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### Executive Summary

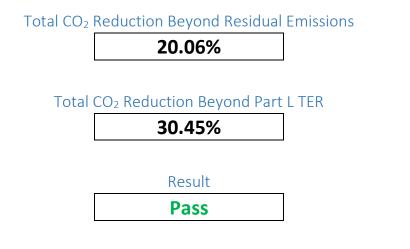
This Energy Assessment has been compiled to demonstrate compliance with the Bristol City Council Policy BCS14 (from the Development Framework Core Strategy).

The proposal is for the conversion of 7 Belvedere Road, Redland, Bristol, BS6 7JG to form an extension to the care home present at 8 Belvedere Road next door.

Following the methodology outlined in the Climate Change and Sustainability – Practice Note (including the Practice Note Addendum – January 2023), SBEM calculations have been completed in stages to demonstrate a 20% reduction in regulated carbon emissions.

Firstly, SBEM calculations achieving Part L compliance (2021 edition incorporating 2023 amendments – for use in England) were modelled to provide 'baseline' energy demand and emissions, using notional values taken from Approved Document L2 in place of an applicable TER calculation. Then, additional measures were applied to provide 'residual' energy demand and emissions. Finally, appropriate decentralised renewables were included in the SBEM calculations to provide the final energy demand and emissions figures for comparison. More detail is provided in the following sections. The carbon emission factors used in this assessment are relevant to the current Part L.

To summarize the results, the total reduction in carbon emissions from on-site renewables is as follows:





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Design Principles to Reduce Energy Consumption and Carbon Emissions

Fabric

With the change to Part L of the building regulations in 2022, lower U-values are now required in order to achieve minimum elemental compliance for newly constructed elements. Given the proposed design, it is likely that traditional construction methods, such as a blockwork cavity wall, concrete ground floor and insulation above flat roof joists will allow these to be achieved, although higher levels of insulation will be required. This can be applied both to the new extension and new dormers, although it is likely a timber frame construction will be used for the dormers.

To complement the performance of the new build elements, the existing fabric will be thermally upgraded to help limit heat losses. As the building lies within a conservation area, upgrades will be sensitive and discreet, using breathable insulation such as mineral wool so as to not compromise the existing fabric and to not affect the character or external appearance of the building.

All new and upgraded thermal elements will meet or exceed the minimum requirements of Part L of the Building Regulations.

#### Fenestration and Solar Gain

It is anticipated that the existing windows will be replaced with modern double-glazed units to limit both heat losses and air leakage through these areas. These will be to the same standard as the units to the new openings, with a specification chosen to balance limiting heat losses and overheating while still allowing some passive solar gains in winter.



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#### **Mechanical Services**

A well-designed building envelope must be supplemented by appropriate services within the building.

With the decarbonisation of the grid, electric heating and hot water provision is preferred over local fossil fuel solutions. This has the added benefit of not requiring fuel deliveries and no combustion on site, leading to better air quality.

Heat pumps are the most efficient form of electric heating. An air source heat pump will be installed to the rear of the building (thus not affecting its appearance) which would be able to provide space and hot water heating to the building year-round (enabled by the thermal upgrades of the existing fabric).

Additionally, efficient mechanical ventilation with heat recovery will be installed. This will ensure high levels of air quality are maintained for occupants, especially the more elderly residents, helping to improve comfort levels. It will also allow heat to be recovered and recycled, reducing the demand on the heating system.

#### Lighting

It is proposed that only highly energy efficient lighting is installed to the building and to any outdoor lighting.

Modern LED lighting technology means that very high efficiencies are possible. It is proposed that all light fittings should have luminaires with an efficacy of at least 130 lumens per circuit-watt.



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#### Renewables

In addition to the heat pump, it should be possible to mount photovoltaic (PV) panels to the roof to generate electricity. These panels, if placed on the area of rear roof, would be invisible from the street and thus would not conflict with the conservation area.

Other forms of renewable technologies are explored later in this report.

#### **Overall Performance**

The following tables detail how the proposed works have been specified at this stage, incorporating the above principles. Also displayed is how the site would perform in relation to the building regulations and the planning requirements for BCS14.

### Proposed Fabric and Services Specification



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#### Table 1 – Baseline Compliance

Showing the specification used to achieve compliance with Part L. As the calculated TER only applies to new builds, notional values from Document L2 have been used to calculate baseline emissions.

