



## Design to help Reduce Waste

Easy steps to reduce your share of the 109 m tonnes of construction and demolition and excavation waste each year

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## This Seminar

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## Design generates waste

- Waste reduction is not a site issue
  - It is a Design Issue
- It becomes a site issue
  - if it was not seen as a Design issue
- Join in now or
  - D&B takes another % of UK procurement

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## Chinese Jigsaw Puzzles

- Arup Associates (Multi discipline practice)
- Peterborough Sugar Beet Factory
- Office Pavilion
- Suspended ceiling: Bespoke
- Designed to take out and reinstall like a Chinese jigsaw puzzle

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## British Sugar

- Q How do we get into ceiling void
- A For us to know and for you to find out
- Fist through the first and rip the rest out
- Vowed never to commission Arup again
  - Quite right.
  - And now use Technicians

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## SITE<sup>wise</sup> II Waste Campaign

- Environment Agency (Anglian)
- Breakfast meetings
- 200+ Pre-construction Professionals
- Waste is not a key issue
- Scored 8<sup>th</sup> out of 12 issues

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## Some easy wins

- Design to standard sizes
- Design to reduce off-cut waste
- Design for on and off site reuse
- Design for on and off site recycling
- Design for maintainability, adaptability & flexibility
- Design for deconstruction and reuse
- Design spares storage for maintenance
- Design for in use waste management

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## Serendipity?

- Design for Easy of Assembly
- Lends itself to
- Design for Deconstruction
- But Architects are not very interested in construction nor deconstruction
- The RIBA curriculum does not address it very well
- RIBA external course assessors frown at too much technology

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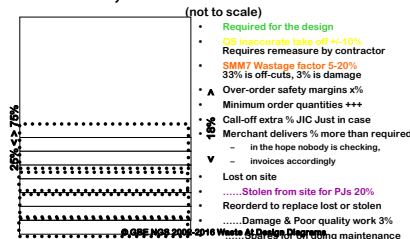
## Relearn some waste statistics

- 400m tonnes/year materials to UK CI
- 100m tonnes/year wasted by UK CI
- 30m tonnes is materials off-cuts
- 24m tonnes/year (24%) is packaging
- 23.7m tonnes/year soil & rock
- 10m is temporary materials
- 10m tonnes/year over ordered never needed £1.5bn/annum (EA 2007)

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## Over ordered never needed Lost, stolen and reordered



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## Relearn some waste statistics

- UK CI generates hazardous waste:
- 5m tonnes/year 50% is landfilled
  - (New rules this grows to 7m tonnes/year)
- 21% of all UK Hazardous waste
- Of 240 hazardous waste landfill sites only 10 (2004) signed up to new rules
- None in London, Scotland and Wales
- Sites in MK, (Swindon), Teeside & Pboro
- 250 material reclassified as hazardous

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## Relearn some waste statistics

- There is a fly-tipping incident every 35 seconds in the UK
- 1 m Fly-tipping incidents in 2004
- 6000 20t trucks within M25 in 15 months
- CI: 30% of fly tipping incidents (2004/5)
- £44m/year clean up costs
- £50,000 fines and 5 year prison possible

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## Relearn some waste statistics

- Packaging waste can vary between 5% and 50% (24% average) of waste stream depending on construction method

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## Common Waste Causes 1

- Offcuts: 33.2%
- Recyclable packaging: 18.7%
- Excess deliveries 18%
- Temporary materials: 10.3%
- Reusable packaging: 14.4%
- Site Office and Canteen: 4.1%
- Damaged through methods of work: 3.2%
- Unsuitable storage: 1%

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## Excess Deliveries 18%

Concrete tiles No Architectural Salvage value but restorable and usable

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**Damage by methods of work 3.2%**  
Specify Cast-in Lifting eyes sockets; require protection, consider repair before condemning

## Demolition waste % by volume (BRE limited studies)

- Concrete: 52.6%
- Ceramics: 22.5%
- Furniture 16.6%
- Timber 3.4%
- Miscellaneous 1.9%
- Metal 1.4%
- Plastic 1.3%
- Electrical Goods 0.3%

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## Demolition reuse and recycling potential (BRE limited studies)

- Reusable 40.6%
- Reusable but soiled 1.2%
- Recycleable 27.3%
- Energy from waste 3.4%
- Inert waste to landfill 17% 16mt
- Mixed waste to landfill 10.4% 9mt

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## Building Refurbishment Waste

- Previously insulated with High ODP (Ozone Depletion Potential) insulation boards made until 2004
- Why remove existing insulation?
  - To add more room, charge more rent,
  - To increase fuel bills
- Insulation is damaged and cut into pieces to try to fill skip efficiently
- What good does it do in a landfill site?
- Ozone Depletion Potential realised by cutting cells and releasing gases
- This is classified as Hazardous waste in a mixed skip

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## BREEAM v Ska

- Different Priorities
- BREEAM: Business as Usual
  - K40 reuse
- Ska: make a difference
  - K40, K41, M10, M40, M50, M51 reuse

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- Jack Johnson
- 3 its a magic number
- $2 \times 3 = 6$
- $3 \times 6 = 18$
- 18<sup>th</sup> letter in the alphabet is R
- R x 3
- Reduce Reuse Recycle
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uSM27tAEX4U>

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- **Reduce**
  - Reduce demand, reduce waste
- **Reuse**
  - As originally intended
- **Recycle**
  - In a new format
- **Recover**
  - materials or energy from waste

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- Allows reuse readily
- Walter 'Segal Method'
- Whole component used full size no cutting



**Recycled steel  
frames  
Redundant bolt  
holes  
Blast clean and  
prime/paint**



BedZED Beddington, Sutton Architect: Bill Dunster  
Reclaim: BioRegional ReCLAIMED © NGS

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BedZED Beddington, Surrey, 1996-2002. On Our Reclaim: BioRegional ReCLAIMED © NGS

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## Reused wood better than new

BedZED Beddington Surrey, UK 2002  
Reclaim: BioRegional ReCLAIMED © NGS

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**Reusing Doors  
Visible Patch  
repairs  
If you don't like  
them French polish  
or paint them**



BedZED Beddington, Sutton, London, 2002. © NGS  
Reclaim: BioRegional ReCLAIMED

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BedZED Beddington, Sutton Architect: Bill Dunster  
Reclaim: BioRegional ReCLAIMED © Nicole Lazarus

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**Waste Hierarchy**  
new definition

Rethink, Re-educate, Resolve, Refocus,  
Resource, Relate, Research, Refer,  
Refresh, Rename, Regard, Revalue,  
Remeasure, Reprogramme, Replan,  
Reconsider, Refuse, Reject, Return,  
Redesign, Regularise, Rehearse,  
Rationalise, Remediate, Reduce,  
Reserve, Respec, Register, Reuse,  
Reclaim, Repair, Retain, Remind,  
Recycle, Recover, Record, Report,  
Reward, Review, Revise, Refine, Restart

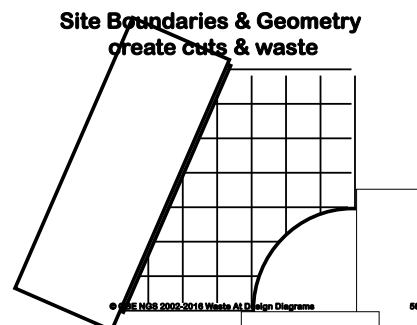
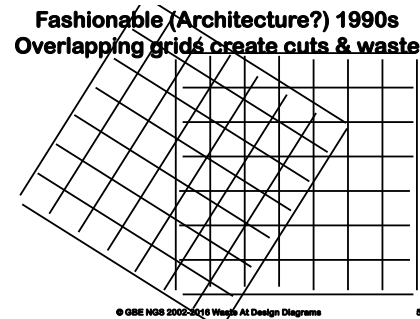
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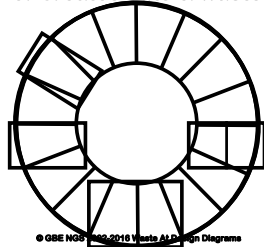
## Geometry in Design

- Geometry for its own sake
- I can CAD, Because CAD can, I do
- Lazy design
- Lazy thinking
- Creates waste

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**Circular & radial Geometry demands bespoke or creates cuts & waste**



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## Design Dictates Waste

- Lazy design
- Labour intensive construction
- Cutting edge blocks generate waste
- Embodied energy in wasted materials
- Opportunity to object to quality
- Condemn materials to skip
- Delay programme
- Anger the tradesman
- Quantity Surveyor: think waste & labour

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## Construction/Deconstruction

- Margins hold it all together
- To prevent early failure
- Contain sub bases and beddings
- Prevent sand bedding trickling out
- Permits dry sand bedding & jointing
- Enables reclaim and reuse of materials

