





# Waste Hierarchy

## Ideals & reality How many Rs in Recycling? 42 Rs so far







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## Waste Hierarchy 2011

EU and EA definitions & implications

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## **Ideal Waste Hierarchy**

#### Reduce

- Reduce demand, reduce waste
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### Reduce: Modular design wastes less Allows reuse readily • Walter 'Segal Method'

Whole component used
 full size no cutting

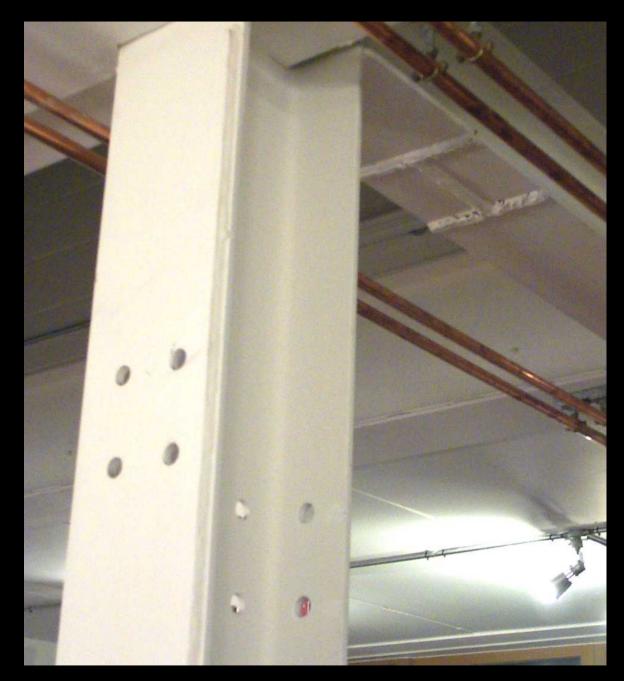
Robin Hillier Diggers Self-build Brighton

## **Reclaimed repaired Reused and reusable**

**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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## Reused wood better than new

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

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## **Recycle: Glass sand for bedding**



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- Recover Energy: Site fires waste energy; now scarce
- General Constructors habitually Reject surplus to requirements to Landfill as first choice, treated as waste

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- Resolve to make a difference in the changes implemented
- Refocus to address resource efficiency throughout design and construction and not just focus on waste minimisation after it

- Resource the task with the right number and quality of people to carry out the tasks in hand
- Relate: build supply chain relationships to drive down waste
- Research: alternative avenues
- Refer: to authoritative information sources
- Refresh: list of supply chain partners
- Rename: 'Waste' as 'Resource'
- Regard: 'Waste' as 'Resource'

- Revalue: Use NGS GreenSpec WasteCost® calculator to put resale value on the waste and determine the potential savings from waste segregation
- Re-measure to avoid over ordering
- Re-programme to make time to do it
- Re-plan the site to facilitate resource efficiency

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- Refuse unnecessary or all packaging
- Reject defective material
- Return defective materials, packaging and protection to supplier
- Redesign to reduce waste
- Regularise the size of materials towards dimensional co-ordination

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   mock ups and control sample
- Rehearse: practice runs to site for JIT
- Rationalise deliveries from a Consolidation centre on JIT milk round
- Remediate: mechanical or
   bioremediation insitu don't export

- Reduce quantity of materials, energy, packaging, etc. used and wasted
- Reserve the natural materials you will approve, don't condemn finished work
- Respecify to reduce rejects
- Register: for licences and waivers
- Reuse off-cuts in the works
- Reclaim second hand materials for use in project's materials





This house only uses reject floor boards from too high a spec

- Repair: reclaimed and reuse in works
- Retain spare materials on site for use in occupied building
- Remind people why resource efficiency is important, run toolbox talks, posters
- Recycle materials from remaining waste
- Recover materials or energy from remaining waste

- Record opportunities to improve in a wish-list
- Report: on waste statistics KPI and EPI
- Reward: best practice
- Review past project wish-lists
- Revise methods on next project
- Refine and improve every time
- Recycle knowledge gained
- Restart: return to start with new knowledge and make it better next time



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Principles of Waste Management/Minimisation Expanded Waste Hierarchy

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## **Recover Energy (Incinerate)**

- Site fires waste the resources & energy
- Fires on sites for all timber, cardboard, packaging, paper, pallets
- Site fires burning plastics high polluters
- Some domestic waste is incinerated to generate electricity or heat
- Rubber tyres are being reduced to a high calorific value fuel in Cement Kilns to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

### **Recover Materials**

- Recover nutrients for reuse
- On-site composting of green landscape
   waste
- Manufacture topsoil on site
- Compost + Subsoil = topsoil
- Use on site, do not export to landfill and do not import new

## Reject (Landfill)

- Where only the last few bits are left that cannot be put to other use
- In reality much goes there by default

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### Rethink

- Forget everything you know and start again from scratch, culture change ahead
- Run SWMP workshops and SWMP checklist to facilitate culture change
- Reconsider site and its resources, anything existing, design, specification, materials, packaging, storage, protection etc. to avoid Waste
- Strive for site autonomy: no export, no import







### **Re-educate**

- Re-education of the whole industry is
   essential
- College knowledge is not enough
- Subjects: sustainability, resource efficiency, waste minimisation and management in particular