Category	Item	Value/Details		
	New/Upgraded Ground Floor	0.18/0.25		
Building Fabric (W/m²K)	New/Upgraded External Walls (Including Basement and Dormer Walls)	0.26/0.30		
	Upgraded Pitched/Flat Roof	0.18/0.18		
Fenestration	New Solid Door	1.60		
(W/m²K)	New Windows	1.60		
Ventilation	Air Permeability (m³/hm²)	8.00		
ventilation	Mechanical Ventilation	Intermittent extract fans to wet rooms		
	Primary Heating System	Air source heat pump, e.g. Mitsubishi Ecodan PUZ-WM85VAA (SCOP 4.84)*		
	Controls Local time and temperature co			
Heating	Heat Distribution	Radiators		
	Water Heating	300l cylinder fed from heat pump, declared heat loss 2.00kWh/day		
	Secondary Heating System	None		
Additional	Lighting (Im/W)	95		
Features	Renewables	None		

\*Heat pump included in baseline calculations as per BCS14 and Part L2 TER calculation methodologies



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### Table 2 – Additional Energy Efficiency Measures

Showing the specification changes made to reduce carbon emissions and improve energy efficiency

Category	Item	Value/Details
	New/Upgraded Ground Floor	0.13/0.13
Building Fabric (W/m²K)	New/Upgraded External Walls (Including Basement and Dormer Walls)	0.18/0.23
	Upgraded Pitched/Flat Roof	0.13/0.13
Fenestration	New Door	1.40
(W/m²K)	New Windows	1.20
	Air Permeability (m³/hm²)	5.00
Ventilation	Mechanical Ventilation	MVHR system to all areas except circulation and stores. S.F.P. 0.90W/I/s, 90% heat recovery efficiency
Additional Features	Lighting (Im/W)	130

### Table 3 – Non-Residential Energy Efficiency

	Notional	Building	Proposed Building		
	Energy Consumption	Fuel Type	Energy Consumption	Fuel Type	
Heating (MWh/Year)	6.165	Grid Electricity 1.750 Grid		Grid Electricity	
Hot Water (MWh/Year)	7.870	Grid Electricity	7.825	Grid Electricity	
Cooling (MWH/Year)	0.000	Grid Electricity	0.000	Grid Electricity	
Auxiliary (MWh/Year)	3.604	Grid Electricity 7.408 Grid		Grid Electricity	
Lighting (MWh/Year)	7.989	Grid Electricity 5.842 G		Grid Electricity	
Total (MWh/Year)	25.628	Grid Electricity	22.824	Grid Electricity	
Total per GIA (MWh/m²/Year)	0.052	Grid Electricity	0.046	Grid Electricity	

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### Table 4 – Energy Efficiency Measures

Showing how the proposed specification compares to the limiting values for new and upgraded elements in converted buildings

	Part L Values (2021)					
Element or System	New Elements Limiting Proposed Converted Elements Limiting		Elements	Converted Elements Proposed		
Wall	II 0.26W/m <sup>2</sup> K 0.18W/m <sup>2</sup> K		0.30W/m <sup>2</sup> K	0.23W/m <sup>2</sup> K		
Roof	0.18W/m <sup>2</sup> K	0.13W/m <sup>2</sup> K	0.18W/m <sup>2</sup> K	0.13W/m <sup>2</sup> K		
Floor	0.18W/m <sup>2</sup> K	0.13W/m <sup>2</sup> K	0.25W/m <sup>2</sup> K	0.13W/m <sup>2</sup> K		
Windows	1.60W/m <sup>2</sup> K	1.20W/m <sup>2</sup> K	N/A	N/A		
Doors	1.60W/m²K	1.40W/m²K	N/A	N/A		
Rooflights	2.20W/m <sup>2</sup> K	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Air Permeability	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		



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# Table 5 – Feasibility Matrix of Appropriate Renewables

Showing the considerations in choosing a renewable technology for this site.

Technology	Requirements	<b>Requirements Met?</b>	Appropriate?	
	Roof facing east to west (through south)	Yes		
Photovoltaic	Little/no or modest overshading	Yes*		
panels	Flat roof or pitched roof not greater than 45°	Yes	Yes	
	Any size development	Yes		
Solar thermal	All requirements as for photovoltaic panels	Yes	Yes	
	Hot water tank possible	Yes		
	Suitable external wall	Yes		
Air source heat	Aesthetic considerations	Yes	Yes	
pumps	Noise impact	Yes	res	
	Any size development	Yes		
	External space for horizontal trench or vertical borehole	No		
Ground source	Medium to large sized development	No	No	
heat pumps	Archaeology	Unknown		
	Best suited to underfloor heating	No		
	Space needed for plant, fuel storage and deliveries	No		
Biomass	Medium to large sized development	No	No	
	Minimal impact on residents (air quality, deliveries)	No		
Combined heat	Space need for plant, access and servicing	No		
and power	Large sized development (large heat demand)	No		
	Available network	No		
District heating	Very large sized development (substantial heat demand)	No	No	

\*See the following aerial image demonstrating that the overshading risk is low for the likely location of any solar panels.