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## Defective Design

- Defective Design
- Exposure to worse conditions
- Ineffective components
- Diminished/ing performance
- Leads to early failure
- Refurbishment, removal, rejection, reordering, remanufacture, replacement

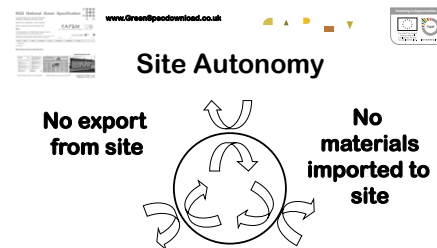
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**Reuse of what you find on site**

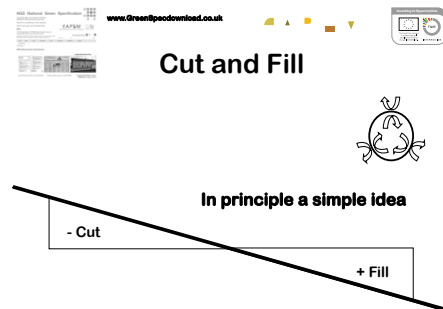
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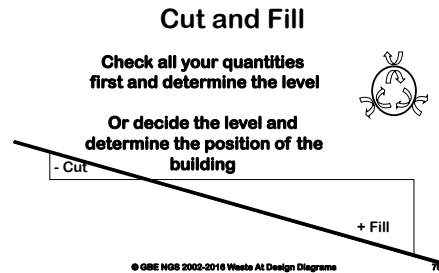
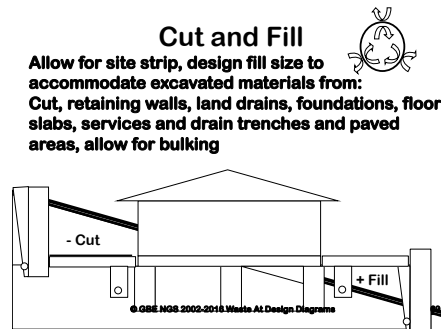
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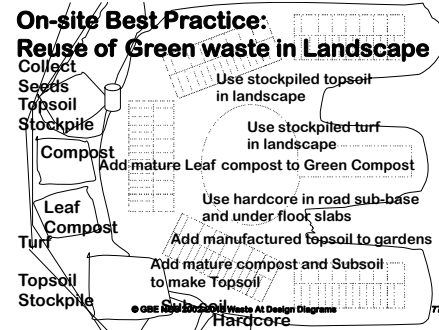
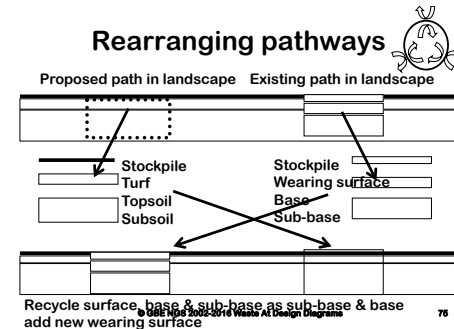
- ### Cut and Fill Software
- PDS by Causeway (formerly EXL)
  - utilises existing contour maps to create a 3D build-up of the landscape
  - Then the required model of levels/ grades is added
  - It calculates the total volumes in/out.
  - This can be varied to give an overall [near] zero outcome.
  - (Depending on planning permission for height/depth)
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## Application:

- Although it is primarily aimed at highways and large scale developments it can, no doubt, be adapted for smaller scale use.
  - It does require a site survey – obviously the more comprehensive the survey the better
  - because the program interpolates between levels.
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## Outputs

- Output is in the usual myriad forms:
  - traditional profiles,
  - export values to Excel, etc.
  - AutoCAD can be used to import/export plans
  - PDS can be combined with Windes to calculate, and eventually draw, drainage systems.
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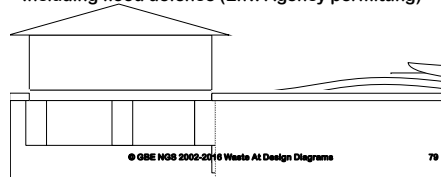
## Topsoil & Subsoil Stockpile on site



## Excavation Arisings



All excavated subsoil materials to be reused on site rather than landfilled  
Use it in intelligent landscape modelling  
Including flood defence (Env. Agency permitting)



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## Environment Agency

- Nick-name: Anti-recycling league
- Government Agency:
- Police: Environment , Waterways and Water Bodies, Landfill, Pollution, Leaks and emissions, Fly-tipping, Site Waste, water use and abuse
- Right to close sites if abusing the law

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## Use found materials

Boulders, wild turf roof, gravel margin gutter, rubble wall

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## Rubble Walls

Random sizes, natural look, lime mortar, sheltering roof

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## Roundwood: trees from site

No ground contact, walls placed on light timber sleepers, places for nature  
Layered construction easy deconstruction



## Pembrokeshire traditional Hedge Bank

Rubble  
Soil  
Turf  
Rainwater

Back to nature  
very rapidly

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## Pembrokeshire hedge bank

Random rubble & stone, rubble walls, rubble cavity fill, topsoil & wild turfhedge plants on top, crevices for nature, rain rejuvenates in weeks



## Brown Roofs

Creekside Visitors Centre Deptford London: Ballast for waterproof membrane

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## Brown Roofs

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## Brownfield Landscape

- Derelict Brownfield sites often have more wildlife than Greenfield sites
- To maintain or enhance the biodiversity of the site much can be done with a little care
- Survey the site and check for wildlife: Insects, birds, animals, and lower forms, wild flowers, grasses, etc.

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**Brownfield Landscape**  
Creskald Visitors Centre

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**Wild Flowers & Meadow Grass**  
Neglected landscape nature takes over Listed Grade I barn

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## Greenwich Millennium Village Phase 2b

- Reclaimed Polluted Gasworks site
- 900 mm. polluted soil removed to landfill
- GPM capping 900 mm. down
- 900 mm. imported sub and topsoil
- Passive ventilation boards at ground level below ground floor

Architect: Proctor Matthews  
Specification Consultant: Brian Murphy

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## Hollyrood Scottish Parliament

- Intelligent reuse of excavated subsoil
- Landscape features: surplus subsoil
- Topsoil and grass

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## Ocean Terminal Leith Edinburgh

- Reclamation of derelict harbour site
- Part of regeneration of area
- Polluted landfill capped by building

Conran Design Partnership  
Brian Murphy

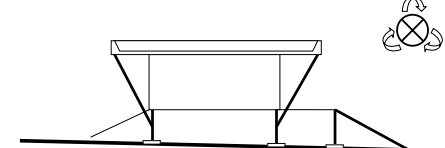
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## Resource Efficiency: Foundations

### Light touch small footprint



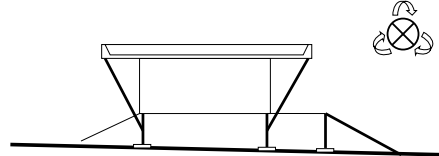
No excavation  
Paving slab foundations  
Add water for ballast against wind uplift (top up in summer)  
Thermal Mass, solar protection and evaporation cooling

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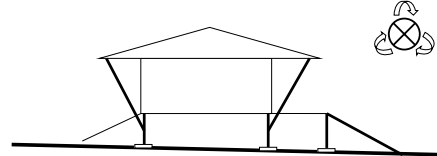
### Light touch small footprint



No excavation  
Paving slab foundations  
Add living roofs for ballast against wind uplift  
Thermal mass, solar protection and acoustic insulation

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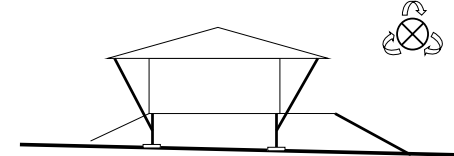
### Light touch small footprint



No excavation  
Paving slab foundations  
+ve wind pressure

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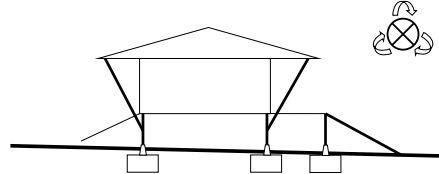
### Storage of spares for maintenance



Space under building for storage  
Space for flood water  
Space for nature  
Space for children's play

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### Light touch bigger footprint