- 90mtonnes/year waste from UK CI
- 13m tonnes/year (18%) over ordered never needed
- 22m tonnes/year (24%) is packaging
- 33% is materials off-cuts
- 10.3% is temporary materials
- 23.7m tonnes/year (33%) soil & rock

- 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 & Pborø

- 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

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

### Resolve

- Resolve to make a difference in the changes implemented
- Resolve to improve performance
- Resolve to use resources efficiently
- Resolve to improve profit margins

### Refocus

- Refocus to address resource efficiency throughout design and construction
- Refocus not just on waste minimisation after design and construction

#### Resource

- Resource the task with the right number and quality of people to carry out the tasks in hand
- Non-English natural tongue labour from poorer background are naturally resourceful people
- Given the opportunity will be natural waste champions

# Relate

- Build supply chain relationships to drive
   down waste
- Partnering offers an opportunity to share the savings achieved
- Works together through SWMP workshops with demand and supply chains working in harmony!
- Communicate through toolbox talks

# Relate

- Build relationships with the Environment Agency don't make enemies
- Don't see them as the police
- Use their expertise especially in emergencies
- They will work with you to solve problems
- Don't get fined for being wrong

### Research

- alternative avenues in resource
   efficiency
- NGS is exploring opportunities for joined up thinking in waste management
- Companies offering alternatives to 'business at usual'
- NGS Specifications have some answers
- NGS Appendix have the companies

# Refer

- Refer to authoritative and current information sources
- Environment Agency NetRegs website for up to date legal and environmental information with a construction focus
- Envirowise, WRAP, BRE, NGS, HazRed, CIRIA, CE, etc.

# Refresh

- Refresh lists of supply chain partners
- Replace with radical thinkers
- Those offering added value
- With real solutions not greenwash
- NGS has some listed in its Appendix

### **Rename Waste**

- Rename Waste as a Resource to manage and reduce and not waste
- Rename Waste as a Resource to Reclaim, Reuse, Recycle or Recover
- Rename as Demolition Arisings to Reclaim, Reuse, Recycle or Recover
- Rename Waste as Excavation Arisings
   to reuse or recycle







# **Rename Waste**

- Awaiting new Guidance from EU and EA
   on Waste Definitions
- Reduction in the number of special Licences or waivers required to handle materials
- E.g. on site landscape modification arrisings chipping and handling requires permission







## Rename an Enthusiast(s)

- As "Waste Champion"
- Give the enthusiast Authority and responsibility to drive down waste occurrences
- Tower crane driver sees everything
- Dumper driver goes everywhere
- Quarter master controls over ordering







- Regard
- Regard 'Waste' as:
- 'Resource'
- 'Demolition Arrising'
- 'Excavation Arrising'
- 'Surplus to requirements' of this project
- Spares' for on going maintenance





Revalue



- Use NGS GreenSpec WasteCost® lite waste cost and segregation saving calculator
- Determine costs of waste segregation
- Determine savings from waste segregation
- Determine the costs of the wasted materials
- Determine Resale value of the Reclaimables
- Determine potential KPI and EPI figures
- Determine embodied energy in the wasted

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### **Revalue: True Cost of Waste**

- 8 cu yd skip
- Skip hire: £85
- Labour to fill Skip: £163
- Cost of materials put in skip: £1095
- Total cost: £1343
- Hire cost: total cost 1:16
  - Amec Study









- £308 m paid by UK CI on Landfill tax alone (2006/07)
- 85% of constructors not interested
- 15% constructors discovered cost savings







### **Re-measure**

- Re-measure to avoid over ordering
- Reduce % of slack to the minimum
- QS's +/- 10% accuracy is potentially wasteful
- 5% (varies with each material) excess for damage replacement is excessive
- Re-measure on site and pay for what is installed encourages waste reduction
- Re-measure to include spares handed over







### **Re-measure**

- Reclamation Audits, Pre-demolition or Pre-alteration Audits allow the Employer and Design team an opportunity to reconsideration of the existing buildings on site
- Quantify what you have before you start
- Determine what can be reused
- Demolition Protocol calls for it
- T&C Planners will demand it







## **Re-programme**

- Re-programme to ensure that any existing buildings can be predemolition/alteration audited
- Re-programme to allow soft strip and deconstruction before demolition
- Re-programme to remove time pressures from the demolition team







## **Re-programme**

- Re-programme with the Employer on board
- Re-educate the Employer
- Re-programme to avoiding Employers
   ridiculously ambitious programmes
- Re-programme: include SWMP, make sure the Employer takes responsibility for their actions in respect of resource efficiency





**Re-plan** 



- Re-plan site layout for efficient flows
- Organise incoming: inspection then straight to use or storage
- Accessible weatherproof, flat, drained conditioned storage
- First in > first out to use in building
- Excess, waste and packaging: near exit



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### Reconsider

### Reconsider the whole design to seek out resource efficient methods and materials









- Refuse
- Refuse excess packaging
- Under the Packaging Producer Responsibility Act the manufacturer is responsible for dealing with waste packaging (subject to size of business)
- either directly or by others at their own expense
- Require them to Remove it or collect it later, collect it to enable easy Return <sup>93</sup>