Please refer to Appendices A through G for more in-depth information on these technologies.

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### Fig. 1 – Aerial Image of the Site – Overshading Risk



Note: As can be seen, there are no obstructions that are likely to create significant overshading to any potential solar panels.

#### Heat Hierarchy

### Table 6 – Following the Heat Hierarchy

#### Showing how the heat hierarchy, as outlined in BCS14 can be applied to this site.

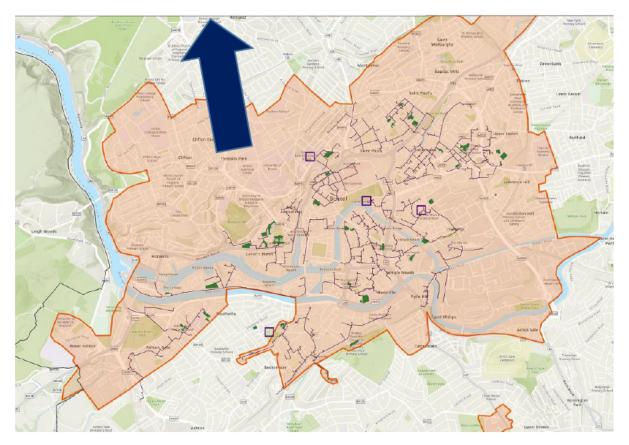
Stage	Feasible	Notes
1. Connection to existing CHP/CCHP distribution networks	No	No network available
2. Site-wide renewable CHP/CCHP	No	Heat demand not high enough
3. Site-wide gas-fired CHP/CCHP	No	Heat demand not high enough
4. Site-wide renewable community heating/cooling	No	No space for plant
5. Site-wide gas-fired community heating/cooling	No	No space for plant
6. Individual building renewable heating	Yes	Individual ASHP feasible

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Fig. 2 – Bristol City Council Heat Networks Map



The blue arrow shows the approximate direction of 7 Belvedere Road, which is about 2 miles from the western tip of Spike Island.



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#### Feasibility of Appropriate Renewables - Conclusion

Due to the location, size and type of development some renewable technologies are not appropriate for this site.

In the future, if a district heating system were to be introduced to the area, the proposed building could be connected to this network. In principle the proposed wet central heating system would be compatible with this, although a suitable location for the connecting equipment would need to be found.

Solar thermal panels would not provide a sufficient carbon emissions reduction to be suitable.

There is no suitable space for the required plant of any form of communal heating system (serving the existing care home as well as the new conversion) to be installed, whether this is renewable or combustion based.

An air source heat pump is feasible, and could be discretely mounted to the rear of the building to provide efficient, low-carbon renewable heating and hot water. However, as the heat pump has been included in the baseline calculation (as per BCS14 and Part L2 calculation methodologies) it cannot subsequently be used to demonstrate a further carbon reduction.

Roof-mounted PV panels are also feasible and suitable for this site. They could be installed on the flat roof or rear facing pitched roof areas where they would not be visible from street level. This will contribute towards reducing  $CO_2$  emissions on site by at least 20%, as demonstrated in Table 10. This will need to be confirmed by survey before installation. An example of the type of PV panel that could be used is provided in Appendix A.

### Appropriate Solution(s)

### ASHP Photovoltaic Panels



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#### Table 7 – Proposed Renewables

Showing renewables added to the specification to reduce carbon emissions.

Category	Item	Value/Details
Additional	Renewables	5.60kWp of roof-mounted solar PV
Features	Renewables	panels

#### Table 8 – Renewables Specification (Detail)

Unit	Array	Number of Panels	Roof Area Required	Orientation	Inclination	Overshading
New 2- bedroom house	5.60kWp	14	24m <sup>2</sup>	South-East	30° (nominal)*	None or very little

\*The SBEM calculation accepts 0°, 15°, 30°, 45°, 60°, 75° and 90°. The angle given is the nearest of these values to the true pitch of the mounted panels.