Shallow excavation  
Pad foundations  
+ve wind pressure

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### EcoConcrete

- Reduced OPC Ordinary Portland Cement content (reduced CO<sub>2</sub> production) ready blended with % OPC
  - GGBS Ground Granulated Blast-furnace Slag Cement (Slag)
  - PFA Pulverised Fuel Ash
- Reduced Primary or Virgin Aggregates (sand and gravel)
  - Secondary aggregates (waste or by-product)
  - Recycled aggregates
  - Recycled concrete aggregates
  - Recycled other materials (glass, plastics, etc.)
  - Manufactured Aggregate
    - (CO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O + particle = Calcium Carbonate) Carbon8Systems
- Mains drinking water supply

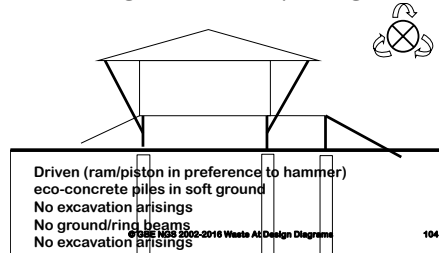
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## Driven Piled Foundations Minimise Arisings

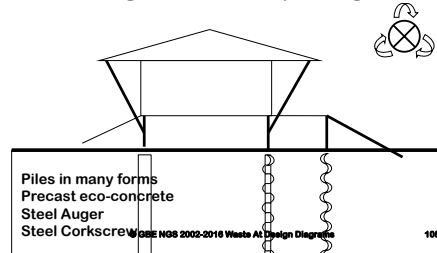
### Not so light touch in poor ground



Driven (ram/piston in preference to hammer)  
eco-concrete piles in soft ground  
No excavation arisings  
No ground/ring beams  
No excavation arisings

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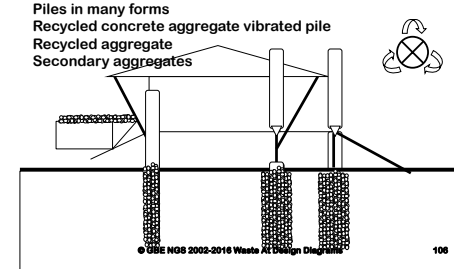
### Not so light touch in poor ground



Piles in many forms  
Precast eco-concrete  
Steel Auger  
Steel Corkscrew

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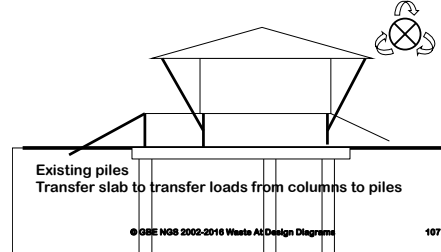
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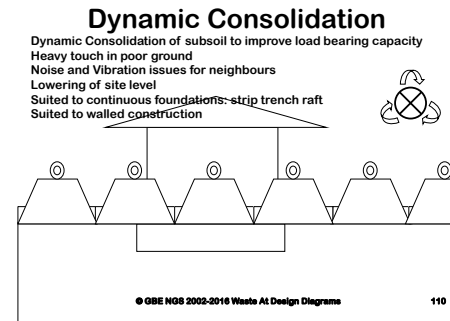
Piles in many forms  
Recycled concrete aggregate vibrated pile  
Recycled aggregate  
Secondary aggregates

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### Existing piles & Transfer slabs

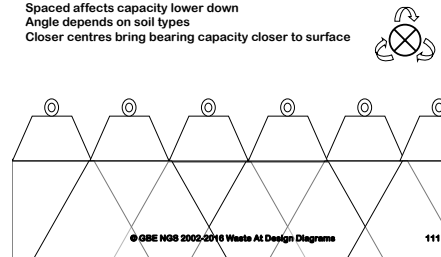


### Dynamic consolidation improves ground & simplifies foundations



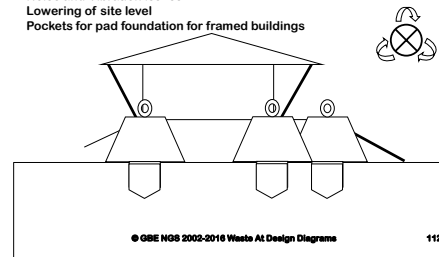
### Dynamic Consolidation

Dynamic Consolidation of subsoil to improve load bearing capacity  
**Heavy touch in poor ground**  
Spaced affects capacity lower down  
Angle depends on soil types  
Closer centres bring bearing capacity closer to surface

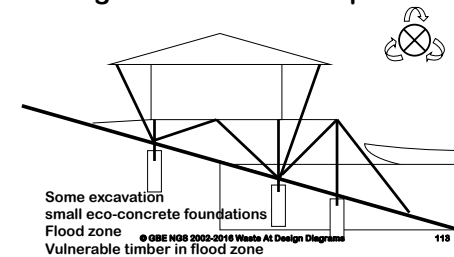


### Heavy touch in poor ground

Dynamic Consolidation of subsoil to improve load bearing capacity  
Noise and Vibration issues  
Lowering of site level  
Pockets for pad foundation for framed buildings



### Light touch small footprint

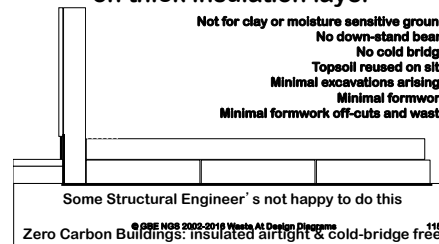


## Resource Efficiency: Concrete Ground Floor Slab Formwork

Layered Construction  
Simplifies Details

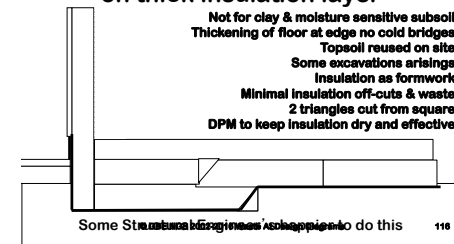
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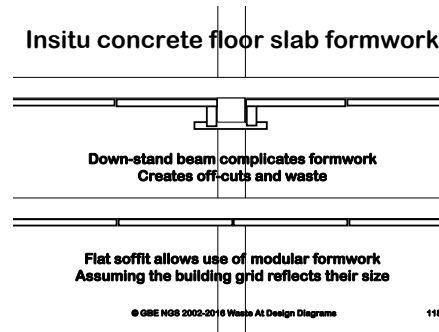
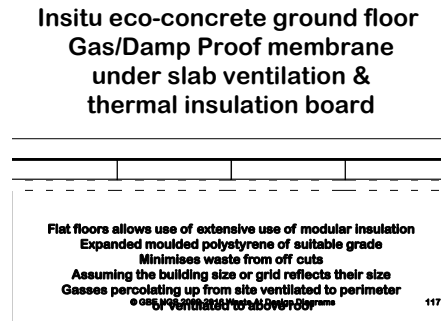
Not for clay or moisture sensitive ground  
No down-stand beam  
No cold bridge  
Topsoil reused on site  
Minimal excavations arisings  
Minimal formwork  
Minimal formwork off-cuts and waste



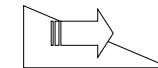
### Insitu eco-concrete ground floor/ raft foundation on thick insulation layer

Not for clay & moisture sensitive subsoil  
Thickening of floor at edge no cold bridges  
Topsoil reused on site  
Some excavations arisings  
Insulation as formwork  
Minimal insulation off-cuts & waste  
2 triangles cut from square  
DPM to keep insulation dry and effective





