occur during the summer

### SUMMER OVERHEATING

# GENERAL GOOD PRACTICE (Other than Solar Gains)

#### Minimise unwanted internal heat gains:

- Energy efficient appliances and lights
- Insulate distribution pipes (heating, hot water) and tanks

#### Purge excess heat:

- Natural cross ventilation very effective
- Mechanical ventilation (MVHR) always to be combined with natural ventilation for heat purge
- Consider Passive Ventilation with Heat Recovery Systems for houses (2+ storey high) as ventilation strategy in vinter and summer

#### Delay heat gains:

 Thermal mass (to store heat during the day) combined with night-time ventilation (to purge it)

#### **EAST ELEVATION**

- Low or medium WWR combined with vertical shading devices
- Shading can be provided by means of landscaping / vegetation. Consider deciduous trees to let solar radiation in winter and block it in summer.

#### **SOUTH ELEVATION**

- Medium or high WWR combined with horizontal shading devices, otherwise passive heat gains can be lost in winter.
- High performance glazing (solar control double glazing or triple glazing) unless shading devices are present.
- Horizontal shading devices, such as balconies, overhangs or brise solei.

Difficult to shade with landscaping/vegetation due to high sun angle, but tall trees can be used.

## RULES OF THUMB:

**WEST ELEVATION** 

vertical shading devices

Low or medium WWR combined with

Shading can be provided by means of

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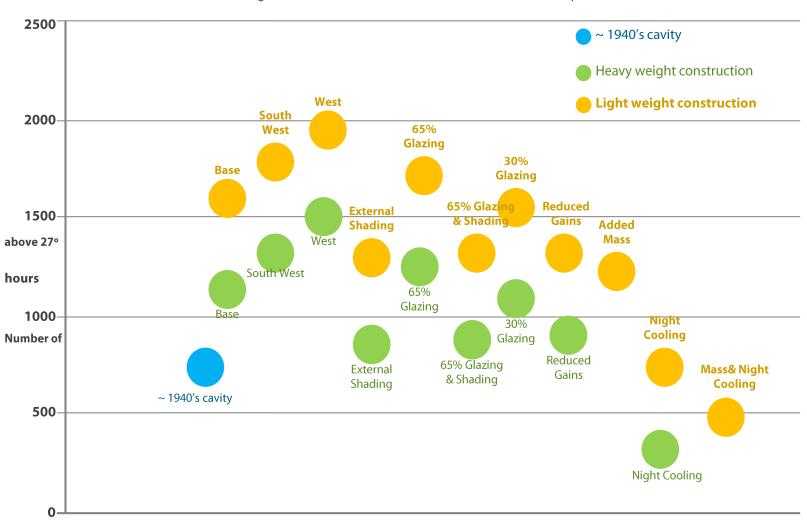
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**NOTE:** This Rules of Thumb to be used as a general guidance for design purposes. Dynamic thermal simulation should be undertaken to calculate overheating, when design is more advanced.

#### Overheating risk for different design options

Degree Hours above 27° All construction, 1st June to 30th September



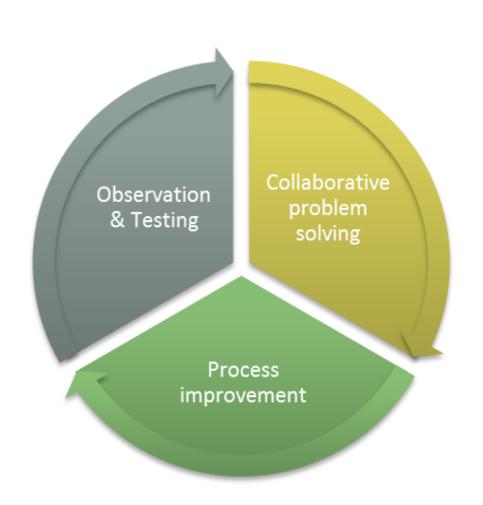
Bicester Eco-Town Performance Improvement toolkit (BEPIT): Closing the performance gap

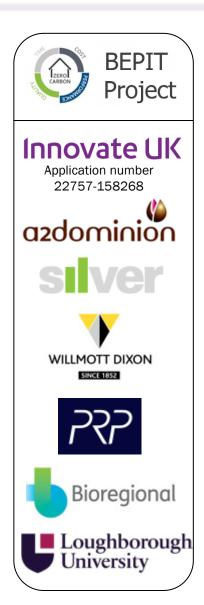
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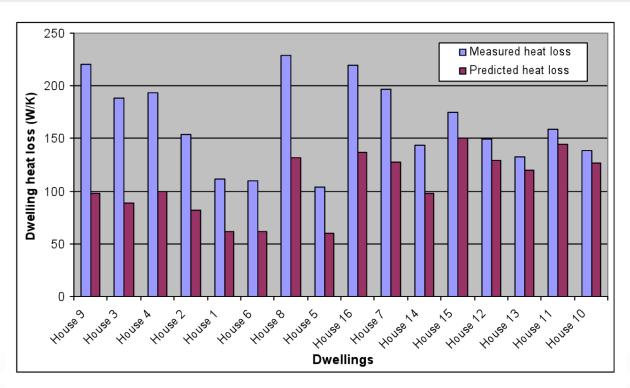


# The Bicester Ecotown Process Improvement Toolkit (BEPIT)





# **The Energy Performance Gap**



Co-heating test results for 16 new homes (Zero carbon hub, 2010)



# **Method and Headline Findings**

#### Action Research

- Site Observers
- Performance Testing
- Collaborative Problem Solving

### Headline Findings

- Issues are minor, but commonly occurring and difficult to detect
- Airtightness / Thermal insulation / Building Services
- Knowledge to develop solutions is already held in project team







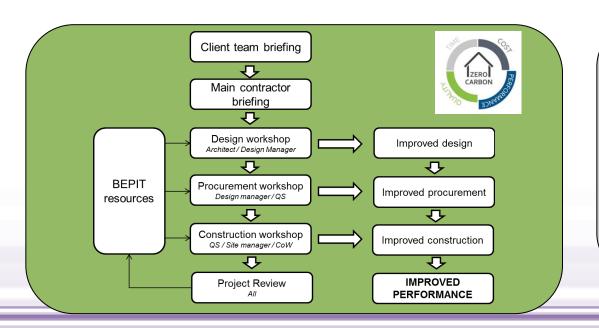




# **Developing Solutions – The BEPIT Toolkit**

#### **Toolkit**

- Tools and Knowledge
- Focus on 8 Critical Operations
- Design, Procurement and Construction Stage Solutions
- Facilitated Process



#### "Clusters"

- 1. Below ground services
- DPM, Floor Insulation and Screed
- 3. Timber Frame Structure
- 4. Timber Frame Internal Works
- 5. Window Fitting
- 6. 1st Fix Services
- 7. Loft Insulation
- 8. Commissioning and Handover



# Monitoring and evaluation: Learning from new build homes in Bicester

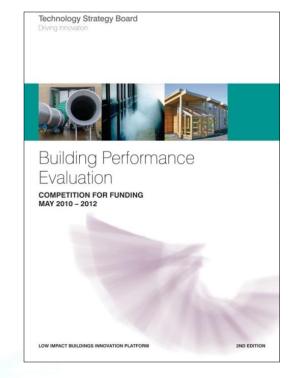
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#### Overview of the scheme

- Exemplar eco-development
- Fabric first approach
- Steel frame with pre-insulated panels.
- MVHR with summer bypass
- Air Source Heat Pumps
- PV panels
- Code for Sustainable Homes Level 4







#### Case studies

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• Houses 1 and 2, were monitored and assessed for a period of 12 months.