- Supply chain management:
- Partnering can offer opportunities to demand a better service from manufacturers and suppliers:
- Reduce packaging (within reason)
- Reconsider pallet packing for stability
- Require adequate protection & no more
- Return of all packaging to source



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- Refuse to excavate contaminated soil and move it around the country to Hazardous Waste Landfill
- Remediate insitu: Bio: 3yrs, Mech: quick
- Reduce Hazard level
- Refuse to excavate clean subsoil and send to landfill
- Search out opportunities: Reuse on site





Reject



- Ensure all deliveries are checked as 'Fit for Purpose' & 'of Merchantable Quality'
- Reject any defective materials
- Return them to the manufacturer to
- Replace defective materials with new
- Manufacturer to Refurbish and Resell Reuse, Recycle or dispose
- Packaging must be partially Removable to permit inspection & be Replaceable 98





Reject



- Materials hazardous to manufacturer, fabricator/applicator, user, occupier, recycler, dismantler, landfill operator
- Materials which will be Reclassified as hazardous waste, that will be expensive to Reduce hazard level
- Materials which are difficult or expensive to dispose of or landfill





Reject



- If you run a JIT delivery system to a tight urban site where deliveries are scheduled
- Reject late or out of sequence deliveries
- Reschedule to another day
- Get delivery drivers refocused to rehearse routes to ensure JIT delivery is possible

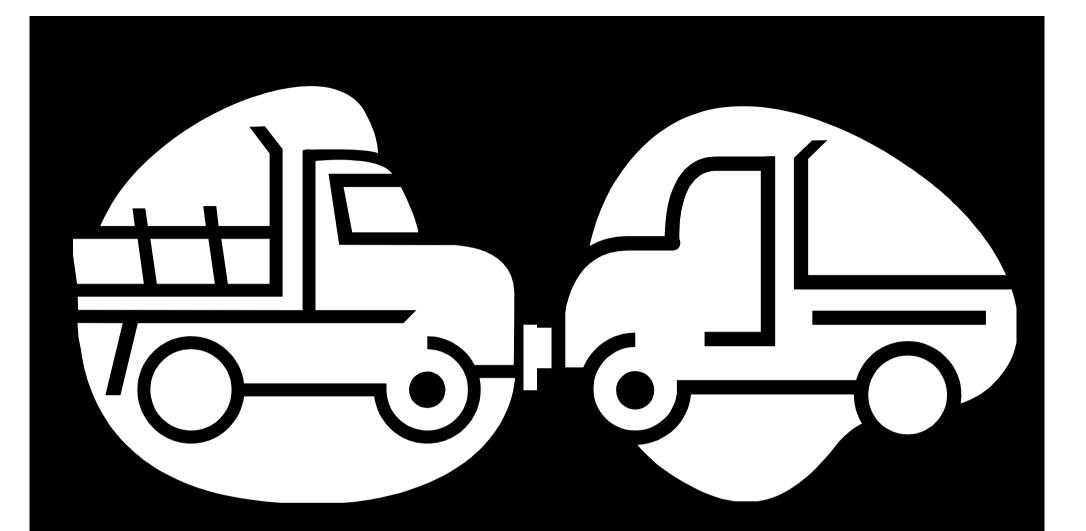




Return



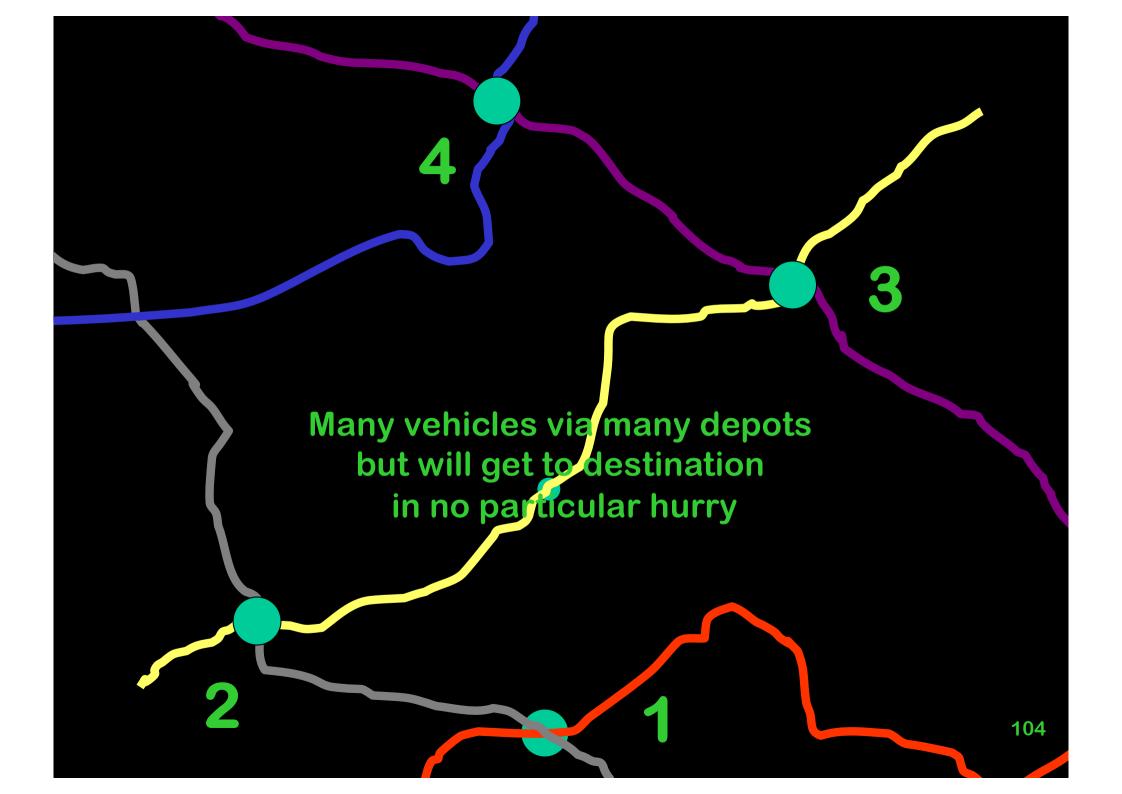
- 'Sale or Return' ensures over ordered and unused materials can be taken back into stock if still of merchantable quality
- India has a 45 day return period
- 'Take-back schemes' provide waste containers, sacks or skips for collection of offcut scraps and Return to manufacture to Reuse as Raw materials