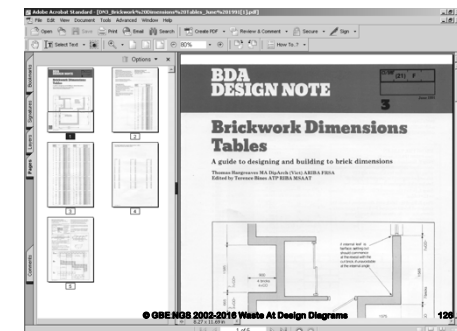
Reduce Demand  
on materials

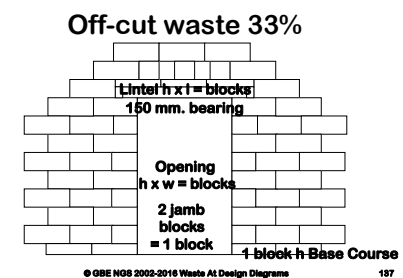
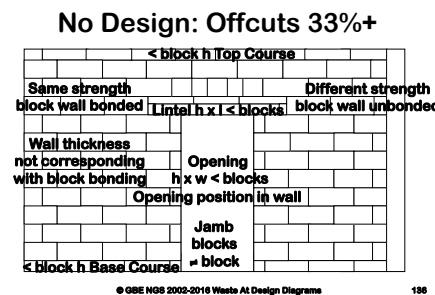
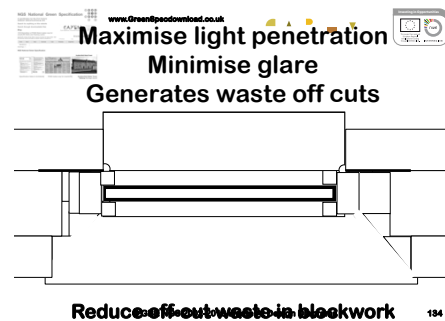
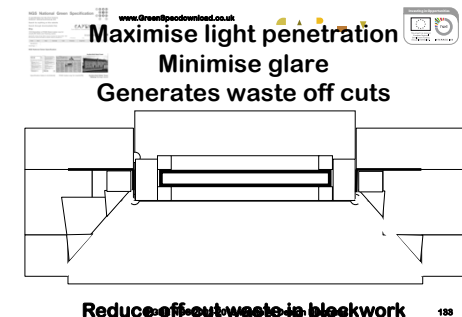
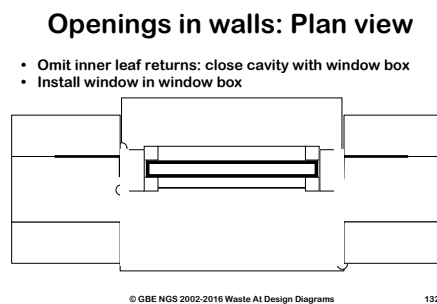
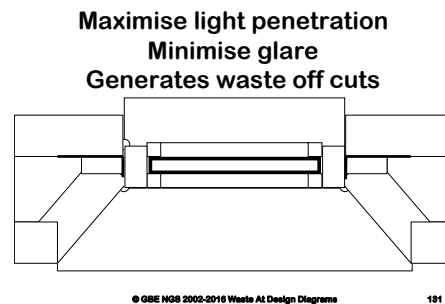
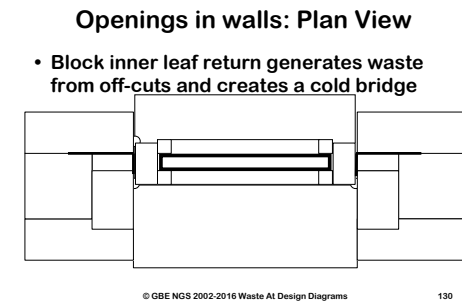


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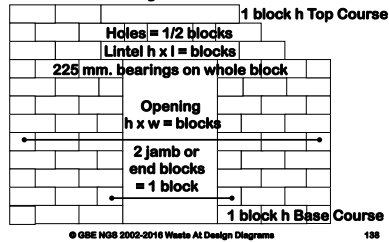
- Design for Deconstruction
- Consider: Fixings & Fasteners
- Avoid: adhesives
- Lime based mortar allows reclamation of the bricks at end of building life

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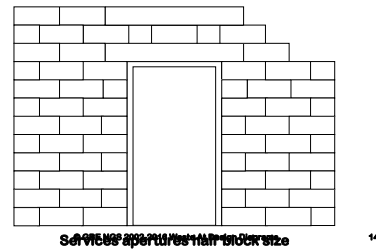




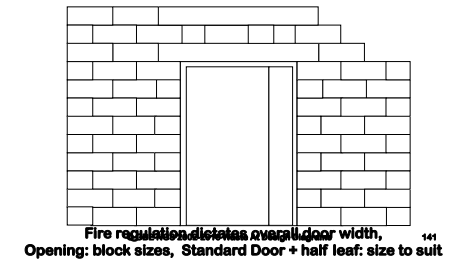
### Modular design: considerably less than 33%



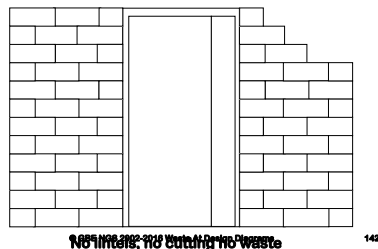
### Doorsets to fit openings



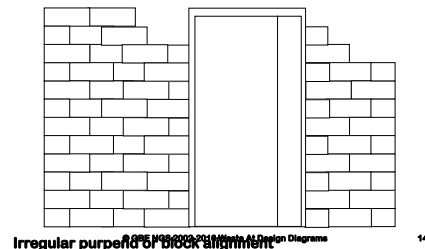
### Doorsets to fit openings



### Doorsets to fit floor heights



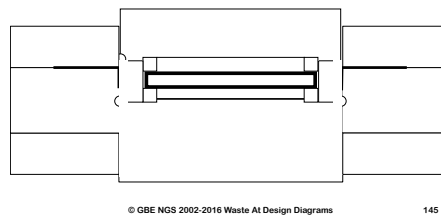
### Blocks cut short in wall



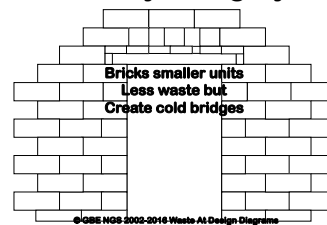
## Resource Efficiency v or & Energy Efficiency

### Openings in walls: Plan view

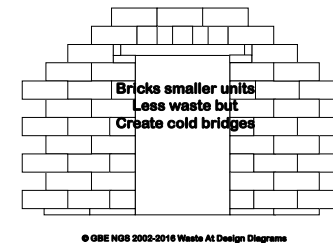
- Omit inner leaf returns: close cavity with window box
- Install window in window box



### Change of material: destroys integrity



### Cold Bridges: Inconsistent U value

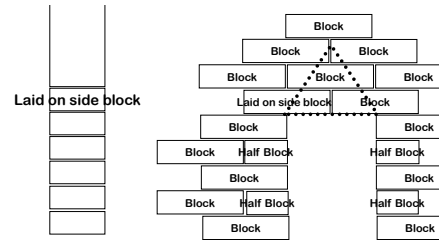






Attempting to reduce waste: creating cold bridges  
Cold bridge reducing ties won't make up for:  
brick inner leaf and brick padstones for lintels  
Omitting jamb returns reduces waste and cold bridges

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Concrete blocks forming lintel in  
walls over opening of max 440 mm.  
No lintel, no cutting, no waste

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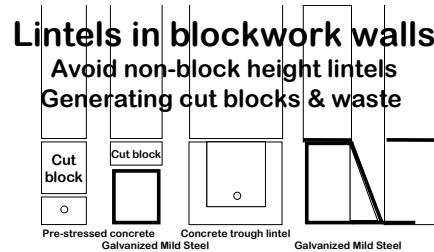


## Minimise Waste

- Co-ordinate block course and lintel heights to minimise waste from cut blocks
- 215 mm. bearings
- Design openings to be block and half block sized

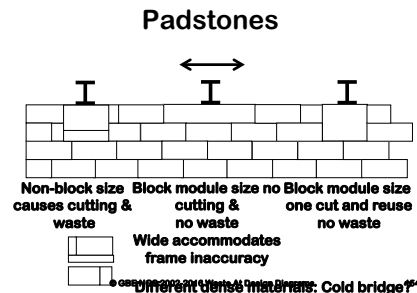
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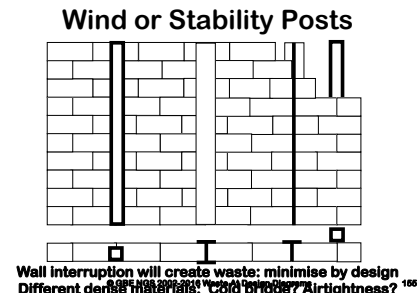


Waste  
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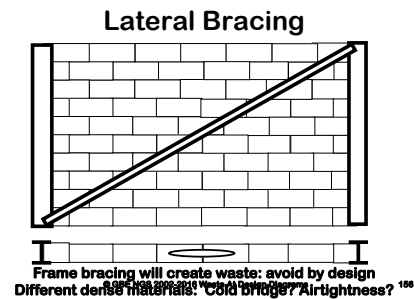


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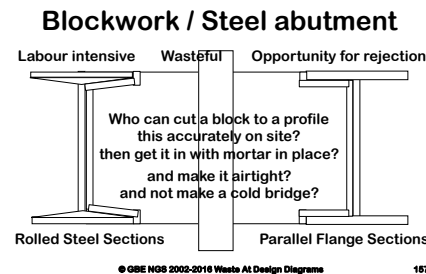
Wall interruption will create waste: minimise by design  
Different dense materials: Cold bridge? Airtightness?

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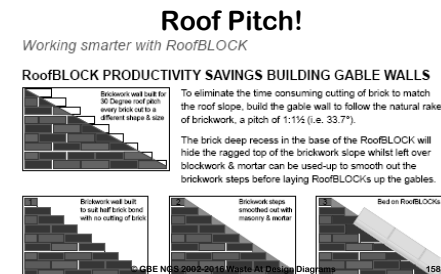
Frame bracing will create waste: avoid by design  
Different dense materials: Cold bridge? Airtightness?