	House 1	House 2
Area (m²)	88	123
Typology	3 bedroom end-terrace	4 bedroom mid-terrace
Floors	Two	Three
Occupancy pattorns	Weekdays: 15:00-8:00	Weekdays: 24h
Occupancy patterns	Weekend: 24h	Weekend: 24h
Occupants	2 adults, 1 child	4 adults, 1 baby

# Design specifications & construction details

Target design rating	CSH Level 4
'As designed' Dwelling Emission Rate	11.53kgCO <sub>2</sub> /m²/year
Main construction elements (as designed) U-values W/m²K	Walls: Light steel frame with pre-insulated panels, U-value: 0.15 Roof: Tile on timber, U-value: 0.15 Ground floor: Concrete over steel frame with Cube 6 EPS insulation block, U-value: 0.15 Windows: Timber frame, triple glazing, U-value ≤1.2
Space heating and hot water	Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP); underfloor heating coils,
system	immersion heater.
Target air tightness (m³/hm² @50Pa)	3
Ventilation strategy	MVHR with summer bypass
Renewables	5.9 kWp Photovoltaics per block

# Methodology: BPE tools to assess 'as built performance'

Design & construction audit

Fabric testing

Review of systems

Evaluation of handover

Review of control interfaces

Review of occupant feedback

Review of drawings and SAP calculations

Air permeability
test,
infra-red
thermography,
in situ U-value
measurement,
smoke air
leakage test

Installation and commissioning checks, measurement of performance and energy use of heating and mechanical ventilation systems

Review of handover process and any guidance provided to the occupants

Review of usability of control interfaces

Review of occupant feedback through walkthroughs, interviews and building user survey questionnaires

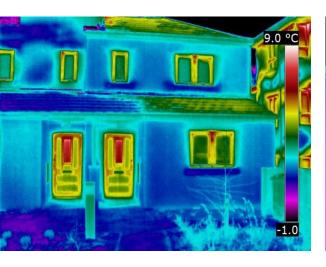


#### Fabric performance

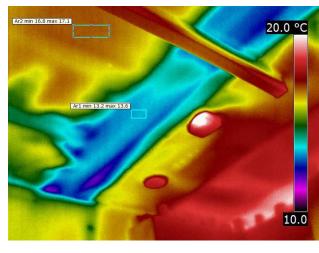
- Actual wall U-values very close to those intended at design stage
  - No major thermal abnormalities evident in the walls

	Some issues with party walls.  Wall	Design Final average U-value (W/m2K) U-Value (W/m	
•	Actual air permeability was above the	ne design target of 3 m <sup>3</sup> /(h.m <sup>2</sup> )	
•	House 2 – North Facing External Wall	ws, door frames 0.13	

Cold bridging from ceiling beams and thresholds









#### Commissioning review of systems

- MVHR system was not balanced in terms of supply and extract air flows.
- MVHR terminals not commissioned properly. Awkward position of MVHR outlet terminals in relation to space usage.
- Room thermostats not properly connected to heating system
- These faults were addressed by the builder rapid feedback helps to discover and resolve issues.









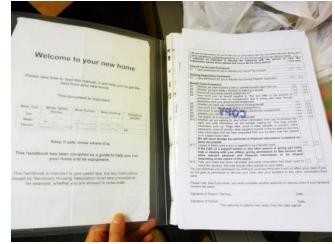
# **Evaluation of handover induction and user guide**

- Demonstration tour was clear and easy-to-follow for the residents.
- Overall good list of topics covered.
- A more phased approach to handover is recommended with re-training of residents.
- Shorter and visual user guide more likely to be read

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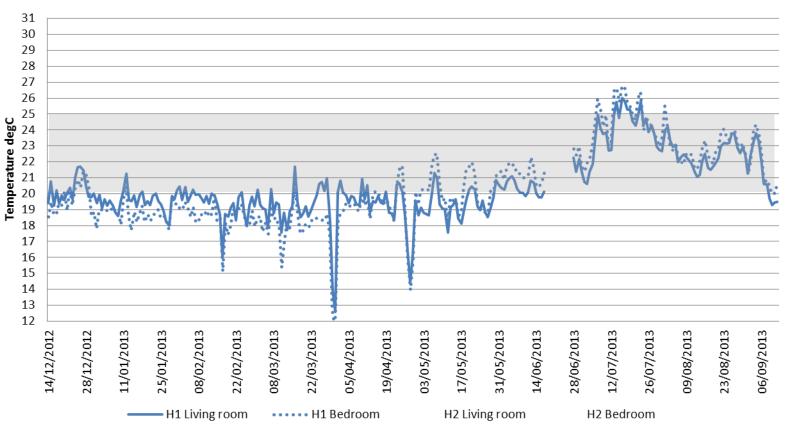
 Good to combine overview of guidance documents with demonstration tour.