## **Couriers: offer take back schem**

For every laden truck in a hurry there is an unladen one coming back Couriers offering a slow return to manufacturer service, cheap but not free

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### Fleet of small vehicles short distance to hubs

Fully laden heavy vehicles between hubs

Fleet of small vehicles short distance to final destinations

# Pallet Services

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## **Redesign to Reduce**

- Reduce off-cuts by designing to manufactured sizes
- Walter Segal's 'Segal Method' used 8x4 sheets and 4x2 and 8x2 timbers
- Virtually no waste
- only cutting to length and drilling

### Modular designs waste less

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

Robin Hillier Diggers Self build Brighton







# **Redesign to Reuse**

- Redesign methods of assembly to allow disassembly
- Redesign fixings and fastenings
- Clamp, bolt, screw
- No Welding, nails, adhesives
- Redesign to be robust enough to survive dismantling handling transport and reassembly









- Dimensional Co-ordination is good
- If products are made to required sizes
- Too many are different
- Regularise on 1200 x 2400 mm. ?
- Regularise on 600 x 600 mm. ?
- And sub-modules







#### Regularise

- Just because CAD can do you really need to?
- Rediscover the right angle
- Avoid overlapping angled grids & waste
- Avoid controlled chaos
- Maintain some consistency
- Avoid waste in design







#### Rehearse

- Use mock-ups to discover difficult parts to assemble and risks of damage or waste arising
- Test the assembly sequence and discover the clues to the Chinese puzzle
- Relay the sequence to site so they do not have to Repeat the learning process







#### Rehearse

- Sample, Prototype, Mock-up, Test-rig
- Check junctions, tolerance and design
   intent
- Refine design before mass production
- Approve quality before making many









- JIT Deliveries to avoid failure
- Traffic conditions
- Route to site(s) or milk Round
- Pallet content for JIT delivery of days
   requirements