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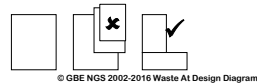
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## Resource Efficiency: Timber

### Reduce Demand

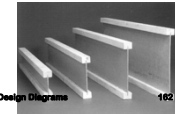
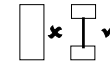
- Don't over design structure
- Except if long design life demands it
- Don't oversize
- Don't cut section from solid if compound is possible



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### Reduce Demand

- Don't cut section from solid if compound is possible
- Reduce solid sections to compound to reduce weight and materials used

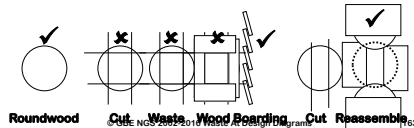


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### Reduce Demand

- Consider use of materials as found:
- Round pole structures
- Or compound sections without waste
- Or use off-cuts in cladding



Roundwood

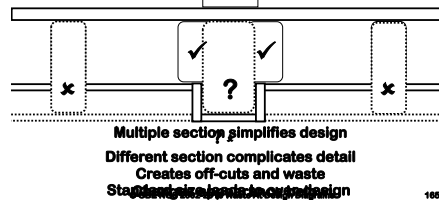
Cut Waste Wood Boarding

Reassemble

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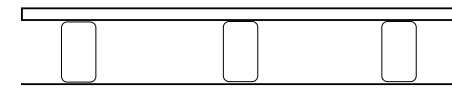
### Joists/Beams & Partitions



Multiple section simplifies design  
Different section complicates detail  
Creates off-cuts and waste  
Standardise leads to over-design

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### Joists

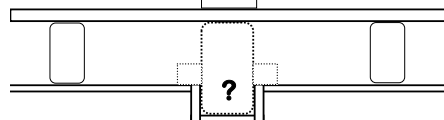


Multiple section simplifies design

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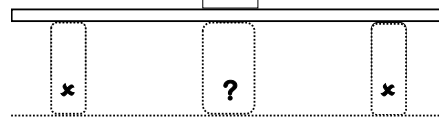
### Joists/Beams & Partitions



Different section complicates detail  
Creates off-cuts and waste  
Changes appearance below

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### Joists/Beams & Partitions

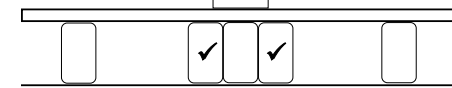


Standardising size leads to over-design of many for the one

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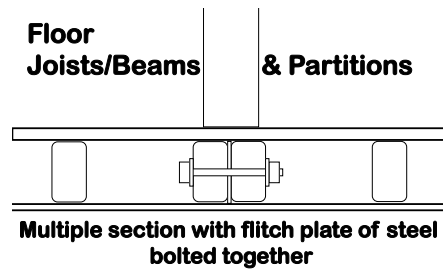
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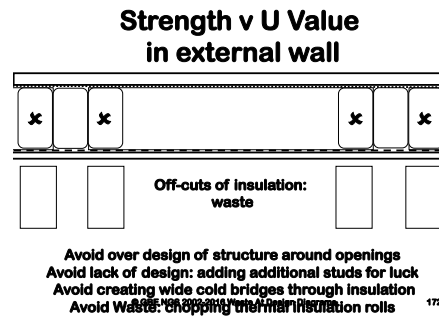
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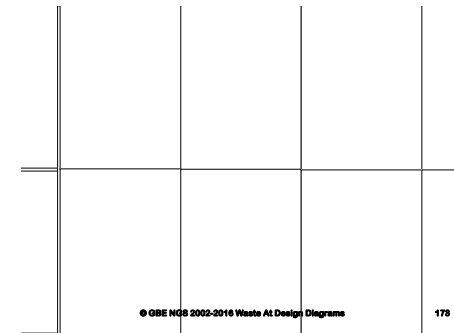
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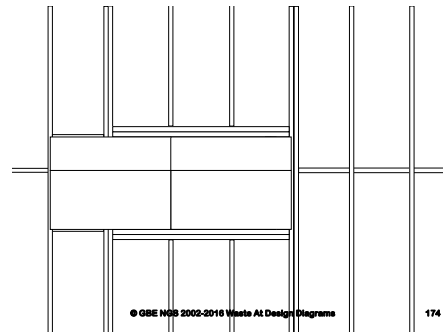


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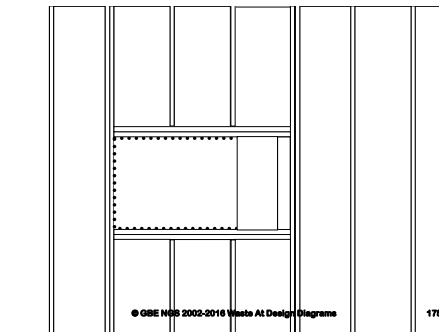
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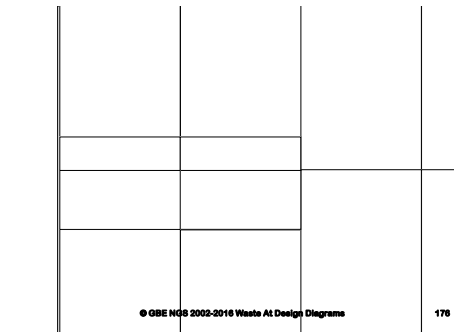
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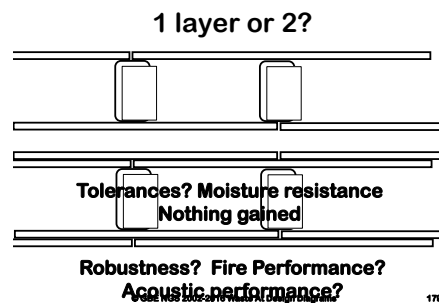
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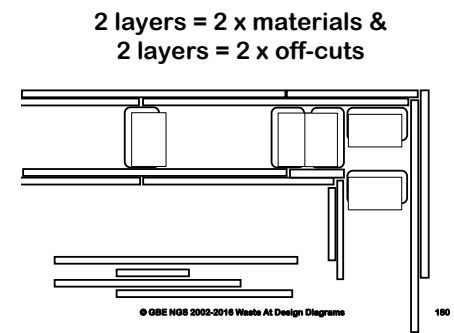


**Resource Efficiency: Plasterboard**



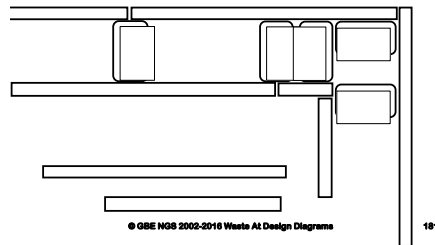
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1 thicker layer of different grade  
= 1 x off-cuts

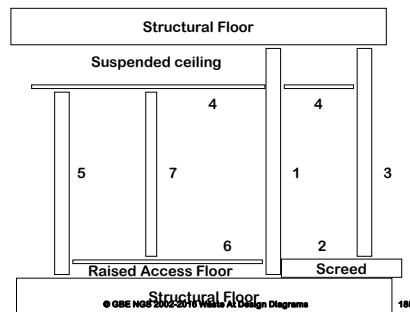


## Designing the Sequence of Assembly

Dry-linings board heights & widths

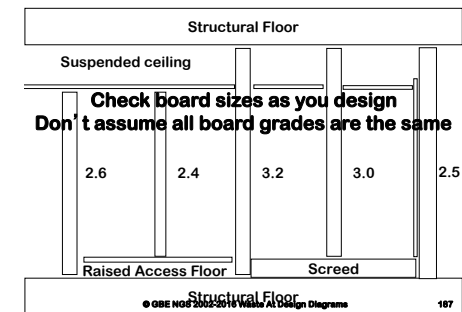
### Design dictates Sequence & numbers of visits

- The details at the abutments dictate the sequence of assembly
  - Whether the designer likes it, admits it or not
  - Construction & Structure: foundations to roof
  - Consider: wet trades: first, dry: second
  - Consider: working top down to minimise damage of floors by following trades
  - Consider: working from the room extremity back towards the exit door
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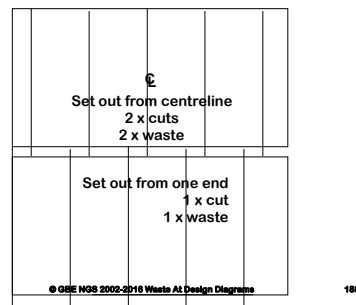