#### **Environmental monitoring**

#### **Temperatures | December - September**

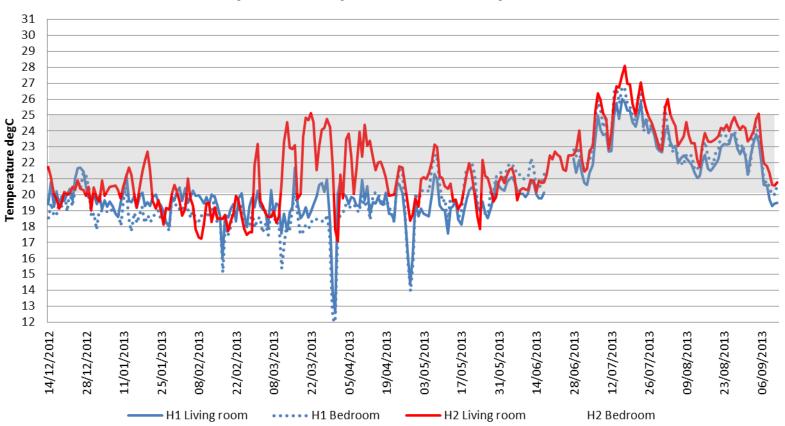


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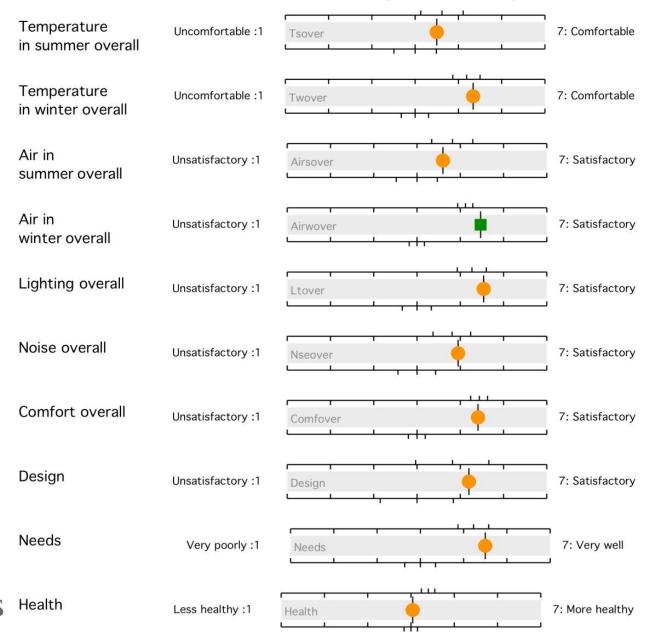
House 2: living room temperatures range between 19°C-26°C.



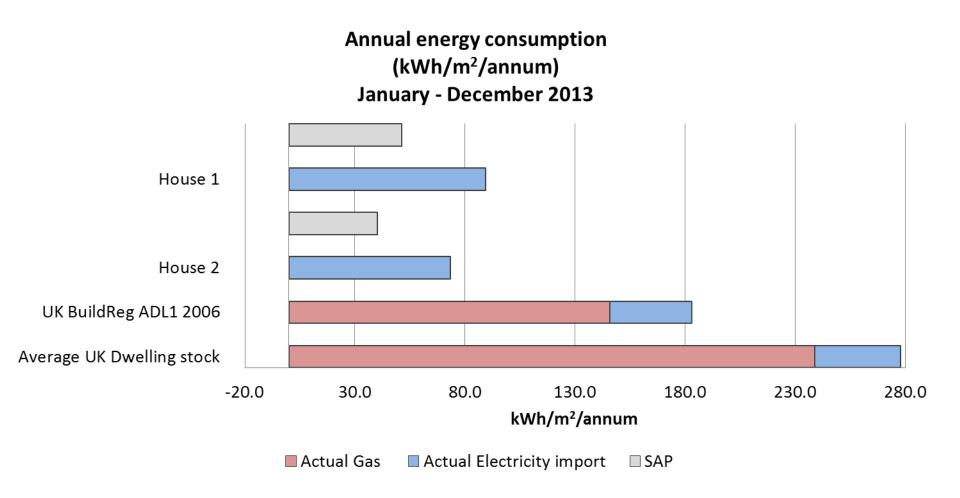
#### Feedback from residents (n = 24)

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#### Energy use of the case study houses



• Electricity consumption is almost twice the predicted energy use but better than the CSH 4 benchmark (25 kWh/m²/year for electricity and 72 kWh/m²/year)



#### **Eco Bicester Living Lab PhD studentship**



Co-funded by Oxford Brookes University 150<sup>th</sup> year studentship, Bioregional, Cherwell District Council and A2Dominion

Duration: 2016-2019

PhD researcher: Danielle Greenspan
Director of Studies: Prof Rajat Gupta
Second supervisor: Nicole Lazarus

Doctoral study evaluating the actual performance of the NW Bicester exemplar development against the aspirations set for an eco-town and one planet community.

How effective is an exemplar development in meeting the design expectations of an eco-town and aspirations of one planet community?





# Improving the performance of new-build housing

Q & A





# Eco Bicester Living Lab 2016 Annual Event

## Coffee Break





## Retrofitting Bicester

- The Bicester Story

- Innovative retrofit of the Garth

- The Circular Economy





## The Bicester retrofit story

Dr Matthew Wood, Bioregional

Nicole Lazarus, Bioregional





### **Engagement projects**

- Energy workshops with Grassroots Bicester
- 12 trained Carbon Conversation facilitators
- Schools visits, individual home assessments
- Eco Bicester Day
- Green Deal pilot: 100 assessments, 20 homes retrofitted, follow up monitoring
- Travel behaviour project with bike loan scheme



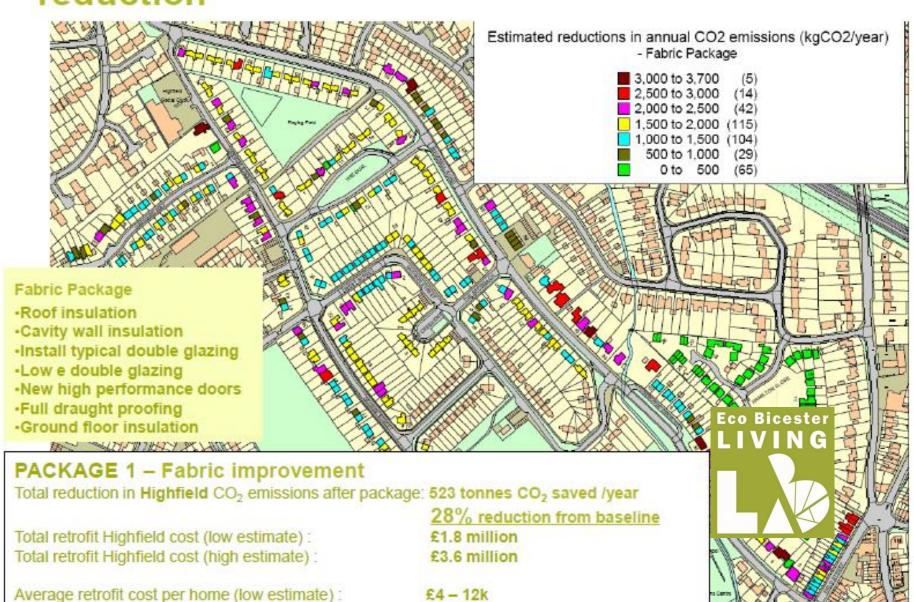


## Retrofit projects

- 1,500 free cavity/loft insulations
- Boiler replacements
- 20 "green deal pilot" homes
- Deep retrofit of town council building

## Potential for cost effective CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction





£9 - 15k

Average retrofit cost per home (high estimate):



