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Air movement in & about buildings 6 of 9 + Q&As

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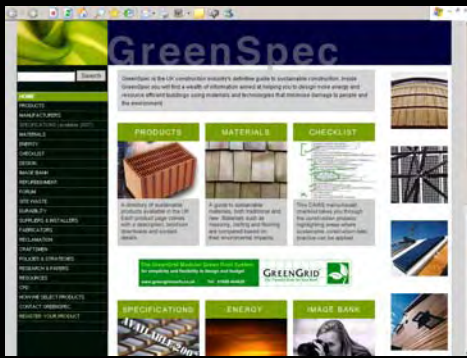
GreenSpec CPD Seminar Series

- **Educational Objective:**
 - Comprehensive introduction to subject: from wind to air-conditioning and a lot more in between
 - emphasis on environmentally sustainable solutions
 - design primer: addressing principles and solutions
 - technically rich: materials, construction, services & testing
 - Related GreenSpec CPD Seminars indicated
 - Questions and answers for each subtopic in file 10
- **Audience:**
 - Architecture Students Part 1 Year 2
 - CPD update for all levels of experience & knowledge
- **Delivery:**
 - 3 to 4 hours depending upon audience participation
 - Reading 1 hour
 - 26 subject breaks to enable subdivision

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Sub-topics in 10 separate files

- Principles of Element Design
- Climate Change
- Wind
- Wind Tunnel Testing
- Wind Turbines
- Natural Ventilation
- Moisture Vapour & Condensation
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- Breathing Construction
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- Wind & Airtightness Testing
- Building Elements
- Passive Ventilation
- Active Ventilation
- Stack Effect
- Atrium
- Solar Orientation & Solar Gain
- Conservatories
- Thermal mass
- Conduction, Convection, Radiation
- Solar Shading
- Thermal mass, Passive and active cooling
- Fluid dynamics
- Mechanical Ventilation
- Air-Conditioning
- Questions and Answers



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Passive Ventilation

Passive & Stack Effect

Passive Ventilation

- **Passive ventilation can be in numerous forms**
- **Cross ventilations using open windows and doors on both sides of a building and prevailing winds driving fresh air through**
- **Venetians use windows close to and either side of the corners of buildings to catch air currents in a tight urban environment**
- **Stack effect to draw air from warm interiors and draw cooler air in to replace it**
- **Lift and stair shafts have ventilation at their heads to release smoke this can add to the ventilation but probably is uncontrolled**







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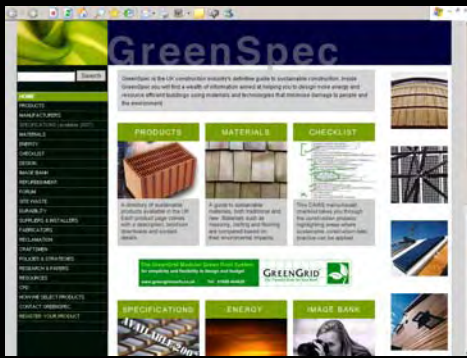


Passive stack ventilation



Passive Stack Ventilation

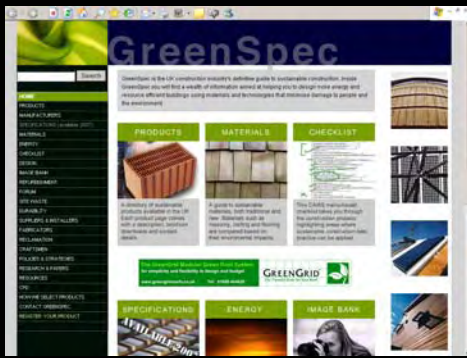




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Active Ventilation

Air pressure driving passive ventilation



Active ventilation

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- Using Passive ventilation principles
- Adding controls and actuators to open and close valves, flaps and vents
- Harnessing the power of nature (wind pressure) to drive the passive systems



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	BedZED	Bill Dunster's triumphant realisation of a sustainable urban live/work community. The development comprises of 82 homes, 18 work/live units for the Peabody Trust in the London Borough of Sutton.
	Attenborough Centre	Groundworks Architects RIBA Award winning exemplar building for the Attenborough Nature Centre. This visitors centre is located in a flooded gravel pit and features a wood frame and cladding along with solar panels and a water heat pump.
	Kingsmead School	White Design's all-wood primary school in Northwich caters for 150 children. It features natural ventilation and lighting, super-insulation, rainwater harvesting and use of photovoltaic and solar panels along with a bio-mass boiler heating system.
	Environmental Building	The BRE's offices at Garston is used to demonstrate all of the characteristics and attributes of what new "Green" building technologies have to offer.
		