### Design details create waste

- Many heights of partitions and linings
  - Creates demand for different height boards
  - 1 maker provide an off-cut take-back scheme (BG but not comprehensive)
  - Others provide purpose made boards cut to height (if the job is big enough)
  - Others cut board to size (F)
  - How many sizes does your job need?
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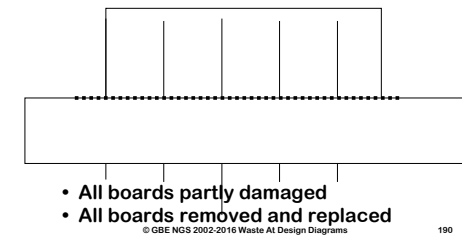
**Check board sizes as you design**  
**Don't assume all board grades are the same**



## Appropriate Materials to application

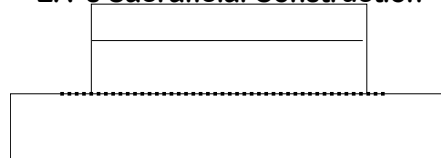
Dry-linings and Flood risk

### Board layout & Flood Water

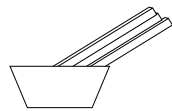


- All boards partly damaged
- All boards removed and replaced

## Board layout & Flood Water EA's Sacrificial Construction



- Lowest board(s) damaged
- Lowest board(s) removed and replaced
- Why use plasterboard in flood prone areas?
- Cement Render is better in flood prone places



**Segregate waste  
local to  
point of generation  
to enable reuse  
on-site or offsite  
And even on-site again**

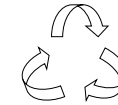
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## Reuse of off-cuts

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**Recycle  
Materials  
on-site**  
**Reuse spare  
materials  
on-site & in use**

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## Reuse Off-cuts

- Deliver off-cuts with cassette panels
- Reuse off-cuts as props
- Don't cut studs to make props
- Use joist off-cut as strutting in floors
- Use off cuts for local strengthening for sanitaryware and wall furniture

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## Avoid Late Design Changes

- Late design changes
- Late instruction
- Late changes
- Incorrect materials being delivered
- Leads to error
- Leads to waste

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## Wrong Information

- Late instructions
- Revised design?
- NEDO report 1987
- Quality On Building Sites
- QRE Quality Related Events
- Errors in information or in its delivery
- 50%:50% split Design:Construction

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**Late design change**

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Late design change

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## Off-cuts 33%

- We are familiar with sizing walls to bricks and half brick lengths (but we still don't do it everywhere)
- Internal walls designed to block lengths
- Block sized openings
- coursing to avoid cut blocks
- lintels same size as blocks, no cuts
- Bearing to correspond with block size

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## Mad Mad World

- HHP: Nick the Builder has a business taking architects drawings the constructor can't understand and redrawing for them
- Lovells: They use external CAD Jockeys the drawings who did not acknowledge brick sizes, when asked to correct it, told that is extra money.

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## Mad Mad World

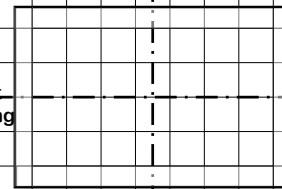
- AJ August 2010 Article
- Architects permit reuse of off-cut bricks in brickwork to avoid waste
- Instead of designing the brickwork to brick sizes in the first place
- They might regret their decision

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## Random Sizing: generates waste

- Random dims
- Centred setting out
- Tile spacing
- Cut edges
- Waste

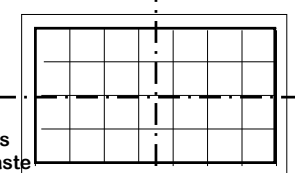


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## Grid areas and plain boundary

- Random dim rooms
- Centred setting out
- Tile spacing
- No cut edges
- Reduced waste

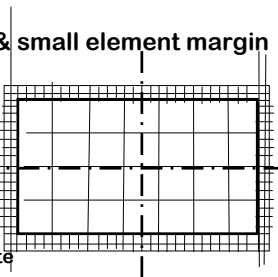


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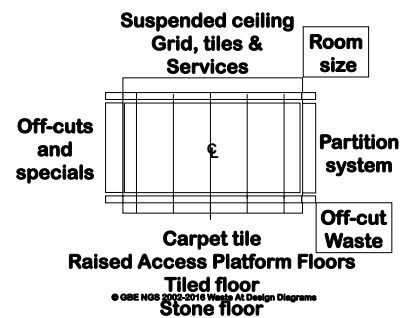
## Grid areas & small element margin

- Random dim rooms
- Centred setting out
- Tile spacing
- Smaller tiles
- at perimeter
- Reduced waste



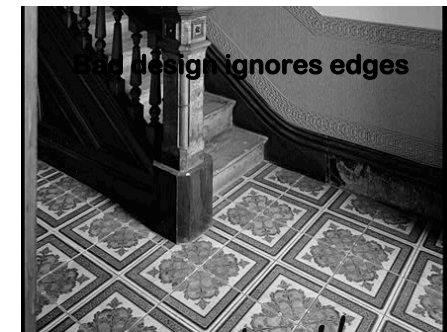
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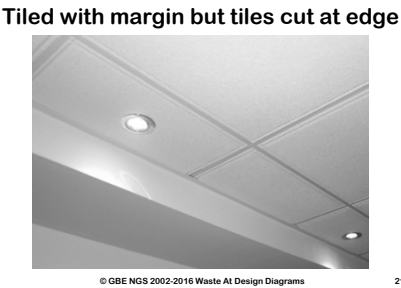
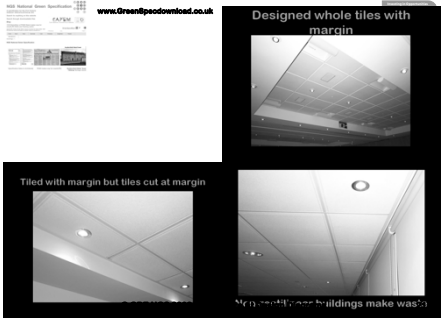
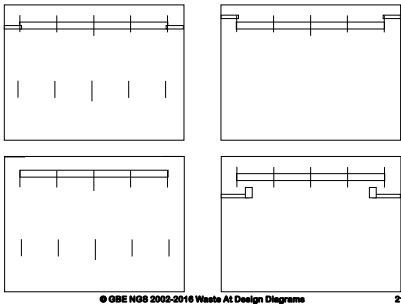
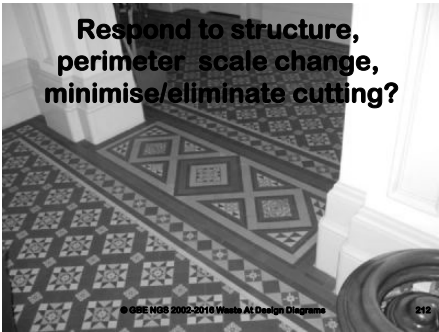
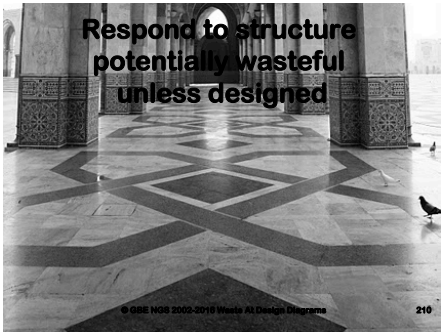
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Non-rectilinear buildings make waste  
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## Design Avoids Waste

- Setting out: Not straight forward
- Few cut components: little waste
- Labour simplified
- Looks expensive: cheap to lay
- Assumptions made about relative costs
- Quality Surveyor: think resource efficiency & simple construction

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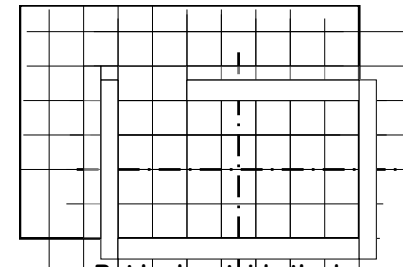
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## Coordination Reduces Waste Room Size : Component

- Dimensional co-ordination
- Room sizes match Tile modules
- No waste

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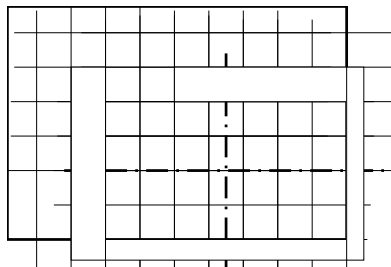
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But look outside the box:

More cut tiles  
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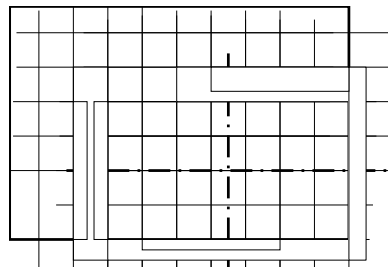
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Modular thick walls solve it

But occupy space: Minimise net: gross ratio  
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Add storage: built into walls

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## Coordination of Services Covers & Chambers?