Please refer to the accompanying roof plan for details of the proposed PV panel layout.

### Table 9 – Installed Renewables Capacity

Item	Value/Details
Renewable Electricity – Enter the total installed capacity (kW)	5.60kWp PV array
Renewable Electricity – Enter the estimated annual yield (kW) from renewable measures generating electricity (where available apply recognised standard methodologies such as the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS) methodology for PV)	4,936.70kW/year (no shading assumed – planning calculations so MCS calculation etc not yet available)
Renewable Heat – Enter the total installed capacity	8.0kW
Renewable Heat – Enter the estimated annual yield (kWh) from renewable measures generating heat	Heat pump estimated to use 1,749.97.93kWh/year for heating and 7,825.14kWh/year for hot water*

\*Heat pump used as part of baseline compliance strategy so no carbon reduction is possible (heat pump included in TER calculations as per Part L2 2021 methodology).

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### Table 10 – Summary Table for Renewables

No District Heat Connection	Regulated Energy Demand (MWh/yr)	Regulated CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions (tonnes/yr)	CO2 Saved (tonnes/yr)	CO <sub>2</sub> Reduction (%)
Baseline - Part L TER	25.84	3.67		
Proposed scheme after energy efficiency measures	22.82	3.20	0.48	12.99
Residual emissions Proposed scheme after energy efficiency measures and CHP (if using)	22.82	3.20	0.00	0.00
Proposed scheme after on-site renewables	17.89	2.56	0.64	20.06
Total CO2 reduction beyond Part L TER			1.12	30.45

For further details please refer to the BRUKL Reports.



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### Appendix A – Photovoltaic Panels

#### What are Photovoltaic Panels?

Photovoltaic Panels (PV) panels convert the energy in light received from the Sun into electricity. There are two types of system – grid connected systems are the most common and allow electricity to be drawn from the national grid during times when the panels are not generating enough electricity to provide all the power needs. This setup also allows any surplus electricity to be sold back to the grid. Conversely, standalone systems are not connected to the grid and so require supplementing with other power generating systems or batteries to ensure that the supply of electricity is not interrupted.



#### Space Requirements

PV Panels are composed of a series of small solar cells that are connected together. They come in a variety of shapes, sized and outputs and ideally will be installed on an inclined south-facing roof to maximise the power generated. Larger arrays will result in more power being generated, up to the limits of available roof space. If space is limited, solar tiles can be installed as these can fit more capacity into the same area. However, these are more expensive than traditional panel installations.



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#### Installation Costs, Funding, Maintenance and Payback

The average cost for a solar panel installation for a small-scale building is approximately £5,000-£9,000, although this is highly dependent on the size of array being installed. Planning permission is not usually required unless the panels are to be installed on a listed building or the property is situated in a conservation area.

The photovoltaic array can be expected to last for up to 25 years, depending on the manufacturer.

On January 1<sup>st</sup> 2020, a new government incentive scheme was introduced, known as the Smart Export Guarantee (SEG). For those installing small scale renewable technologies, with a maximum capacity of 5MW, the SEG will pay for each unit of electricity fed into the National Grid. It is anticipated that payback for a PV system could be achieved in approximately 12 years.

#### Advantages of Photovoltaic Panels

- Electricity bills reduced
- Source of renewable energy
- Reduced carbon footprint
- Low maintenance

#### Disadvantages of Photovoltaic Panels

- Relatively high upfront cost
- Energy generation varies with the average annual amount of radiation received
- Power output highly weather dependent
- No electricity produced at night
- Requires a lot of roof space for an effective array.



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#### Solar Panel Example

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#### SunPower Maxeon Solar Cell Technology

- Proven technology across
   3.5 billion cells shipped
- Most efficient cell in commercial solar<sup>1</sup>
- Only solar cell with a solidmetal foundation, providing patented protection from breakage and corrosion



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### MAXEON 3

POWER RANGE: 390-400 W | EFFICIENCY: Up to 22.6%

Part of the record-setting SunPower Maxeon product line, the SunPower Maxeon 3 solar panel offers homeowners the highest efficiency available in the market today, maximising longterm energy production, as well as savings potential per available space.<sup>1</sup>

SunPower Maxeon panels are world-renowned for their energy production and savings advantages that combine unmatched efficiency and reliability with an industry-leading warranty and an estimated 40-year useful life.<sup>23,4</sup>

#### Maximum Lifetime Energy and Savings

The SunPower Maxeon 3 solar panel is designed to deliver 35% more energy in the same space over 25 years in real-world conditions such as partial shade and high temperatures.  $^{567}$ 