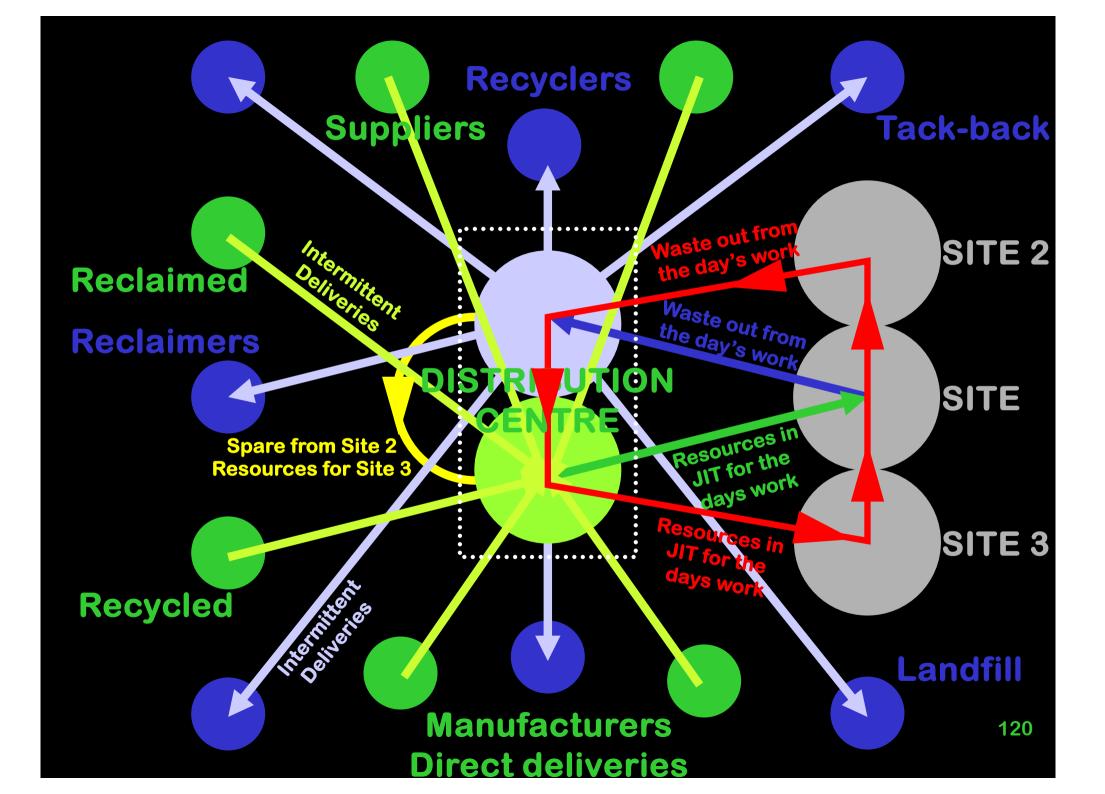
#### Rationalise

- Use Construction Consolidation Centre
- Rationalise big deliveries to CCCentre
- Small deliveries from Centre to site(s)
- Reduce traffic congestion on route and on site, Reduce emissions
- Retain 'over-ordered' for more sites
- Return 'excess to Requirements' to CC Centre for reuse in next delivery/site

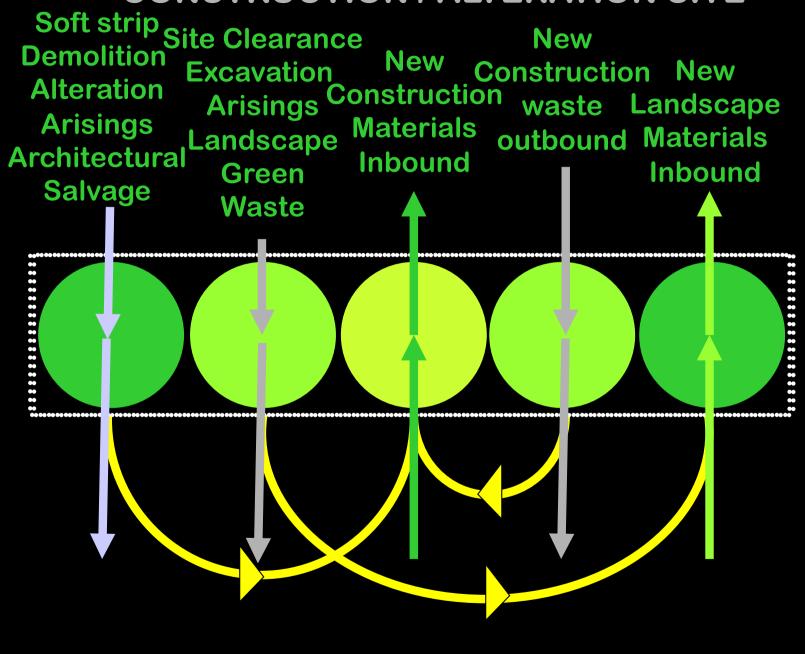


#### **Rationalise Delivery Schedule**

- Plan next day's requirements
- Order in advance by call off schedule
- Deliver daily requirements JIT
- Deliver with all fixings and fastenings
- Deliver to within 5m of labourers
- Deliver without packaging
- Deliver without damage



#### **CONSTRUCTION / ALTERATION SITE**



**MANUFACTURERS/SUPPLIERS** 







#### Remediate

- Remediate brownfield sites insitu
- Bio-remediate with plants to extract chemicals and recycle if you have 3 years
- Mechanical/chemically remediate if you have room and access and some time
- Remediate off site to reduce hazard
   level before landfilling



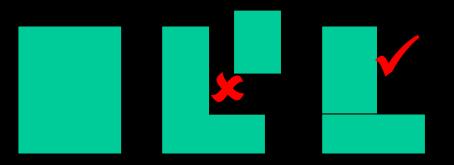


#### **Reduce Demand**

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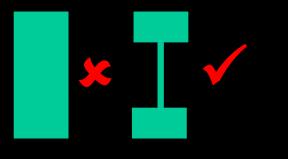
- Except if long design life demands it
- Don't oversize
- Don't cut section from solid if compound is possible

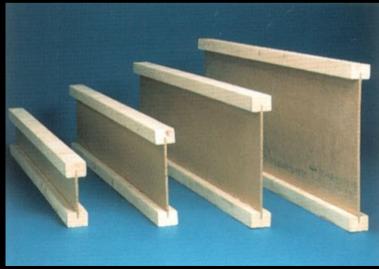


#### Reduce Demand



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











#### 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

Cut

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#### **Reduce Hazard Level**

- Review the EWC European Waste Catalogue for materials Reclassified as hazardous
- Determine WAC Waste Acceptance
   Criteria of Landfill sites
- Treat Hazardous Waste to Reduce the hazard level before going to landfill
- Bio-Remediate insitu if possible







- Reduce
- Reduce over order % from industry default % (5 – 10%) towards zero %
- Reduce reliance on JIC Just In Case
- Move towards JEM Just Enough Materials and JIT Just In Time
- Reduce packaging
- Reduce quantities to Landfill









- Reserve natural materials with natural variations to demonstrate intent
- Reserve logs don't condemn finished
   joinery
- pReview natural materials with large or numerous samples
- Set acceptable upper and lower limits

### ReSpecify to Reduce Rejects

- Consider lowering standards to reduce rejection rate
- Natural materials have natural variations:
- select logs don't reject final products
- Quality rejects or offcuts from "for sale" might go into "for rent"
- damaged face used in hidden face