- Recessed cover of chambers do not have to follow orientation of chamber
- Position of cover to co-ordinate with tiles
- Less cutting  
less waste
- Inside and outside

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## Design to minimise waste

- We are familiar with sizing walls to bricks and half brick lengths externally
- And now also blocks internally
- What about:
- 8 x 4 Panels in modules
- Lengths of structural members

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## Off-cuts 33%

- Boards 8 x 4 Panels in modules
- Timber sections: Off-cuts for noggins
- Design structural members at size they are manufactured
- Make toilet cubicles core board and plastic laminate sheet sizes

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## Schools

- Money available based on set room sizes
- Does not allow for size variation to minimise waste from off cuts
- Tries to control costs
- but ends up costing more
- due to high wastage factor

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## Tartan Grids

- Dimensional co-ordination
- Panels and Spacer
- Column and walls
- More cutting little waste

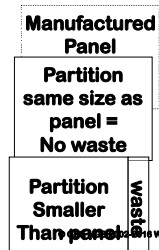
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## Modular designs waste less

- Walter Segal Method
- Whole component used full size no cutting
- Inside and out

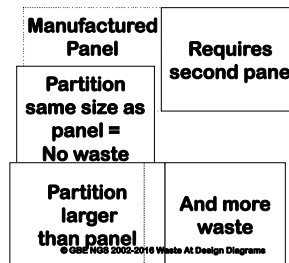


## Partitions from Panels



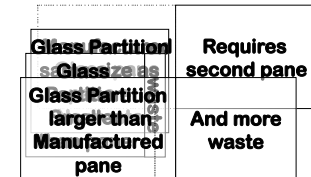
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## Partitions from Panels



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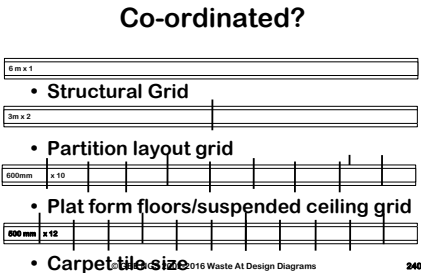
## Glass Partitions created from glass panes



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Size is Everything



Design Tools & Calculators

- Flooring REAP FSP ambition, – grant application with WRAP
- Size of space
- Size of flooring components
- Design setting out rules
- Minimum order quantities
- Waste %, tonnes, £, EE, EC
- Alternative materials: better %?
- Different setting out rules?
- NGSCALCULATORS

Optimum fit

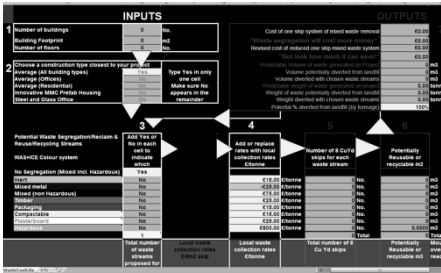
- Room Size: 2184 x 3567 mm.
- Flooring product size eg 600 x 600 mm.
- Layout rules: centered/one end/angle
- Perimeter condition: skirting detail
- Offcuts: m2, kg, %, £Waste, EE, EC
- Optimise: find best fit product size
- Reduce waste

Calculators

- Develop Waste Cost ® lite calculator
- Calculator 1
  - Set room size
  - Trial floor product sizes
  - Trial floor product
- Calculator 2
  - Set floor product sizes
  - Trial room sizes

Demonstration

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Lazy Architecture

- Simple repetition without differentiation
- No awareness of size
- Cut perimeters
- Wasted materials

Proactive Architecture

- Need to know the size of stuff
- Need to work with them not at odds
- Look after the edges the middle looks after itself
- Keep it Simple



I Can CAD, CAD can, So I Do



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Eco Greenwash Architecture



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1000 x 1 or 1 x 1000

- 1000 bespoke sizes and shapes
  - No large scale production runs
  - Every one is handled slightly differently
  - No simple packaging
  - Labelling critical
  - Production assembly and delivery sequence vitally important
- Or 1 size x 1000

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Glass Cutting: Almost Rectangular

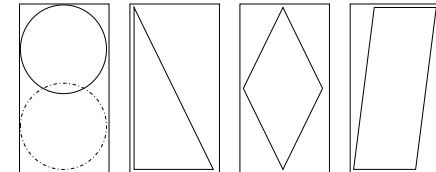
SMM7 Standard Method of Measurement

- All shapes cut for closest rectangle
- All off-cuts are waste
- Accuracy +/-10%
- No concern about waste or site ordering from quantities
- Contractor expected to re-measure

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Glass Cutting SMM



If you want a shape you pay for a rectangle,  
if the rectangle is paid for, nobody cares about waste

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Consistent glass triangles within each level

Different triangles at almost all levels

No vertical columns

Vast amounts of off cuts on the factory floor

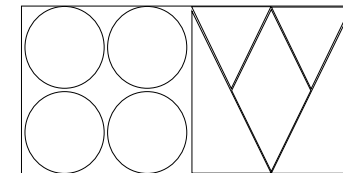
We hope its all recycled in manufacture



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Glass Cutting CAD/CAM tailoring = Iteration



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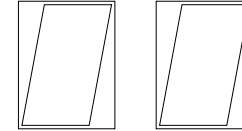
## CADCAM Tailoring = Iteration

- Maximising the yield from sheets of glass
- Many pieces arranged to get more pieces from smallest glass pane
- Pieces cut from sheet
- Just like a tailor and fabric directionality is important
- Potential conflict with 'Roller Wave Pattern'
- RWP occurs as glass is rolled off zinc float and 'slumps' over supporting rollers

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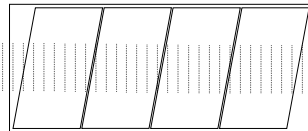
## SMM Glass Cutting simple parallelograms



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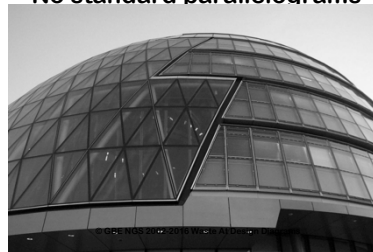
## Glass Cutting CAD/CAM tailoring with simple parallelograms



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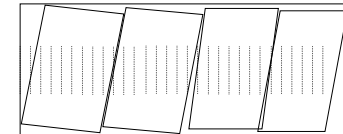
## Facetted triangles consistent on any one level No standard parallelograms



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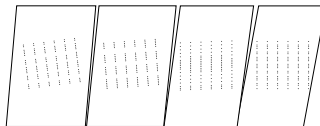
## Glass Cutting CAD/CAM No pane is the same efficient tailoring or iteration & efficient resource use



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## Could lead to irregular roller wave pattern when installed



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## Glass Cutting CAD/CAM less efficient tailoring/iteration regular installed roller wave pattern Less efficient resource use



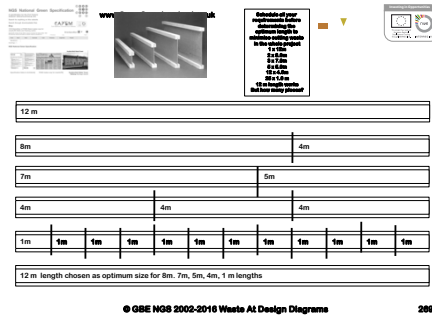
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## Resource Efficiency

Waste not Want Not



## Slate use

- 1 tonne = 100 tonnes of waste at quarry
- Green Spots: 85% rejection at quarry
- More on site:
- We need to accept natural variation in natural materials
- Or choose again



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## Production waste stock piles

- 6000 m tonnes of waste stockpiled in UK
- Welsh Colliery spoil mountains
- Part of the Welsh heritage and landscape
- Quarries filled are now being re-mined
- Secondary aggregates used in construction and landscape

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12 m

8m 4m

7m 5m

4m 4m 4m

1m 1m 1m 1m 1m 1m 1m 1m 1m 1m 1m

12 m length chosen as optimum size for 8m, 7m, 5m, 4m, 1 m lengths

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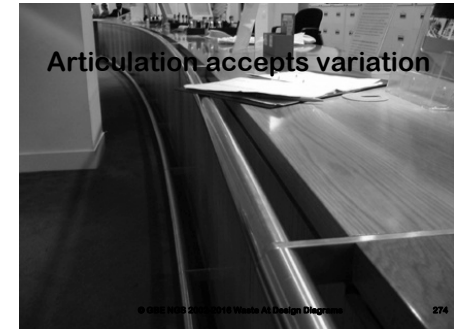
## Natural Materials have Natural Variations

Accept them or choose again

## Articulation highlights variation



## Articulation accepts variation



## Temporary Materials 10.2%

- Timber formwork for concrete is thrown away
- Why not timber frame?