#### A Better Product. A Better Warranty.

The 25-year SunPower Complete Confidence Panel Warranty is backed by testing and field data from more than 30 million SunPower Maxeon panels deployed—and a demonstrated warranty return rate of .005%. <sup>8</sup>



	Year 1 Minimum Warranted Power Output	98.0%
(HEAN)	Maximum Annual Degradation	0.25%
Ĩ	Year 25 Warranted Power Output	92.0%

#### Leadership in Sustainable Manufacturing

SunPower Maxeon panels—and the facilities in which they are produced—raise the bar for environmental and social responsibility. Included below are highlights of the certifications and recognition received by some of our products and manufacturing sites.



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#### MAXEON 3 POWER: 390-400 W | EFFICIENCY: Up to 22.6%

	Electrica	Data	
	SPR-MAX3-400	SPR-MAX3-395	SPR-MAX3-390
Nominal Power (Pnom) 9	400 W	395 W	390 W
Power Tolerance	+5/0%	+5/0%	+5/0%
Panel Efficiency	22.6%	22.3%	22.1%
Rated Voltage (Vmpp)	65.8 V	65.1 V	64.5 V
Rated Current (Impp)	6.08 A	6.07 A	6.05 A
Open-Circuit Voltage (Voc) (+/-3%)	75.6 V	75.4 V	75.3 V
Short-Circuit Current (lsc) (+/–3%)	6.58 A	6.56 A	6.55 A
Max. System Voltage		1000 V IEC	
Maximum Series Fuse		20 A	
Power Temp Coef.		-0.27% / ℃	
Voltage Temp Coef.		-0.236% mV / °C	
Current Temp Coef.		0.060% mA/°C	

Tests And Certifications

IEC 60068-2-68, MIL-STD-810G

IEC 61701 (maximum severity)

1000 V: IEC 62804, PVEL 600 hr duration

IEC 61215, IEC 61730 ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015

IEC 62716

TUV

Operating C	ondition And Mechanical Data
Temperature	-40°C to +85°C
Impact Resistance	25 mm diameter hail at 23 m/s
Solar Cells	104 Monocrystalline Maxeon Gen III
Tempered Glass	High-transmission tempered anti- reflective
Junction Box	IP-68, Stäubli (MC4), 3 bypass diodes
Weight	19 kg
Max. Load 11	Wind: 2400 Pa, 244 kg/m² front & back Snow: 5400 Pa, 550 kg/m² front
Frame	Class 1 black anodized (highest AAMA rating)

	FRAME PROFILE
1 690 mm	A. Cable Length: 1000 mm +/-10 mm
1	B. LONG SIDE: 32 mm SHORT SIDE: 24 mm
 <b>→</b> 40 mm	

Please read the safety and installation guide.

Sustainability Tests and Certifications		
IFLI Dedare Label	First solar panel labeled for ingredient transparency and LBC-compliance. <sup>12</sup>	
Cradle to Cradle Certified™ Bronze	First solar panel line certified for material health, water stewardship, material reutilization, renewable energy & carbon management, and social fairness. <sup>15</sup>	
Green Building Certification Contribution	Panels can contribute additional points toward LEED and BREEAM certifications. <sup>14</sup>	
EHS Compliance	RoHS, OHSAS 18001:2007, lead free, REACH SVHC- 163	

1 Based on datasheet review of websites of top 20 manufacturers per IHS, as of Jan, 2020. 2 Jordan, et. al. Robust PV Degradation Methodology and Application. PVSC 2018. 3 Based on Oct. 2019 review of warranties on manufacturer websites for top 20 manufacturers per IHS 2018.

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 "SunPower Module 40-Year Useful Life," SunPower whitepaper. 2013.
 SunPower 370 W, 22.7% efficient, compared to a Conventional Panel on same-sized arrays (310 W mono
 PERC, 19% efficient, approx. 1.64 m%)
 6 PV Evolution Labs "SunPower Shading Study," 2013. Compared to a conventional front contact panel.
 7 Based on temperature coefficients provided in manufacturer datasheets 2020.
 8 SunPower panels are less than 50 dppm, or 0.005%, on over 15 million panels shipped - Source: SunPower

White Paper, 2019;

9 Standard Test Conditions (1000 W/m<sup>2</sup> irradiance, AM 1.5, 25° C). NREL calibration Standard: SOMS current, LACCS FF and Voltage.