#### What is Lemur?









Funded by: Innovate UK

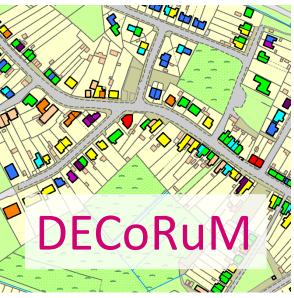
# Aim

To develop a data-driven service for LAs and RSLs for better targeted planning and delivery of energy efficiency projects



#### Two tools

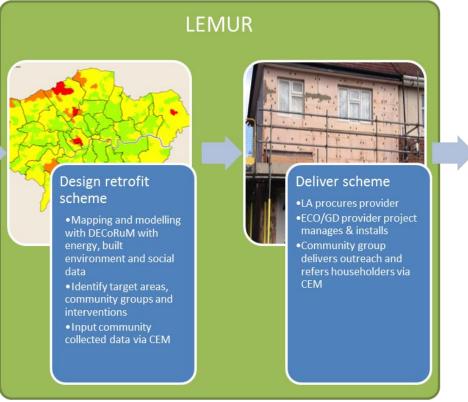






## Lemur service delivery process

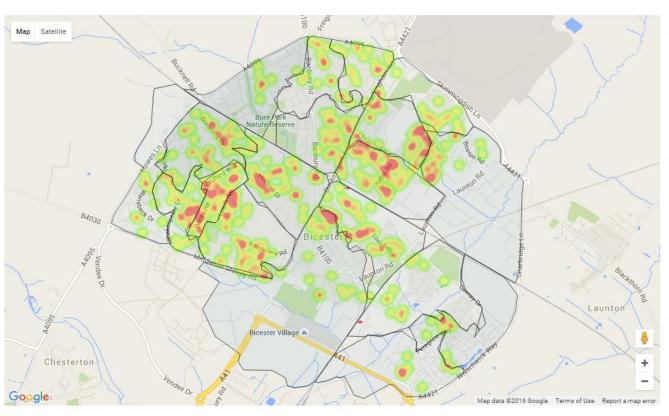








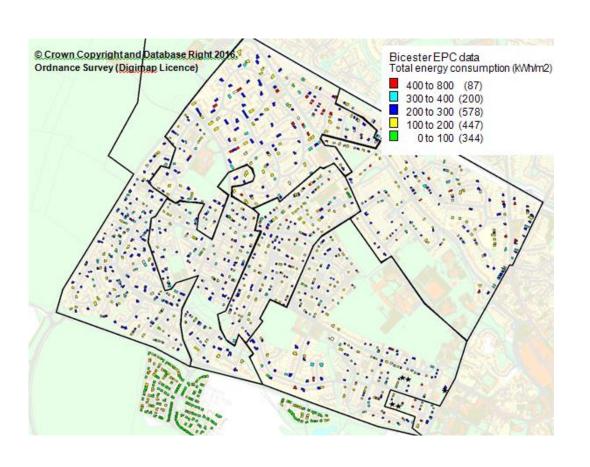
#### Mapping Bicester (CEM)



Properties with EPCs showing uninsulated cavity walls and <150 mm loft insulation

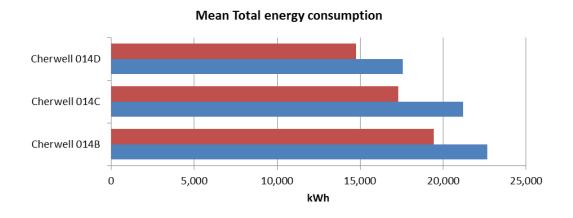


## Mapping Bicester (DECoRuM)





## Comparing EPCs to national data



■ DECC LSOA (2014) ■ EPC

Over-estimate of between 3,000-4,000 kWh/yr in the mean energy figure for the EPCs.

	Cherwell	Cherwell	Cherwell
	014B	014C	014D
No. of meters (electricity)	636	691	489
No. of EPCs	212	231	206
% of area covered by EPC	33%	33%	42%
Bicester mean 2014 (LSOA )	16,181 kWh		
Bicester mean EPCs		16,929 kWh	

	2014
Average UK consumption (DECC, 2015c)	16,406



#### Next steps

- Analyse data from pilot
- Market analysis
- Determine viability of service

# Innovative Retrofit of the Garth: Performance results

Adrian Kite, Ridge Architects

**Prof. Rajat Gupta**, Oxford Brookes University





# Innovative Retrofit of the Garth Eco Bicester Living Lab 7 June 2016























#### **Garth House Retrofit**





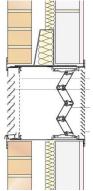


























#### Monitoring retrofit performance



Using a building performance evaluation (BPE) approach, the process and performance of the refurbishment was evaluated.

#### **Pre-refurbishment**

- -Establishing baseline performance (air permeability, energy use and environmental assessment)
- -Dynamic modelling to predict energy savings from proposed improvement measures

#### Post-refurbishment

#### **Early occupation**

- Fabric
   performance
   testing (air
   permeability test,
   thermal imaging
   survey)
- Commissioning and handover review

#### In-use

- Actual energy use assessment
- Environmental assessment
- Occupant satisfaction and feedback
- Control interfaces review

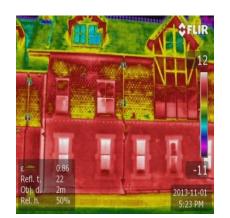


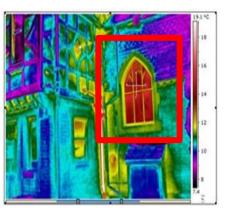


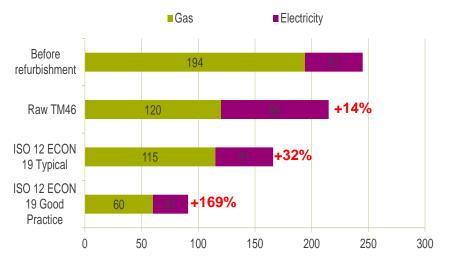
#### **Pre-refurbishment BPE**

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- Air permeability of 20.52m<sup>3</sup>/h.m<sup>2</sup>@50Pa
- Significant heat loss through external wall and single glazed windows
- Annual energy consumption was 245kWh/m² and greater than most benchmarks. Gas use very high.
- Indoor temperature 'too hot' in the summer and 'too cold' in the winter.
  - Heating system always on during winter.
- Occupants concerned over disruption during the refurbishment works







#### Annual energy consumption (kWh/m²)

Temperature in summer: hot/cold

Too hot:1

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7: Too cold

Temperature in summer: stable/varies

Stable:1

Temperature in winter: hot/cold

Too hot:1

Twhot

7: Too cold

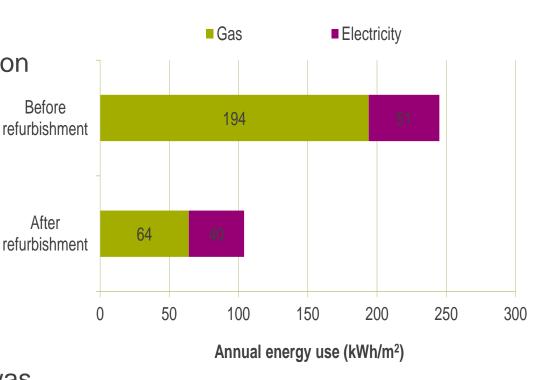
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#### Pre-refurbishment actual energy use



- Annual energy consumption reduced by 58% compared to prerefurbishment levels
- 67% reduction in gas consumption
- 22% reduction in electricity consumption.
- 49% reduction in overall annual carbon emissions.
- Significant reduction in gas consumption was due to the improved insulation and careful management of heating which was on during occupied hours only.







