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Overheating

Overheating of Buildings

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Weather fronts keep UK mild

The Battle of the Weather Fronts

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House+Attic 20th century construction Has its fair share of problems

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Top floors and south facing rooms get sunny and overheat Not just through the glass

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Back to back 19th Century design relic What is it still doing here in the 21st C? Fiduciary Rules?

Back-to-back Housing

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Planners insist on top floor additions set-back Lightweight construction with wrong insulation needs air-con

New Penthouses

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Roof Top extensions Usually overheat Try as hard as you like with bits and pieces

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Winter: Small windows to the north, big windows to the south Summer: Small windows to the south or solar shading needed

General Approach

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South facing for winter solar gains And summer overheating?

Passive Hub Norwich

100% Glass facades
20th century construction
Fuel poverty (cooling) or wellbeing might stop it

Overheating in Glazed Offices

Glazed communal stairs and corridors serving apartments student accommodation
Everything overheats

Heat Transfer from Glazed Entrance

The sun moves around the building
In big buildings you can move away from the heat to cooler parts on extreme days

Flexible Living Spaces

Keep heat in its place of arrival
Maintain safe refuge on the cooler side
Insulate internally
Close doors

Internal Heat Transfer

Hot floor slabs fitted with under floor heating pipes can move heat to the colder parts

thermal mass

Thin lightweight coverings offer no protection from solar radiation heat gains

Corrugated Asbestos Roof

Profiled Metal roof cladding
No insulation or sandwich panel
Both ineffective against solar gains

Profiled Metal roof cladding

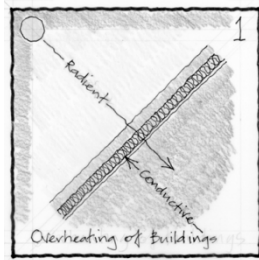
Concrete and Asphalt Flat Roof
No Insulation
High Decrement Delay
No overheating

Concrete Flat Roof

Old timber and asphalt roofs keep you roasting in summer

Timber Flat Roof

Radiant
verses
Conductive
heat flows
Insulation
needs to
resist both or
overheating
occurs



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Wrong, right
and no
insulation
Some work
some do not
Choose
carefully

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Solar panel
layout

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Building
Integrated
Renewables
Is it really a
good idea?
I don't think
so

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Cavity
masonry walls
20th century
construction
Its on its last
legs
1919-20??

An Assortment Of Cavity Walls

- Since its forced introduction and demise of the solid brick wall in 1919 the cavity wall has served a purpose.
- It kept the weather out
- I stopped the suns radiant heat
- As regulations started to stop us wasting heat, insulation was introduced into the cavity with varying levels of success
- But for the 21st century its on its last legs
- 300 mm of full fill cavity wall insulation is at the upper limit
- Lintels and Cavity tray DPCs are struggling to keep up

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