Standard Tests 10

Desert Test Salt Spray Test

**PID** Test Available Listings

Quality Management Certs Ammonia Test

10 Class C fire rating per IEC 61730. 11 Safety factor 1.5 included. 12 SunPower Maxeon DC panels first received the International Living Future Institute Declare Label in 2016.

13 SunPower Maxeon DC panels are Cradle to Cradle Certified™ Bronze -www.c2ccertified.org/products/scorecard/e-series\_x-series\_solar\_panels\_\_sunpower\_corporation. Cradle to Cradle Certified™ Bronze. Cradle to Cradle Certified™ is a certification mark licensed by the Cradle to Cradle Products Innovation Institute

14 Maxeon panels can contribute to LEED Materials and Resources categories and BREEAM certification.

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### Appendix B – Solar Thermal Panels

#### What is Solar Thermal Energy?

A solar thermal system uses energy from the Sun to heat water which is then stores in a hot water cylinder.



#### **Space Requirements**

For a small scale solar thermal setup, it is suggested that approximately five square meters of south facing space will be required, to ensure that as much solar energy as possible can be collected. A sloping roof is not required as the panels can be fitted to a frame mounted on a flat roof or even hung from a wall.

Before installing a solar thermal system, it is important to check if your current setup is suitable – solar thermal systems require a hot water cylinder to store the heated water and are therefore not compatible with combination boilers or direct acting water heaters. If the cylinder present prior to the installation of the solar thermal system is not a solar cylinder, it will be necessary to either replace the cylinder with one which has a solar heating coil fitted or to add an extra cylinder with a solar coil to ensure that the system works correctly.

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#### Installation Costs, Funding, Maintenance and Payback

The initial cost of installing a typical small scale solar thermal system is generally between £5,000 and £9,000. There are currently no financial schemes available for solar thermal panels.

Very little maintenance is usually required after the system is installed, although it is important to have the system inspected every three to seven years by a qualified solar panel expert.

The payback costs for solar panels depend greatly on the installation costs. For example, a system costing between £5,000 and £7,000 to install has a typical payback time between 13 and 17 years.

#### **Planning Requirements**

Planning permission is generally not required for the installation of a solar thermal system. However, restrictions may apply if the building is listed or sited withing a conservation area – it is advisable to check with the local council prior to installation.

#### Advantages

- Clean and efficient water heating
- Easy to maintain
- Quiet
- Low carbon footprint

#### Disadvantages

- High initial cost
- Effectiveness depends on the number of hours of sunshine your area gets during the day
- The system is limited to only heating water no electricity is produced
- Only useful if there is meaningful hot water demand



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### Appendix C – Air Source Heat Pumps

#### What are Air Source Heat Pumps?

Air source heat pumps (ASHPs) extract thermal energy from outside air (using the principles of vapor compression refrigeration), which can then be used to heat the building as well as to provide hot water. Heat pumps can also be run in reverse, cooling the building and transferring the excess heat to the outside.

There are two types of air source heat pump systems:

- 1. Air to air systems transfer the warmed air throughout the building using fans
- 2. **Air to water** systems transfer heat to water, which is then distributed via plumbing similar to that used in a conventional heating system with a boiler

Air source heat pumps operate at lower temperatures than traditional gas boilers. This means that these systems can be utilised more effectively with an underfloor heating setup compared to using radiators, as with underfloor heating the warmth is distributed more evenly and thus more efficiently. It is vital that the building fabric be well insulated if the benefits of an air source heat pump are to be fully utilised.





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#### Space Requirements

An area on the exterior of the building, such as on a wall or roof, will be required for the external unit. This ideally should be in a warmer location which not only has enough space for the unit but is also clear of obstructions to allow air to flow freely.

Additionally, space will be required for the internal unit. Typically, these are no larger than a standard hot water cylinder or boiler unit, depending on the exact setup used. However, with many setups a separate hot water cylinder, along with the space for this, is also required.

#### Installation Costs, Funding, Maintenance and Payback

The cost of purchasing and installing an air source heat pump system is generally between £3,000 and £11,000, depending on the size and complexity of the setup. Additional costs may be incurred if your property is particularly large. However, it may be possible to obtain payments from the Government's Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI), which will offset some of the costs incurred with installing the heat pump.

Air source heat pumps can be expected to last for up to 20 years as long as they are inspected every three to five years by a qualified technician. A typical payback period for ASHPs is around 12 years, once RHI is taken into account.

#### Planning

It is advisable to consult your local planning authority prior to purchasing the heat pump to establish whether there are any restrictions as to the positioning of the external unit.