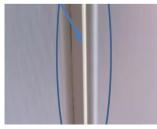
#### Fabric performance – air tightness



- 52% reduction in air tightness after the refurbishment
- Air leakage paths detected through a smoke pencil test.
- Air leakage paths were found around door frames, skirting boards and exposed floor boards
- Following the tests the contractor carried out repairs of the frames and sealed the gaps.

	Air tightness (m³/h.m² @50Pa)	
	Target	Measured
Before refurb	-	20.5
After refurb-1	10.0	10.62
After refurb-2 (following smoke test and improvem ents)		9.31





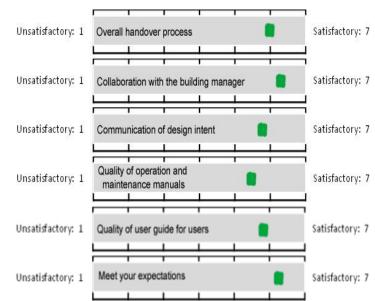


#### Review of refurbishment process and handover BRO

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- Overall building manager and users were satisfied with the building handover and user guide (missed out maintenance schedule of MVHR).
- Process caused greater disruption to the occupants than planned due to unforeseen problems associated with the old building.
- Having two contractors with parallel contractual arrangements led to some delays.
- Issues with installation of internal insulation: transport footprint to deliver the boards; little attention to detail with regard to cutting, labelling and installation; lack of detailed survey and design liability



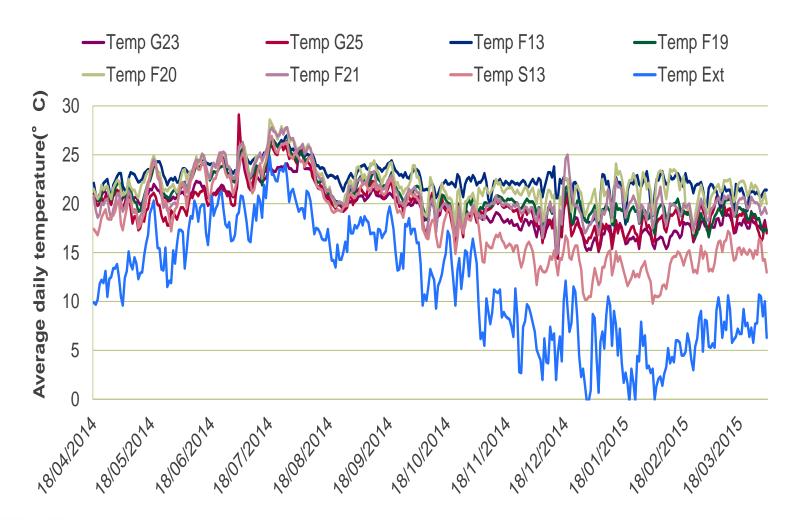




#### **Environmental monitoring - temperature**



Overall temperatures are within comfort levels most of the time

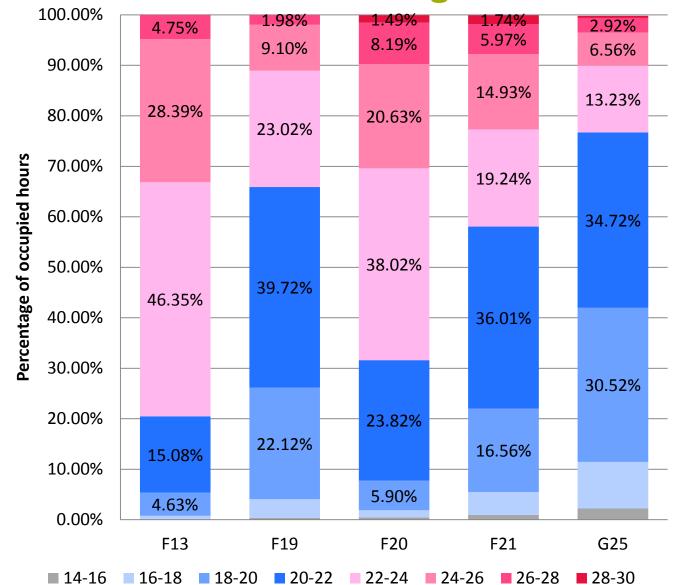






### Environmental monitoring – risk of overheating





South facing rooms on the first floor experience higher temperatures (F20, F21)

1.5% of occupied hours during monitored period in office F20 and 1.7% in office F21 exceeded the overheating CIBSE Guide A criteria (28 °C).

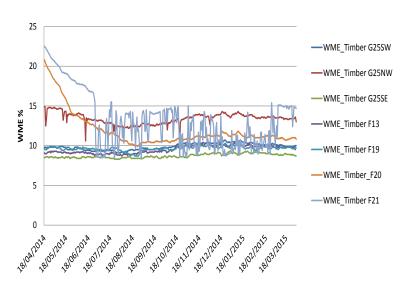




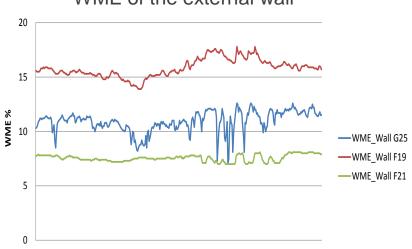
### **Environmental monitoring – moisture content**



WME of the timber stude inside the internal wall insulation









Moisture sensors (in the timber studs)