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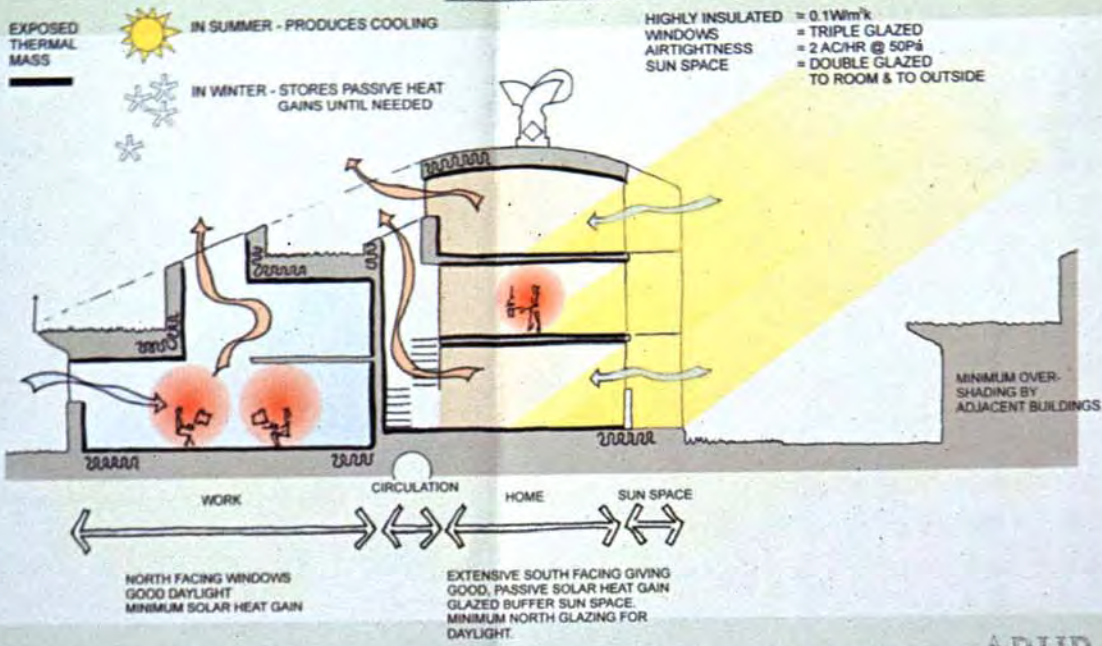
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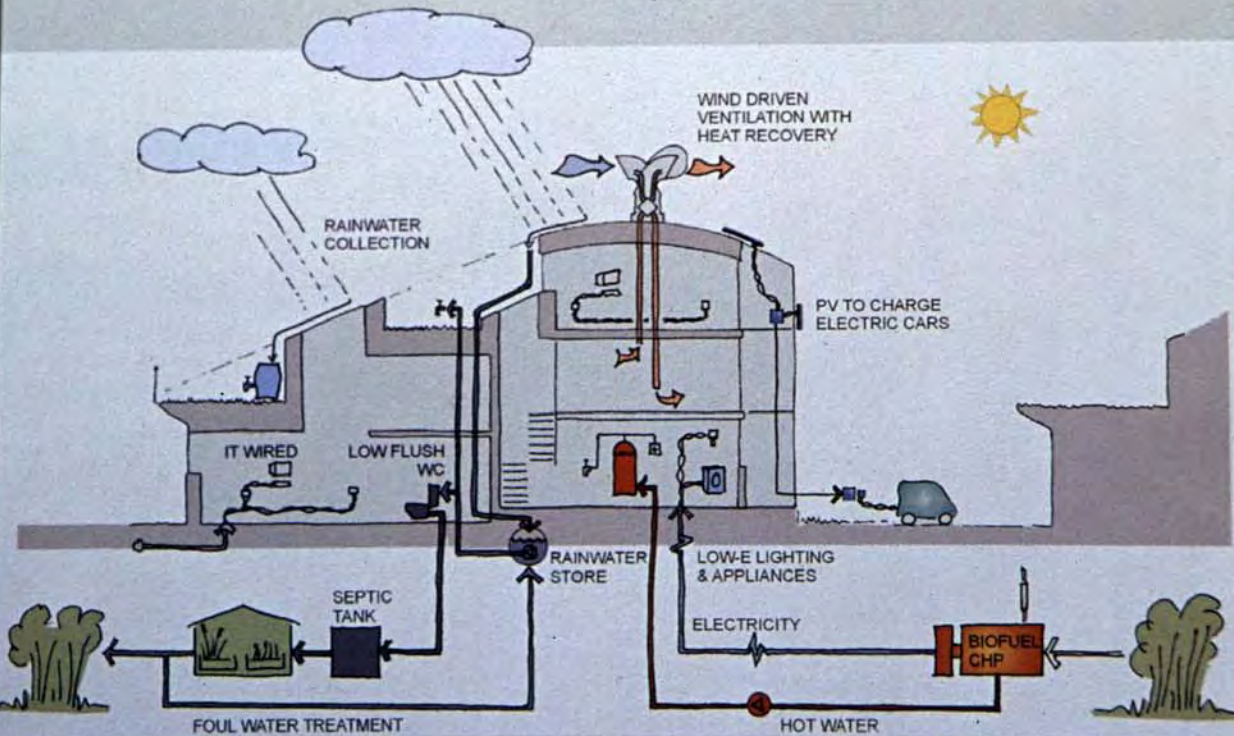