#### Advantages

- Lower fuel bills
- Can provide heating in winter and cooling in the summer as well as hot water year-round
- Low maintenance
- Low carbon footprint

#### Disadvantages

- Works more efficiently with underfloor heating, or larger radiators
- The outdoor unit produces noise so careful siting is required
- Less efficient in winter due to the need to extract heat from colder air, resulting in lower Coefficient of Performance (COP) values.

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#### Air Source Heat Pump Example



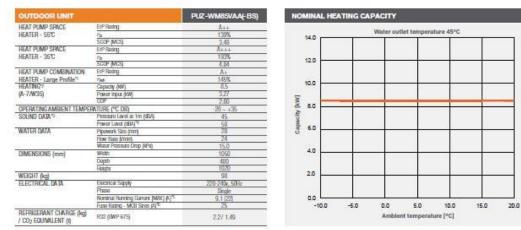
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PUZ-WM85VAA(-BS) Ecodan R32 Monobloc Air Source Heat Pump

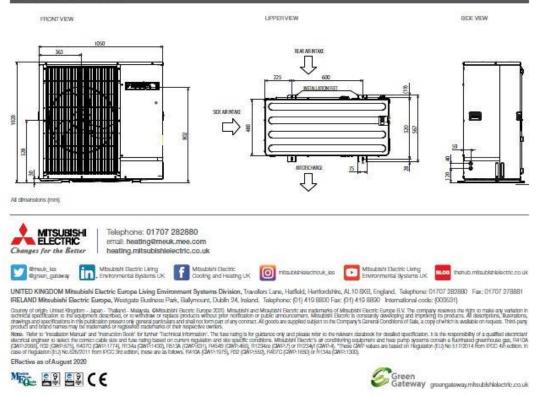


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### Appendix D – Ground Source Heat Pumps

#### What are Ground Source Heat Pumps?

Ground source heat pumps (GSHPs) use pipes, buried in available land close to the building, to extract heat from the ground. Water and antifreeze are circulated around the pipes absorbing heat, which is the transferred through a heat exchanger in the heat pump into the building. From this point, the heat can be used to provide space or hot water heating, or the system can be run in reverse to provide cooling.

Ground source heat pumps operate at lower temperatures than traditional gas boilers. This means that these systems can be utilised more efficiently with an underfloor heating setup than with radiators. It is particularly vital that the building be well insulated to fully take advantage of the benefits of a ground source heat pump.



#### Space Requirements

There are two types of ground source heat pump systems:

- 1. Horizontal systems, which require an area of approximately 700m<sup>2</sup>
- 2. **Vertical** systems, which have a borehole approximately a quarter of a metre across and up to 100m deep.

Larger sites will require either a larger area or more boreholes. Whichever system is chosen, suitable access must be available for the machinery required to install the pipework, especially in the case of the drill rig required for the vertical systems.

Space must also be available for the internal unit. These are typically larger than a standard gas boiler, approximately the size of a domestic hot water cylinder.

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#### Installation Costs, Funding, Maintenance and Payback

Installing ground source heat pumps can cost between £10,000 and £18,000. The horizontal system is often cheaper as the expensive drill rig required to drill the borehole is unnecessary.

It may be possible to obtain payments from the Government's Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI), which will help to offset some of the costs involved with installing the heat pump. Additionally, the heat pump, if inspected regularly by a qualified servicer, can be expected to last for up to twenty years.

With low running costs and possible income from the RHI, the payback period can typically be between 8 and 12 years.

#### Planning Requirements

Ground source heat pumps are generally permitted, but some restrictions apply, such as with listed buildings. Consulting your local authority prior to installation is recommended.

#### Advantages

- Lower fuel bills, especially if used to replace direct electric heating
- Can provide both space and hot water heating
- Can provide heating in winter and cooling in summer as well as hot water year-round
- Lower carbon footprint
- Low maintenance
- More efficient in winter than air source heat pumps due to ground temperatures remaining more constant throughout the year

#### Disadvantages

- More expensive to install than air source heat pumps
- Suitable land mist be available for the pipework or boreholes
- The building must be very well insulated
- Works most efficiently with underfloor heating or warm air distribution



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### Appendix E – Biomass

#### What is Biomass?

Biomass is any fuel obtained from natural or organic material, such as manure, forest debris or agricultural or horticultural waste. The most common biomass energy source is wood in the form of pellets, wood chips or logs. Biomass boilers can be used as a replacement for a fossil fuel-based heat source, and are best suited to medium to large scale sites.