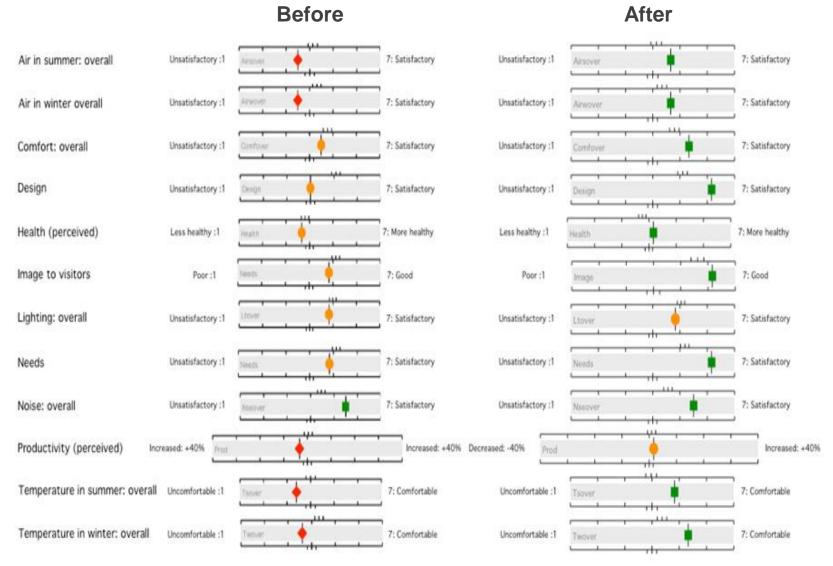
- WME of the timber studs in all the rooms is under 15%
- WME in the external wall is below 20%



### **Occupant satisfaction**



solutions for sustainability



Occupant feedback on most of the elements of the building improved after the refurbishment

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### Wider lessons

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- By minimising disruption to residents, business continuity was successfully preserved which avoided costs associated with renting alternative offices
- Use of innovative technology meant that the process respected the historical character of the building.
- While no electricity saving measures were installed, electricity use was reduced by 22% which can be partly attributed to users becoming more energy-conscious due to the works.

- Pre-refurbishment BPE is valuable for identifying the most appropriate interventions and establishing the baseline performance of the building.
- Diagnostic measures such as thermal imaging surveys and smoke tests, help to identify and address workmanship issues that may affect thermal performance.
- Greater integration of the project team with higher levels of collaboration is essential for minimising gap between intent and outcome.



BioRegional solutions for sustainability

# Circular economy: Bicester Moves and Bicester Green

Emma Gordon, Bicester Green



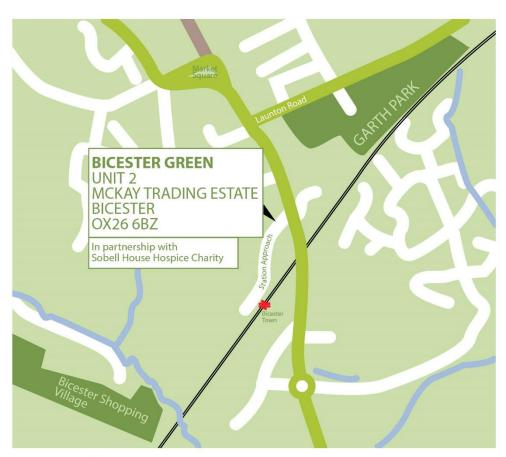




### Sustainability

### **Skills**

### Second Hand Stuff



### Saving waste from landfill



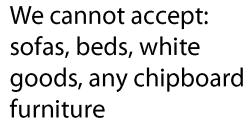
### **Donations & Collections**

















### Who does the fixing?

**Job Seekers** 

Retirees

Special needs & their carers

Disabled

Work Experience

Duke of Edinburgh

Youth offenders





SHARING SKILLS





### Where we sell?







### **Green Tuesdays**

March & April, Tuesday evenings 6:30pm - 9:00pm

#### **Build** a birdbox

17th March

Build your own Birdbox. Learn basic DIY



### **Mosaic Workshop**

14th April

Experiment with mosaics.



### **Shabby Chic Furniture**

21st April

Techniques to spruces up your old bits of furniture.

#### Nettle Extravaganza

31st March

How to forage and to cook with nettles.



### Bike repair

24th March, 28th April



2x Sessions

We show you how to fix your bike.

### **Drill Baby Drill**

Beginners DIY evening classes



- Basic Electrics
- Using tools
- 1. Get together 6 friends
- 3 easy steps 2. Find a venue
  - 3. Invite us to teach DIY

### Spring 2015



#### Volunteer with us

Learn new

Share your knowledge

Help us deliver our projects

Be part of the team

Fix stuff & be creative

Find your strengths

10:00 - 13:00 14:00 - 17:00 Mon Tue Wed Fri

Email, call, or drop in to discuss volunteering

#### Contact us

01869 388 564 07591 754 787 Bicester Green Station Approach OX26 6BZ 10-5pm



www.facebook.com/BicesterGreen www.bicestergreen.org.uk info@bicestergreen.org.uk

### Buy a bike from us

### Kids Adults Vintage

£10/£30 £40/£100 £65/£120

Refurbished with a 3 month warranty



\*Some bikes sold as seen for reduced prices.

### **Bicester Bike Loan**



Borrow a bike Adult bike £15 Brompton £18

For a weekend, a week or a month.

\*You will need a chequebook for the deposit.

Birdboxes, Butterfly & Doormouse houses.

Made from reclaimed wood For Sale.

### **Events coming up**

Re-fashion Oxford 3rd March Tandem Festival 19 - 21st June Bicester Big Lunch 7th June Low Carbon Week 13-21st June

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Learn how to make delicious liquors in your own kitchen.



### **Bicycle Loan Scheme**



### **Bicester Moves**



### Bicester wide increase in re-use



### The team











# Communications campaign

## **Engagement** events

### **Communications**

We distributed **12,000 bin hangers** 

### Clear out guide for home movers

www.bicestergreen.org.uk/bicester-moves

#### Step 1: SELL your unwanted stuff

- Use websites such as ebay, gumtree, etc.
- Coming soon: Training session to help sell stuff by Bicester Green (check for updates on our website)

#### Step 2: GIVE away your unwanted stuff

- Donate to charity, give them to friends or to community
- Mid-July: Check map on our website with your nearest charity drop-off points and links to community sharing sites (freecycle etc)

#### Step 3: FIX/TRANSFORM what can still be used

 Coming soon: Furniture repair and shabby chic furniture workshops by Bicester Green (check for updates on our website)

Step 4: If you are moving in BUY secondhand or GET FREE stuff through the channels above!

#### For more information please visit: www.bicestergreen.org.uk/bicester-moves

 If you would like to be on our malling list for workshop info, please email: motoko.bicestergreen@gmail.com





by Bicester Green

A local project to support movers, provide good quality items to the community, and decrease waste.

If you are interested in internships or volunteering, please contact motoko.bicestergreen@gmail.com







Easy Money

Before you throw away your old stuff, why not try...

Selling your stuff for some cash £?

Giving away to friends or community?

Donating to support a good cause?

Fixing or refurbishing

what can still be used?

Check these easy ways to give your old stuff a second chance.