BUILDING PHYSICS



ARUP

Wind pressure pushes fresh air in driving stale air out, with heat exchange to prevent heat loss



ARU

BedZED



Active ventilation:

wind captured
pushed into
building,
driving air out,

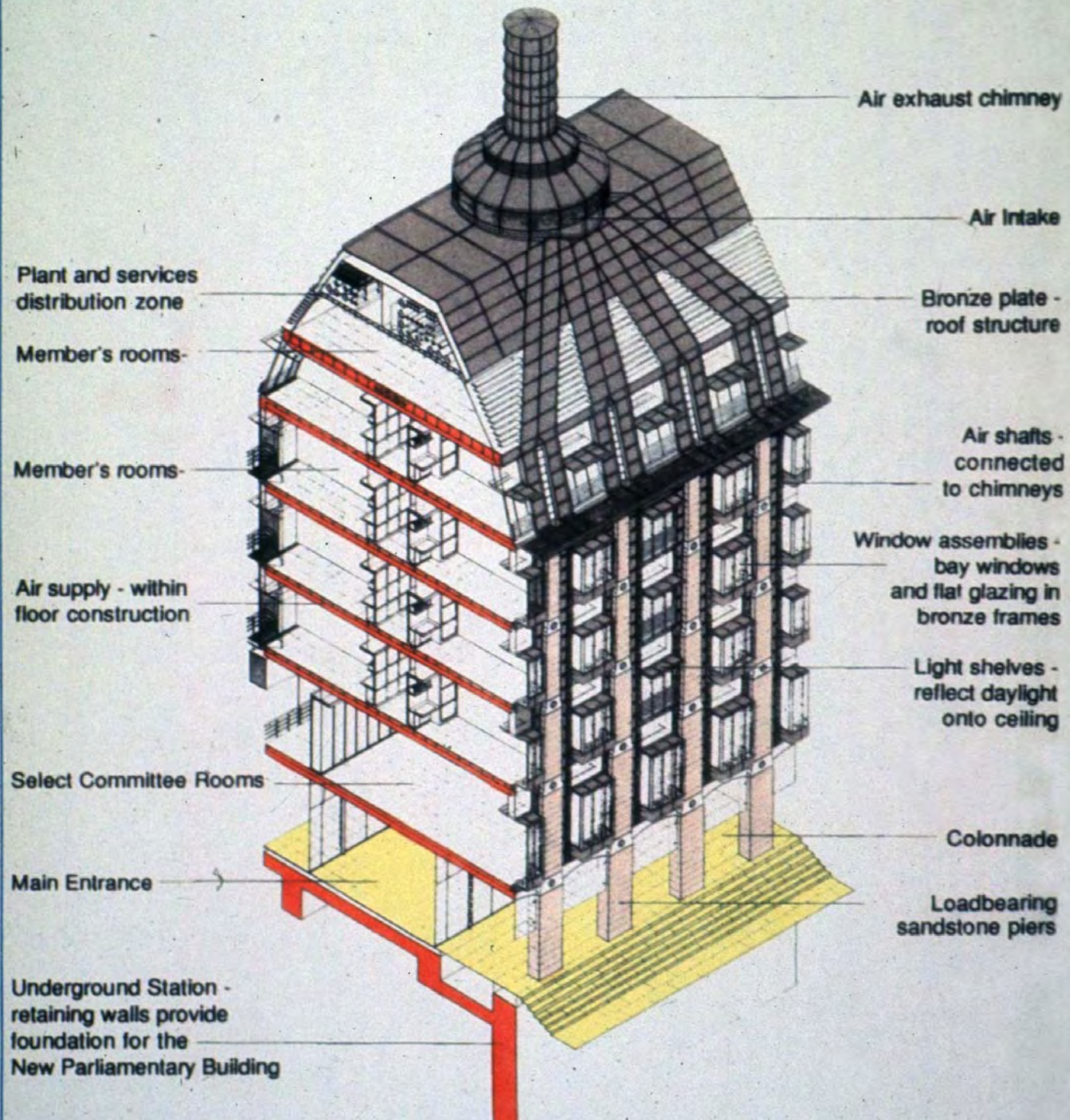
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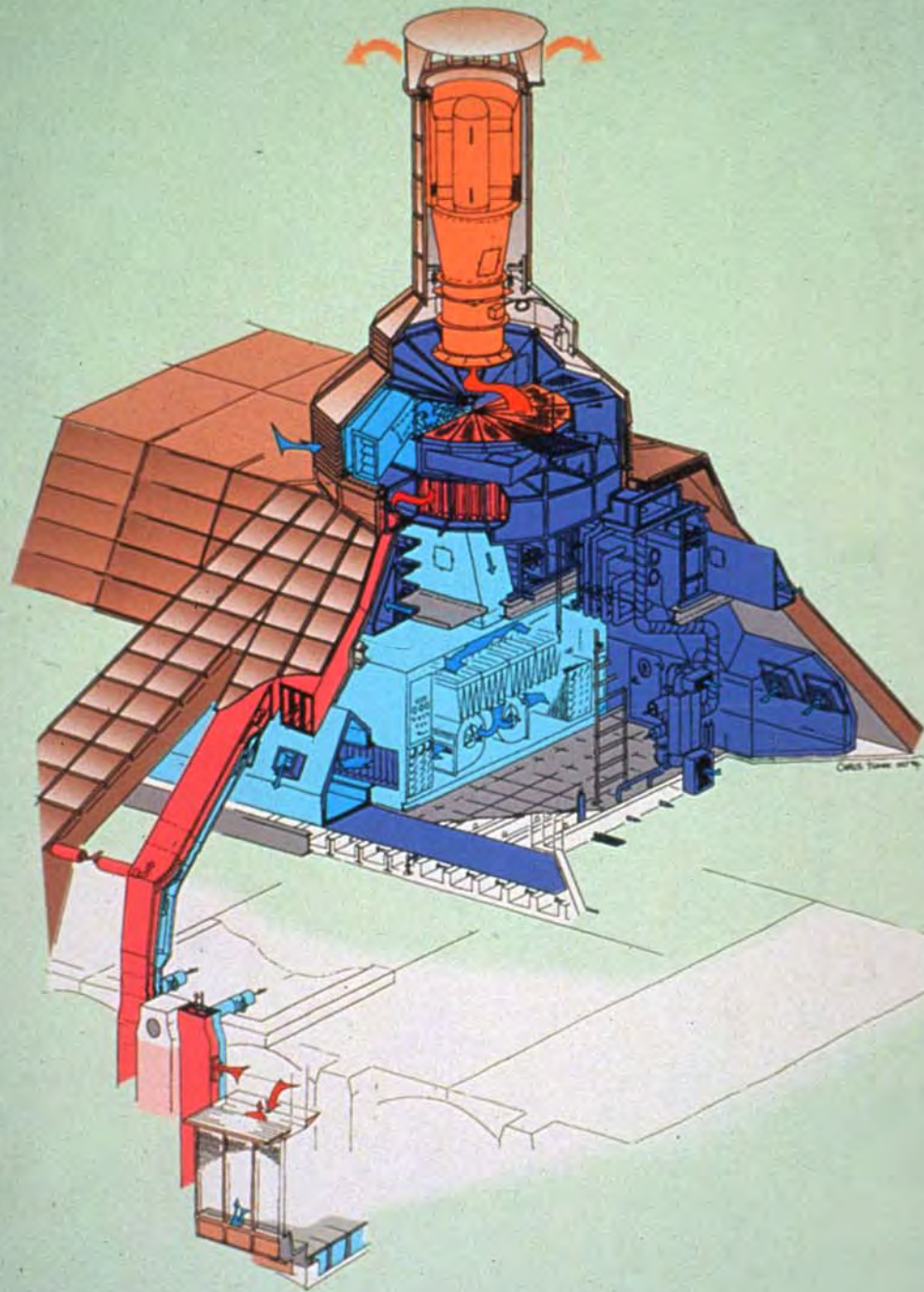
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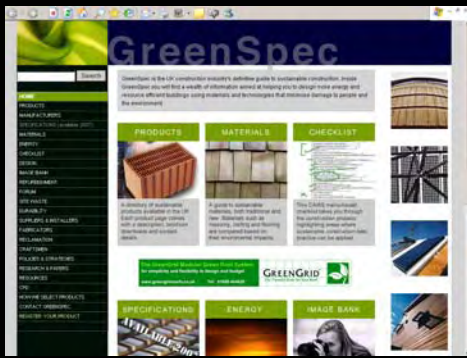