#### Slate production

- For every tonne of slates created
- 100 tonnes of waste
- Welsh use explosives
- China and Spain cut from solid block
- Cheap slate competes
   with Welsh
- Specify Local if possible





#### **Reject: Slate natural variation**

- For every tonne of slates created
- 100 tonnes of waste (welsh practice)
- and more when we are selective
- We need to accept natural variation in natural materials





#### **ReSpecify avoiding Hazardous**

- Avoid materials hazardous as waste and probably hazardous as materials
- Respecify using natural material
- Respecify using mineral based material
- Respecify avoiding Synthetic materials
- Respecify avoiding CHIP transport risks
- Read the COSHH and CDM data sheets
- Remove Risks from labourers





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- NGS GreenSpec Waste Preliminaries
- A38 Construction Resource
   Management/Waste Minimisation
- C20 Demolition/Deconstruction
   Resource Recovery
- C91 Alteration: Resource Recovery/ Waste minimisation
- And their Appendix





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- NGS GreenSpec Waste Preliminaries
- Soon to be added
- A39 Packaging Efficiency Waste Reduction
- D20 Excavation Resource Recovery/ Waste Minimisation
- Q29 Landscape Waste minimisation
- And their Appendix









- Register early for licences and waivers likely to be needed on the project
- Register to enable all reclaim, recycling, recovery, removal, reuse,
- Register the site as a generator of waste, hazardous waste, etc.
- Register the Contractor and trade or subcontractors
- Register the vehicles? drivers?
- Check the Registers for currency of the licences of waste handlers







#### Registration

- Early registration and reservation of chosen materials
- Include Registration details in specification clauses







Reuse



- Reuse Formwork to minimise waste from temporary materials
- Use steel formwork in preference to ply
- Reuse Site Hoardings to minimise waste
   from temporary materials
- Use proprietary steel hoardings or fencing in place of ply and softwood

#### Why use hoardings once?



# Timber is a renewable material which could be sustainable

- Except if it illegally logged,
- Except if it is temporary works and thrown away after the job is finished
- Hazardous, synthetic adhesive & paints
- Some will be battered and be skipped but most could be reused
- But one project end and another project start don't always coincide

#### **Reusable steel hoardings**









#### Steel is less sustainable than timber

- But reusable steel site hoarding makes
   more sense
- Some may get battered and be skipped but most will reused on the next job
- And the next and the next .....
- They are thin and lightweight easy to store

#### **Reusable steel fencing**







Reuse



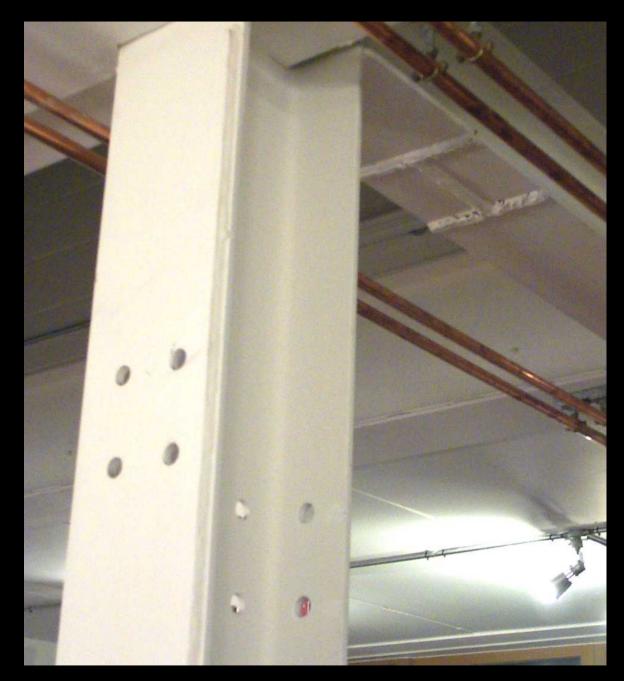
- No changes occur to the materials
- Reuse in exactly the same form
- Bricks Reused as bricks (lime mortar removed)
- Doors Reused as doors
- Steel sections Reused as Steel sections (bolt holes are redundant)

# Reclaimed repaired reused

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



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#### **Reclaim for reuse**

- Salvage and Reuse of demolition and construction materials
- Methods of assessment or test of materials (Recent seminar, Guide soon)

# Reused wood better than new

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#### **Repair and Reuse**

- Repair or patch and Reused as original
- Doors
- Windows
- Fire place surrounds
- Kitchens
- Bathrooms
- Retread tyres



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

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## Repairs with Traditional Materials