#### www.bicestergreen.org.uk/bicester-moves

See back for more info

















### **Communications**

### Bicester Secondhand and Repair Guide

### Sell or buy at antique & secondhand shops

- Bicester Green
  Station Approach OX26 6BZ
  Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 10am-5pm,
  3rd Sat 10am-2pm 01869 388564
  info@bicestergreen.org.uk
- 2 Lisseters of Bicester 3 Kings End OX26 6DR Mon-Sat 9am-5pm 01869252402 Lissters@aol.co.uk
- Robinson's Antiques
  15-16 Crown Walk, OX26 6HY
  Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 9.30am-5pm
  07979408811
  robinsonsantiques@hotmail.co.uk
- Old Flight House (buy only)
  Northampton Road,
  Weston on the Green, OX25 3TJ
  Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-5pm
  01869343441
  info@theoldflighthouse.co.uk
- Phoneland 19b Sheep Street Mon-Sat 9am-5.30pm 01869 242500 bicester@phoneland.co.uk
- Computer King Sheep Street (Friday market) Fri 7am-4pm 07774486373

### Sell or buy on national internet sites

www.ebay.co.uk

www.gumtree.com

www.preloved.co.uk

### Donate or buy at charity shops

- Bicester Green Station Approach OX26 6BZ Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 10am-5pm, 3rd Sat 10am-2pm 01869 388564 info@bicestergreen.org.uk
- Sue Ryder 28 Sheep St. OX26 6LG Mon-Sat 9am-Spm 01869 248943
- British Heart Foundation 23 Sheep St. OX26 6JF Mon-Sat 9.30am-5pm 01869 322878
- 9 Oxfam 38 Sheep St. OX26 6LG Mon-Sat 9am-5pm 01869 246735
- Sobell House Hospice Megastore Station Approach OX26 6BZ M-F 9.30am-4.30pm Sat 10am-4pm 01869 245235
- Sobell House Hospice Shop 21 Market Square OX26 6AD Mon-Sat 9am-4.30pm 01869 248788
- 12 Katherine House Hospice 12 Market Square OX26 6AD Mon-Sat 9am-4pm 01869 322133
- 3 Shaw Trust 2 Sheep St. OX26 6TB Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-4pm 01869322818

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- Helen and Douglas Hospice
  40 Sheep St. OX26 6LG
  Mon-Sat 9.30am-5pm 01869 327554
- 15 Age UK 15 Deans Court OX26 6RD Mon -Sat 9am-5pm 01869243751

### Repair and up-cycle at repair shops

- 1 Bicester Green
  Station Approach OX26 6BZ
  Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 10am-5pm,
  3rd Sat 10am-2pm 01869 388564
  info@bicestergreen.org.uk
- Churchill Domestics
  44 Churchill Rd OX26 4UB
  07957 346224
- HMC mobile phones
  1A Crown Walk OX26 6HY
  Mon-Fri 9am-4.30pm, Sat 9am-1pm
  07842 517375
  simonturner2492@gmail.com
- 18 Latham Upholstery 35 Launton Rd. OX26 6PY 01869 241365 / 07740 091767
- Furniture Pro
  Furniture repair/restoration
  07739 144752
- Go Restore and Repair Langford Gardens, OX26 2NA 01869 713017

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- David Gibbons Upholstery W Edge OX27 0HA 01869 278119
- Bicester Dry Cleaners 25 Market Square OX26 6AD Mon-Sat 9am-5pm 01869 248664
- 5 Phoneland 19b Sheep Street Mon-Sat 9am-5.30pm 01869 242500
- 24 Crown Dry Cleaners 10 Crown Walk OX26 6HY 01869 246423

### Ros's Alteration 19 Dean's Court OX26 6RD Tue, Wed, Fri 9am-5pm Sat 9am-4pm 01869 244199

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Henry's 42 Sheep St OX26 6LH Mon-Sat 9am-5.30pm 01869 252213

- Bicester Shoe Repairs 8 Evans Yard OX26 6JT Mon-Sat 8.30am-5.30pm 01869 324404
- Broadribb Cycles
  85 Sheep St. OX26 6JS
  01869 253170
  Mon Wed 9am-5.30pm,
  Thu 9am-7.30pm
  Fri, Sat 9am-5.30pm, Sun: CLOSED
  Bank Holidays: 10am-2pm
- Halfords
  4 Launton Road Retail Park,
  Launton Road OX26 4JQ
  Mon-Fri 9am 8pm, Sat 9am 6pm
  Sun 10am 5pm
  01869 324723

### Sell, buy or give away on local facebook sites

Bicester Bargain Basement

Bicester Sales, Buys, Swaps, Wanted, Free stuff, House Items, Kids Stuff, ect

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Bicester FreeRecycling

### Sell or buy at in-store advertising boards

- 30 Wilko's 3 Market Square, OX26 6AA Mon-Sat 8am-6pm, Sun 10am-4pm 01869 250100 Cost: FREE
- 31 Costa Coffee 7 Sheep St. OX26 6JD Mon-Fri 6am-7pm, Sat 6.30am-7pm, Sun 7am-7pm 01869 248497 Cost: FREE
- 32 Costa Coffee 37 Sheep St OX26 6JD Mon-Sat 6am-7pm 01869323344 Cost: FREE
- 33 Martin 22 Sheep Street OX26 6TB 7am-5.30pm 01869 242711 Cost: £1.25/wk, £4.50/4wk, £55/yr
- 34 Martin Mccoll 22 Market Square, OX26 6AQ 5.30am-10pm. 01869 357903 Cost: £1/wk, £3.50/4wk, £40/yr

Icon categories



- Small furniture
- IT equipment Computers, printers and monitors
- Mobile phones
- Printer cartridges

  Toys and games

a games Edit

Edition: 1

### **Events**











We directly engaged with 708 people through our re-use events and 52 people through workshops.

### A few observations

- Half the charity shops who participated in our survey said their donations increased.
- There is a big hole in how charity shops collect their data.
- We are still directing people to the Re-use and repair map.
- Larger furniture sold better through an event with a longer duration. Single day events worked for smaller items.
- We identified furniture transport as a key barrier for re-use
- Sharing online trade knowledge required less resources than other workshops but was just as popular



Thank you

### Retrofitting Bicester

Q & A





### Forthcoming projects

- Green Infrastructure

- Energy Infrastructure





# Green Infrastructure in a rapidly growing town

Pam Berry, Oxford University







# Tools for Planning and Evaluating Urban Green Infrastructure: Bicester and Beyond

Pam Berry, Alison Smith, Rob Dunford, ECI, Oxford Keiron Doick and Darren Moseley, Forest Research







### Aims



- 1. Understand the range of existing GI and the ecosystem services it currently provides.
- 2. Identify spatial gaps in the habitats and services provided by existing GI, taking account of connectivity for wildlife, accessibility for recreational use by people and possibilities for interlinked sustainable travel routes.
- 3. Engage with developers, users and managers to identify opportunities for enhancing existing GI and creating new areas that fill spatial and functional gaps, thus increasing the ecosystem service benefits provided (including by enhancing connectivity).
- **4. Evaluate the benefits** of existing and planned GI, including in monetary terms where possible and appropriate, to enable different options to be compared and to support the business case for investment.