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Stack Effect

Stack effect

- Chimney stacks are a route from the building interior to exterior at high level
- With a source of heat at the base the warmed less dense air will be buoyant and rise to high level
- Cooler air will be drawn in to replace the warmed air leaving by the chimney
- Once the flow is started this effect is self propelling
- A venturi throating makes this irresistible
- This is called the stack effect and it can be exploited in designs to ventilate buildings







**Stack effect
Brick Kilns:
Often lime
making in
widespread
cottage
industry**



**Chimneys use
stack effect**





**Cooling
Towers:
stack
effect but
not to be
confused
with
building
ventilation**



**Chimneys are part of UK history and
a part of our psyche**



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Stack Vents to car parking



**Staircase void
can play its part
in the stack
effect**

**Need air in at
bottom and air
out at top**

Roof lights, windows & vents

- High level rooflights are an essential part of passive ventilation using the stack effect without the chimney
- They need to be well insulated to minimise winter heat loss
- They are best controlled to ensure optimum performance: i.e. once a temperature is reached then open to get the stack effect off to a good start



Iron age round house

Castle Henlly S. Wales



Perimeter
ventilation,
cooking
and
heating
fire and
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apex

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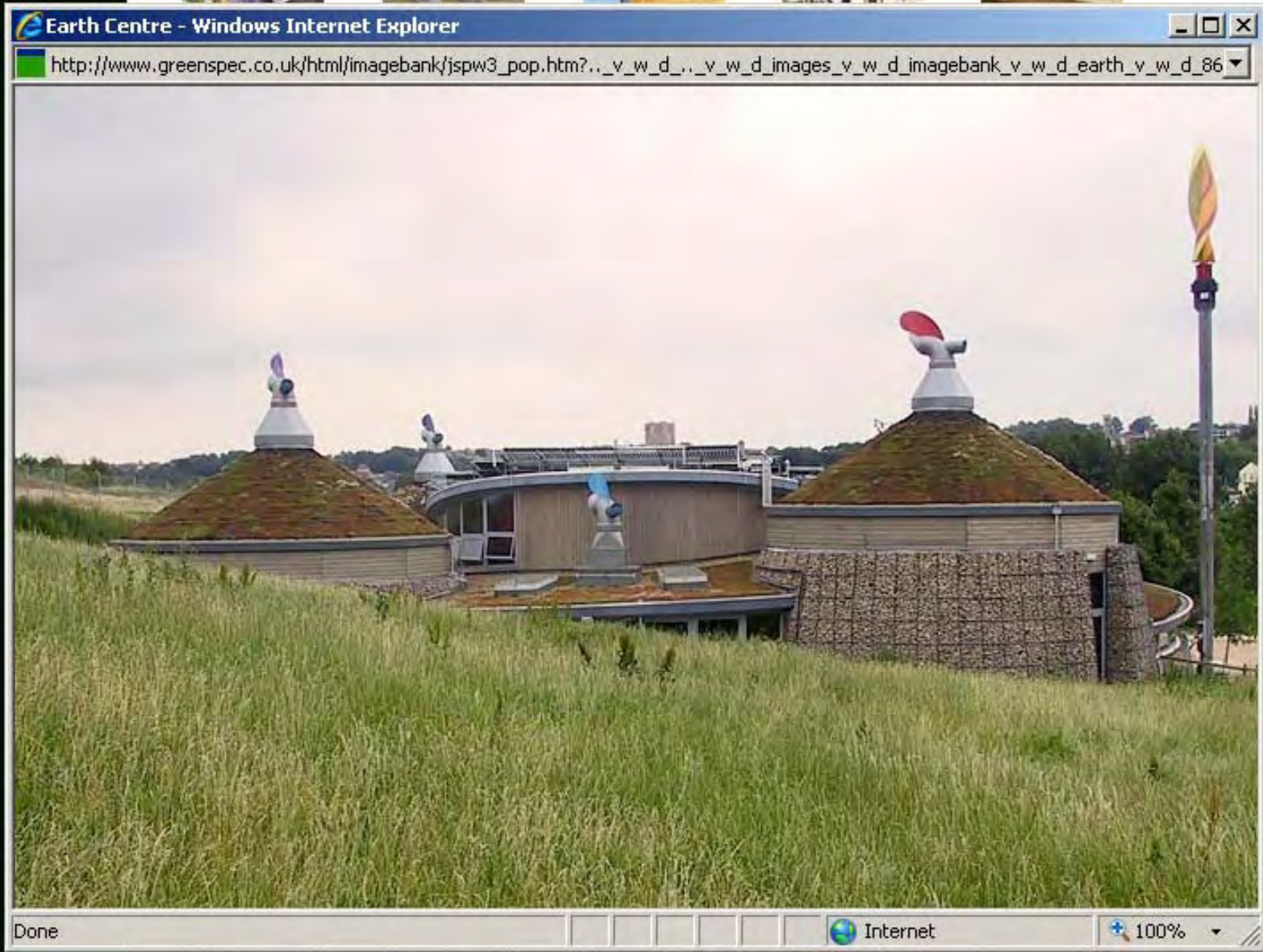
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Stack effect: Rooms Opening Rooflights and windows





Double click to change security settings

**Stack effect: circulation areas
needs low level perimeter air in**



National Trust HQ Swindon



Chimneys replaced by Passivent at Greenwich Millennium Village



Humidity Actuated Vents

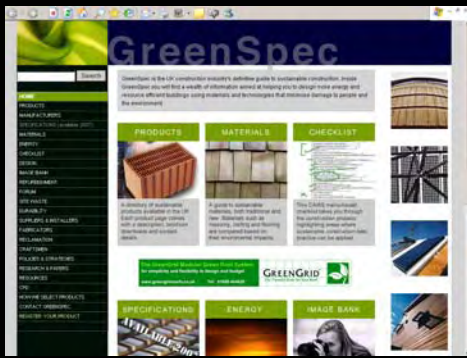
- Passivent closed normally
- Humidity sets off vent to open and release air
- Using stack effect the humid hot air rises up the vent pipe to evacuate at high level externally