#### **Space Requirements**

Typically, biomass boilers are contained in a single plant room serving the whole site. This room needs to be big enough for the boiler or boilers themselves, along with water tanks and space for fuel storage.

#### Installation Costs, Funding, Maintenance and Payback

The cost of a biomass boiler depends on a number of factors, including the type of boiler used, the fuel type and storage size. For example, the cost, including installation, of an automatically-fed pellet boiler can be as much as £20,000. It is important to note that biomass boilers are also eligible for the Government Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) scheme, which provides payments to those using renewable heating systems. Therefore, despite the high initial cost, biomass boilers can have relatively short payback times of around 5-7 years.

Biomass boilers should be serviced every 12 months to ensure continued efficiency and to prevent any breakdowns.

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#### Planning

There may be restrictions on the installation of biomass systems, due to concerns over local pollution and disruption to residents caused by deliveries.

#### Advantages

- Sustainable energy source
- Reduces dependence on fossil fuels
- Carbon-neutral the carbon produced is absorbed by plants which can then be used as future biomass fuel
- Reduces waste sent to landfill
- Abundant availability of fuel

#### Disadvantages

- The burning of biomass fuels produces various gases that can contribute to local air pollution
- Space is required on-site for a plant room and fuel storage, as well as a designated fuel delivery area
- Constructing and operating biomass energy plants are often more expensive than more traditional power plants



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### Appendix F – Combined Heat and Power

#### What is Combined Heat and Power?

Combined Heat and Power (CHP), sometimes referred to as cogeneration, is a setup in which heat and power are generated simultaneously.

Energy which is lost at various steps in producing electricity in a conventional power plant can be captured and used to provide warmth. For example, water which has condensed from the steam used to turn the generating turbine is typically cooled in large cooling towers, with all the energy lost to the air. In a CHP plant, this 'waste' heat is instead used to produce hot water, hot air or steam, which can then be distributed to heat local buildings.



#### Space Requirements

Significant space is required for the power plant itself, as well as the additional space required for the recovery of the otherwise wasted heat. Additionally, to use this energy effectively, a large pipe network is needed to distribute the heat around the local area.

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#### Installation Costs, Funding, Maintenance and Payback

The costs involved with setting up a CHP system, especially if the power plant is being constructed along with it rather than converted, are relatively high. As a result of this, these schemes tend to be large-scale long-term projects.

The network must be kept well maintained to avoid loss of service and to ensure continued operation. However, a large-scale network can heat a wide area more efficiently than with individual building heating systems, providing good long-term return on investments.

#### Advantages

- The CHP process can be applied to power plants that use either renewable or fossil fuels as well as those which use a combination of the two
- Emissions are generally lower than other electricity and heat producing systems
- A variety of energy consumers can benefit from the installation of a CHP plant, including hospitals, schools and industrial sites

#### Disadvantages

- CHP plants need to be local to their users to ensure as little energy is lost in the transmission as possible.
- The technology needed is expensive and more complex. Maintenance costs can also be greater
- Considerable amount of space is required for a full-size CHP setup, making it suitable only for larger sites



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### Appendix G – District Heating

#### What is District Heating?

Instead of relying on one boiler for each unit on site, district heating utilises hot water or steam from a single communal heat source and distributes that energy to a variety of consumers through a network of insulated pipes. This network can be as large as desired, allowing entire communities to benefit, as well as reducing the need for additional energy to be produced specifically for heating buildings in the local area.

In the individual property or building, a heat interface unit (HIU) gives the consumer control over the hot water they use in a similar manner to that provided by a traditional boiler.



#### **Space Requirements**

An energy centre or large plant room would be required for this type of system. Depending on the scale of the heat network, pipework may need to be laid underground to distribute the hot water across the site or to the local area.

#### Installation Costs, Funding, Maintenance and Payback

The initial cost of setting up district heating, including the plant and infrastructure needed to deliver the heat, is relatively high and so these large-scale schemes tend to be a long-term investment.

Regular maintenance is essential to ensure continued efficiency and to prevent any breakdowns.

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#### Advantages

- More energy efficient as energy which is otherwise wasted can be used
- Lower carbon emissions
- Has the potential to reduce heating costs

#### Disadvantages

- If the main fuel source experiences problems, whole areas could potentially be without heating or hot water
- Can in some cases be more expensive than traditional heating
- A large network is required to gain full benefit it is only suitable for use on very large sites or where there is a network already present