### Approach



- 1. Compile a toolbox of proven ES/GI assessment tools suitable for use by UK local authorities in planning and evaluating urban GI, using readily available datasets.
- 2. Produce clear step-by-step guidance to enable end-users to select the most appropriate tools and apply those tools in a range of locations.
- 3. Where necessary, **improve the existing tools and methods** selected for the toolbox so that they are ready for wider practical use.
- 4. Support our end-users in applying these tools to develop a Green Infrastructure Plan for Bicester

**Co-production and co-learning**: working closely with end-users and stakeholders, we hope to learn how to tailor research tools to meet the needs of users in the real world.



### NERC Prioritisation of ES in Bicester eci

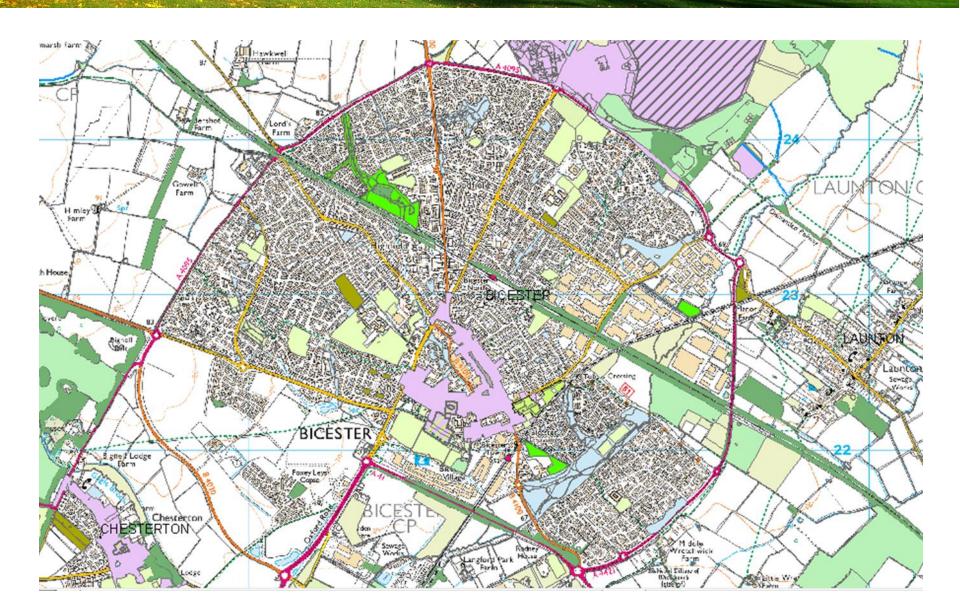


Priority Ecosystem Services	Н	M	L	Score
Recreation (walking, running, cycling,	10			30
fishing, boating, playing, etc.)				
Water quality regulation	7	2	1	26
Flood protection	7	2		25
Food (allotments, gardens, orchards)	4	6		24
Habitat for wildlife: connectivity	8			24
Local distinctiveness / sense of place	5	3		21
Habitat for wildlife: quantity	3	6		21
Aesthetic value	6	1		20
Air quality regulation	1	8		19
Habitat for wildlife: quality	5	1		17
Local climate (cooling, shading, shelter)	3	3		15
Water supply	4			12
Existence value (satisfaction from just	1	4	1	12
knowing that nature exists) and bequest				
value (for future generations)				
Pollination	1	4		11



### Green infrastructure in Bicester ec







### Next steps



- 1. Assess the ES provided by existing and planned green infrastructure
- 2. Assess the tools available, their ease of use and applicability
- 3. Explore alternative options for GI and enhancing of ES

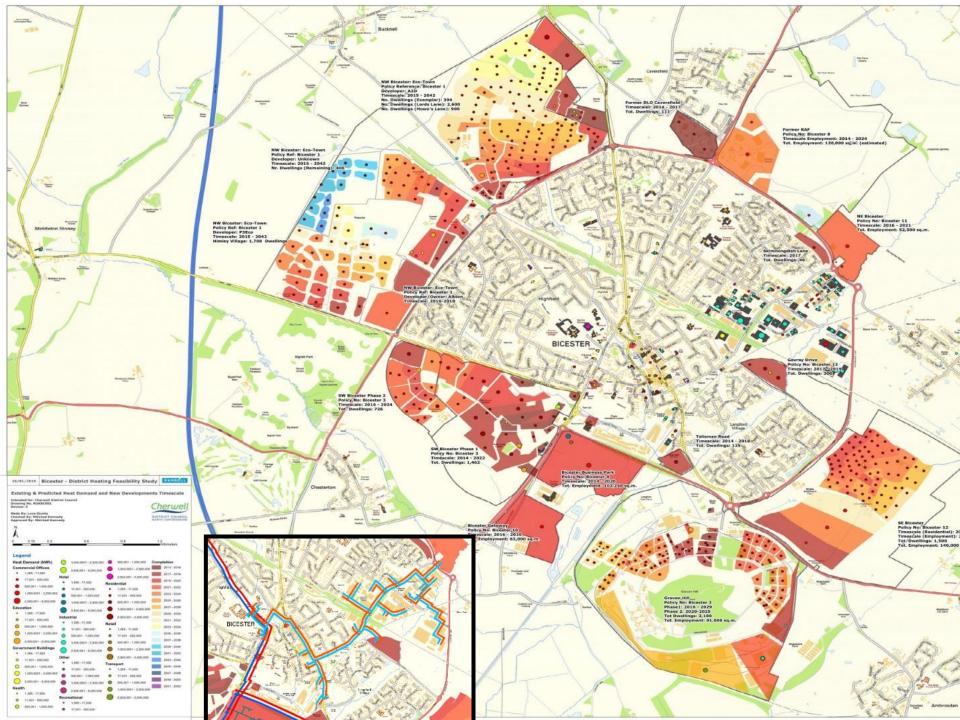
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# Energy Infrastructure: heat networks and grid constraints

Nicole Lazarus, Bioregional







### Bicester Leisure Centre

- PV array installed and out performing predictions
- 500kW biomass boiler

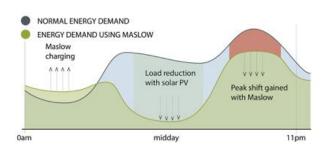




### **Energy infrastructure**

- Heat networks
- Smart grid solutions
- Fuel cell feasibility

### Balancing the Grid



















### Discussions and Q & A







### Closing remarks

**Sue Riddlestone OBE**, Chief Executive and Co-Founder Bioregional





### Thank you