Sun Pipes & Passive Vents

- Sunpipes bring daylight and sunlight to the interior of building with no windows
- Add concentric ventilation duct
- Include valves
- But heat recovery from ventilation not normally available
- Modern substitute for the light well and chimney

Stack ventilator/sun pipe





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Ventilation and light

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GreenSpec is the UK construction industry's definitive guide to sustainable construction. Inside GreenSpec you will find a wealth of information aimed at helping you to design more energy and resource efficient buildings using materials and technologies that minimise damage to people and the environment.

PRODUCTS



A directory of sustainable products available in the UK. Each product page comes with a description, brochure downloads and contact details.

MATERIALS

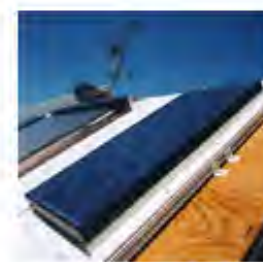


A guide to sustainable materials, both traditional and new. Materials such as masonry, roofing and flooring are compared based on their environmental impacts.

CHECKLIST



This CAWS menu-based checklist takes you through the construction process highlighting areas where sustainable construction best practice can be applied.



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L753 Impelling Equipment

natural ventilation / extraction

Manufacturer	Product	Type	
Monodraught	Windcatcher	passive stack ventilation system	

Key

 product / equipment with climate change reduction potential

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Monodraught 'Windcatcher'

Passive stack ventilation system

Windcatcher technology provides natural ventilation without any moving parts. Using compartmentalised vertical vents, fresh air is brought into the room and stale warm air expelled using the natural effects of the wind.

The system works through normal atmospheric properties where warm air rises and decreases the air pressure within a room so that cooler air falls into the room. This is a subtle change in air pressure and it produces only enough airflow to make the room comfortably fresh.

Stale and stagnant air is extracted by the wind blowing onto the wind-ward side of the windcatcher, with the stuffy air going out through the leeward side of the ventilation stack.'

Manufacturer's evidence rating:*	★
Material/s:	unknown
Environmental statement:	none
BRE Ecopoints:	unrated
BRE Environmental profile:	unrated
Other environmental standards:	none
3rd party accreditation:	none
3rd party product endorsement:	none
Reusability / Recyclability:	unknown
% of post consumer waste:	unknown
Life expectancy	unknown
Substitute for or new materials / method:	mechanical ventilation



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Life expectancy	unknown
Substitute for or new materials / method:	mechanical ventilation
Editors' comments:	
Country/s of manufacture:	UK
UK distribution location:	Buckinghamshire
Downloads:	Product brochure
Product specification clause:	-
Work sections:	-
Manufacturer:	Monodraught Ltd.
Address:	Halifax House, Cressex Business Park, High Wycombe, Bucks HP12 3SE
Telephone:	01494 897700
Email:	info@monodraught.com
Website:	www.monodraught.com
Available direct:	yes
Suppliers:	Monodraught
Alternative products:	Ventilation
Further information:	
Information last updated:	Monday 24th, July 2006



The product has been selected on the above average performance in the following areas:

-	Abiotic depletion	-	Acidification
✓	Global warming	-	Eutrophication
-	Ozone layer depletion	-	Solid Waste
-	Human toxicity	-	Radioactivity
-	Fresh water aquatic ecotoxicity	-	Minerals extraction
-	Terrestrial exotoxicity	-	Water extraction
-	Photochemical oxidation		

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L414 Rooflights

sunpipes

Manufacturer	Product	Type			
Monodraught	SunPipe	sun pipe	✓		
	SunCatcher	combined sun pipe & passive stack ventilation system (domestic size)	✓		

Key

- product / equipment with climate change reduction potential
- sustainable product
- product with recycled content