# Conservation Quality Refurbishment



Reading Oracle Site 2-4 London Rd. 7 Bridges Hs. Architect: Haskoll & Creat



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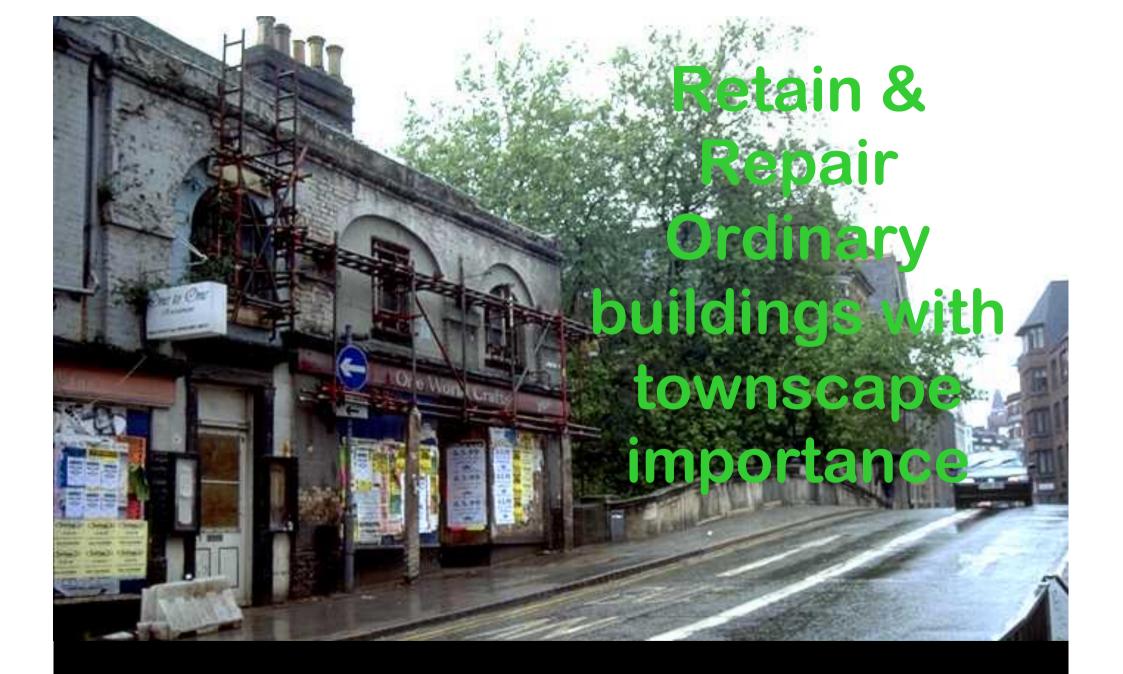


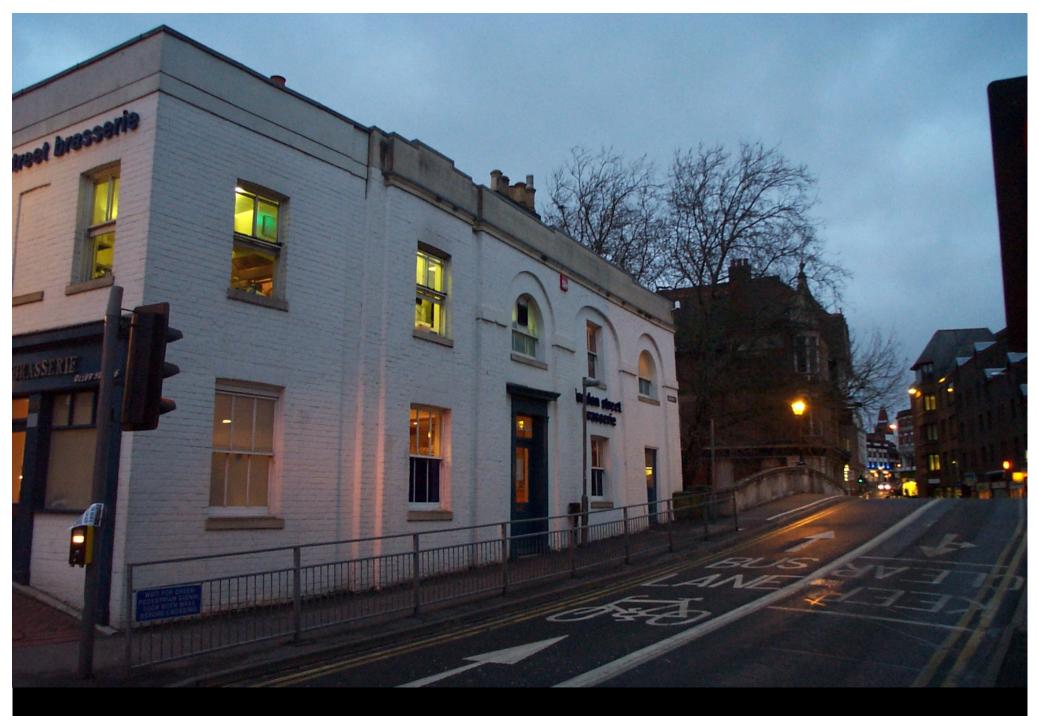


#### Retain

#### Retain repair and reuse buildings

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#### **Retain landscape waste**