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8m 4m

7m 5m

4m 4m 4m

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## Design for Construction & Deconstruction

Fixings and Fastenings  
Sequence and Layering

## Design for better Assembly

- Locational fixing
- M&T joints
- notching instead of nailing
- Doweled joints
- Screws Pelleted or Plugged



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## Locational Assembly + Gravity no dimensional limitations no waste no fixings



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## Locational Assembly oversized and compress

- If rafter spacing and insulation size correspond
- No waste
- Do they?



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## Choice of fastening techniques

- Using nuts and bolts, screws
- Instead of adhesive, welding and nails.
- Using ballast instead of adhesive:  
Green roofs or paving



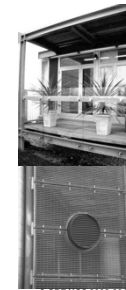
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## Methods of Assembly and Fastenings to permit deconstruction and reuse of components



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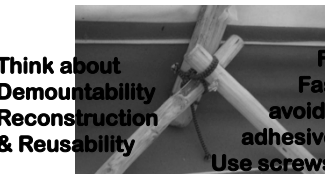
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## Brickwork

- Lime mortar is softer, weaker, flexible
- Cement mortar is hard, stronger, rigid
- Lime mortar can be knocked off
- Cement mortar cannot be knocked off
- Lime mortared bricks can be reclaimed
- Cement mortared bricks make hardcore

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## Think about Demountability Reconstruction & Reusability



## Fixings & Fastenings avoid welding adhesive & nails Use screws & bolts or ballast



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## Greenwich Millennium Village Phase 2a

- Egan initiative implemented:  
prefabrication off-site,
- reduction  
of site waste
- simple assembly  
on site,
- later on-site  
factory-production



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## Factory Prefabrication:

- Conditions ensure no deterioration
  - Permit time to set, cure, strengthen
  - Permit time for enhanced performance
  - No mud or cement splashes
  - No rain to spoil
- Use of all the materials supplied
  - Reusing off cuts until all is gone
  - Virtually no waste
- Allows servicing coordination
  - Allow time for proofing in comfortable conditions not under site time pressures
- Can be 24 hour production
  - Sites need special permission for 24 hours

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## Layered Construction



simplifies details and avoids interfaces  
Don't puncture DPM, GPM and VB or ATL  
add services zones to avoid complications

Ease deconstruction

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## Layered Construction

Avoid chasing masonry  
Avoid waste materials  
Avoid masonry dust  
Avoid conduits  
Avoid Rendering-in

Surface mount all services and cover with hollow Skirtings, dado, etc.



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## Avoiding Complex materials or assemblies

Complexity v Deconstruction  
Separation for reuse v Landfill

## Avoid difficult materials

- Composites are difficult to separate and recycle
- Decorative and protective coated metal, adhesive and foam insulation
- But Tradis uses timber framing, cellulose fibre boards and recycled newspaper insulation

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## Avoid difficult materials

- Decorative and protective coated metal
- Coated aluminium will be recycled
  - But getting coatings off by chemicals or heat creates emissions or hazardous waste
- Currently uncoated often does not get segregated but it has the potential to

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## Packaging Deliveries & Site Storage

Prone to damage onsite

## Materials Protection:

Full high build micro porous paint/stain scheme over all surfaces in the factory

No absorbent surfaces

Unlike UK practice of priming hidden faces or leaving bare and absorbent



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## Packaging & Protection:

Palletted  
Corner protection  
Lateral bracing  
Poly wrap  
Breathing holes  
Site tarpaulin  
But:  
Adjacent to traffic routes: potential splash and damage  
Lean doors on it  
JIC not JIT

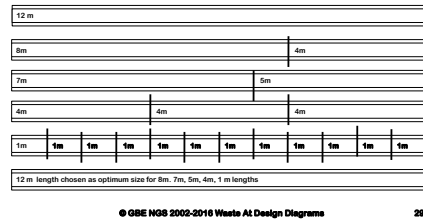


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## Delivery Volume

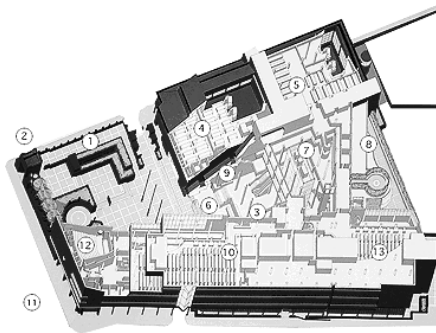


## Delivery Sequence

- **The first to be constructed**
  - to be delivered first
- **Large deliveries and containers**
- **First to be installed**
  - last on lorry and last in container
  - First off and first out, used first
  - No materials delivered extracted, spread out and sorted in any weather conditions

## Assembly Sequence

- Chinese jigsaw puzzles
  - Assembly sometimes need to follow a sequence
  - One partly assembled piece may prevent the assembly of another
  - If you test assemble in the factory you may discover it,
  - if you do, pass the information to site
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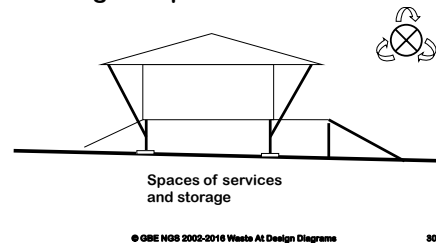


**Design-in  
material storage  
for on-going  
maintenance**

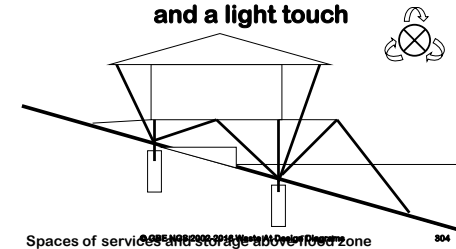
**Spares from batch for maintenance**

- Long life buildings: lots of materials to maintain over life
- BLE: Basement 500 year design life
- 1 store per fire compartment for spares (PVC flooring)
- Blewater: Fix spare balustrade parts
- Car park structure: bolt in spare railings

### Storage of spares for maintenance



### Storage of spares for maintenance and a light touch





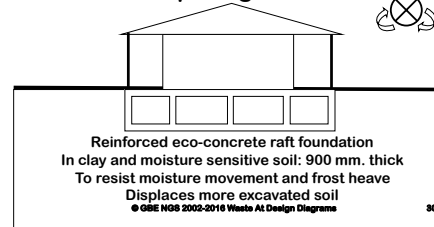
## Basement raft

- The space between the top and bottom slabs is high enough to make accommodation
- This maximises the accommodation on the site and offers opportunities for plant and storage space
- **But generates considerable excavation arisings**

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## Reinforced eco-concrete Cellular Raft foundation on poor ground



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## Reinforced eco-concrete Cellular raft foundation on poor ground, turned into basement



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## Space for Waste

Temporary Building made from waste

## “Space Of Waste”

- An Inspirational Take On Waste Reduction
- A temporary building designed and built
- University of Sheffield architecture students
- raise awareness of diverting waste material from landfill
- nominated for the AJ Small Projects Award
- This highly unusual temporary building
- Is made entirely from other people's rubbish!
- Commissioned by a free online waste exchange for businesses in Yorkshire & Humber.
- [www.whywaste.org.uk](http://www.whywaste.org.uk)

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- **Challenged the student design team**
- **find and use reclaimed and recycled material from the waste exchange**
- Walls made of waste 'skeleton' sheets of birch plywood left over from the manufacture of children's furniture.
- Wall made from balled blocks of polythene bags.
- Roof comprising 900 scrap carpet tiles
- Building's lighting: chandeliers made from cylindrical Perspex off cuts from a shop-display manufacturer.
- Construction aspects of the build were overseen by Geoff Stow, self-build expert and timber-frame construction lecturer at the Centre For Alternative Technology in Wales
- Structural calculations by Arup.

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- **Winners of the AJ Small Projects Award will be announced in March**
- **see photos of the project**
- [www.beat.org.uk/bm/why\\_waste/space\\_of\\_waste/index.shtml](http://www.beat.org.uk/bm/why_waste/space_of_waste/index.shtml)
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## Waste in use

- Don't forget to make space for segregating and compacting packaging waste
  - to return to sender under packaging producer obligations
  - Or divert from landfill to recyclers
- Especially in Retail
  - Bullring is an example where there is too little room

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