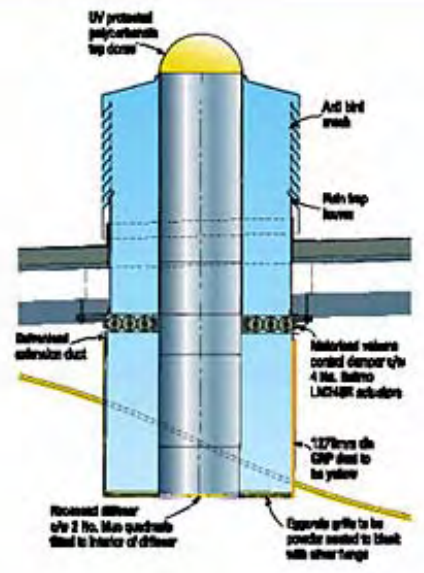
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Monodraught 'SunCatcher'

Combined sun pipe & passive stack ventilation system (domestic size)

Monodraught SunCatchers provide a most satisfactory solution of combining natural light and natural ventilation in one composite unit.

The Monodraught SunCatcher system provides controlled natural ventilation as well as providing all the benefits of natural daylight. Any prevailing wind pressure carries a continuous fresh air supply through weather protected louvres on the windward side of the system at roof level. The wind movement is encapsulated by internal quadrants which turns the wind through 90° forcing air down through internal ducts into the room below, slightly pressurising the internal space. Warm, stale air is expelled from the room by the Passive Stack ventilation principle of differential temperatures and the natural buoyancy of air movement. Manual or motorised motors at the base of the system control the rate of ventilation. The central SunPipe is integrated into the system and conveys natural daylight to the same room or internal space.



Manufacturer's evidence rating:*	★
Material/s:	includes aluminium, polycarbonate and nylon
Environmental statement:	none
BRE Ecopoints:	unrated
BRE Environmental profile:	unrated
Other environmental standards:	none
3rd party accreditation:	none
3rd party product endorsement:	none
Reusability / Recyclability:	aluminium is recyclable
% of post consumer waste:	unknown
Life expectancy	unknown

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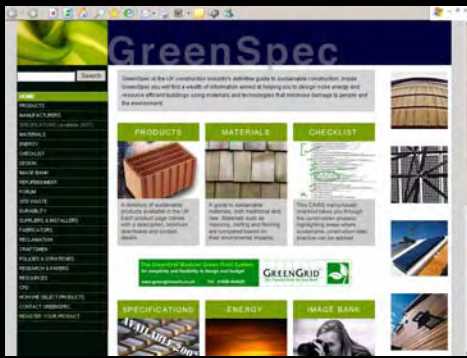
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Life expectancy	unknown
Substitute for or new materials / method:	lighting systems & mechanical ventilation
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Atrium & Atria

Atrium

- Atrium could be described as Courtyard with roof
- They provide the usual wind shelter some sun penetration and add other opportunities:
- The help to minimise the heat loss from walls that face the courtyard by preventing the rising heat being lost to the sky
- They allow those walls to be open to the atrium
- The Atrium may also include walkways and balconies adjacent to the atrium
- Implications for fire strategy of building
- They may have smoke vents at high level and replacement air vents at low level
- These may act as cooling vents in hot weather

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Alvin Boyarsky on AA brink

FEATURE/Romanian brilliance

BUILDINGS/Imperium, Reading

REVIEW/Clarke, Torp and Meier



**Imperium
Reading**
Bennetts Associates



Atrium, Left: offices, Right: Open Plan
Devonshire Building Newcastle



**Sometimes Lift
Cars add to air
movement**

**or lift shafts
lose heat via
permanent
vents**

**Atria in 3 parts
helix at the edge of
the building
In 3 zones
7 stories each.
Casements in façade
or in pavement**



Test Yourself

- Part 6
- What are the necessary parts of Stack effect?
- Stack effect has been exploited for many centuries name an early example
- How can stack effect be used today

How did you do?

- Part 6
- A vertical space or duct with heat or heat source at bottom, exit for air at top and entry for air at bottom
- Iron age fort roundhouse
- To remove hot air from buildings by permitting cool air in to replace hot stale air which rises through high level vents

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