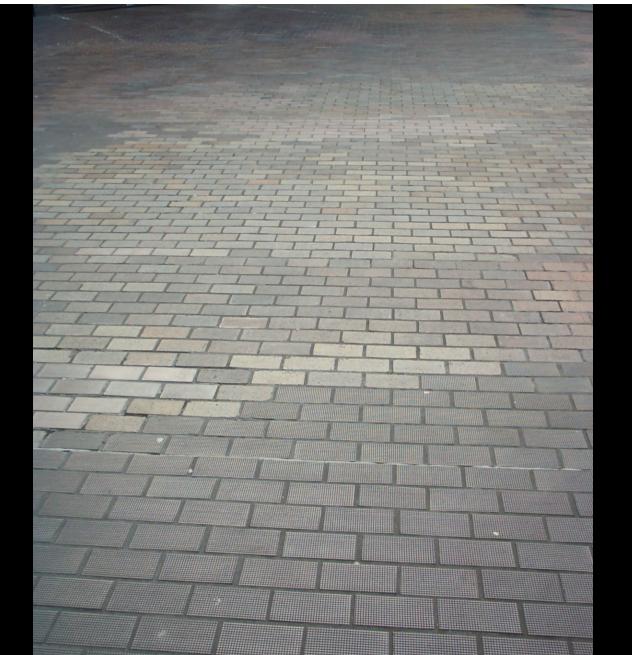
- Retain biodiversity of existing site
- Retain seeds, plants, wild turf, topsoil, subsoil,
- Retail all tree, bush and shrub cuttings, grass and leaves
- Recover: Compost all green waste
- Recycle: Manufacture topsoil from compost and subsoil





#### **Retain for Reuse/Repair**

- Retain unused materials for:
- Snagging at end of job
- Defects Liability Period Repairs
- Employers FM in maintenance/repair
- Sheets of flooring from same batch
- Pots of paint from same batch
- Spares for components



# Visible receivements a sector of life

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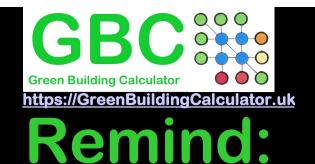




#### **Reminder: Disadvantage**

- If work is re-measured by QS on site and only materials installed are paid for
- No incentive to hand over spares except if a specified and billed item
- Architects must specify it to ensure it is billed and handed over







- Remind all of the objectives for the site with resource efficiency and waste minimisation
- Rerun Toolbox talks
- Poster campaign on the Canteen, Welfare facilities, corridors, offices
- Remind people we are doing our bit for the planet and our grandchildren

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- Properties of material do not change
- can be recycled as same material
- Metals recycled as metals
- (fine chemical corrections are part of normal production)
- But big energy input over reuse









- Rubber tyres are being reduced to:
- rubber crumb
  - soft paving materials
  - acoustic isolation strips
- metal wires
  - reinforcing of concrete and screeds
- fabric

Reinforcing of concrete and screeds





#### **Recycled:** Downcycled

- Reduction in properties often occurs in plastics
- Can't be used in original form
- Relegated to a lesser or different task
- Polyethylene sheet as black bin bags
- Polyethylene as timber substitute
- Glass crushed and used as sand



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#### **Recycled: Downcycled**

- Timber formwork and site hoarding down cycled as landscape mulch
- BRE research on leechates from concrete and release agents say this is safe
- Choice of paints on hoarding important
- Must be plant friendly

# Glass sand for bedding



# **Glass sand bedding**









#### **Recycled: Upcycled**

- Where a material can be converted into something better (greater value) in its second life:
- Scaffold board used in making a door
- Hardwood pallets dismantled and made
   into furniture



#### Scaffold boards = doors



## **Railway Sleepers = Furniture**<sub>33</sub>







#### **Recover: Energy**

- Recover energy from materials:
- Rubber tyres used as fuel in cement works
- Site fires waste energy and materials
- Set up wood burning stove for hot water in summer and heat in winter



#### **Recover: Organics Nutrients**

- Recover organic materials and
   nutrients through composting
- Subsoil converted to topsoil by adding compost
- Earth replenished with nutrients
- Not sent to landfill or burned





Record



- Use BRE SMARTWaste to record waste generated on a daily basis
- Feed into national statistics via modem
- Receive daily reports on site waste performance
- Compare with national, regional company or own site targets
- Join the DEFRA funded 1000 site project





Record



- Throughout the project and contract Record notes in a wish-list
- Opportunities to avoid and Reduce waste and hazardous materials arising
- Record in Word templates which inform the next project via QA procedures





Report



- Report on Records from SMARTWaste
   in Regular site meetings
- Determine causes and find Remedy
- Rectify contractual issues which may generate waste
- Report any suspicions or evidence of non-licensed waste handlers or flytipping to the EA





Reward



- Set up league tables of different trade performance against KPI or other targets
- Record and compare on a regular basis
- Reward good performers
- Make it worth striving for
- Carrots and sticks work well together





Review



- Review wish-lists for previous projects
   and contracts
- Try to avoid unnecessary waste and hazardous waste arising
- Learn from past experience
- Share and pass forward all knowledge
  gained
- Create and Review Templates where past project experience can be stored<sup>195</sup>





Review



- Review procedures and ensure they are up to date
- EA guidance is being updated continuously
- www.netregs.



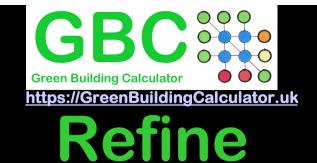


Revise



- Revise methods on next project
- SWMP checklist as a living document (like pre-tender CDM) first by Design Team, added to Preliminaries and then developed by Main Contractor







- Review and refine each project to get better each time
- Refine templates and add from each
   project experience





Restart



- Return to the start with new knowledge
- pReview and make it better next time
- Recycle knowledge gained







# Waste: Costs & Savings

Fiscal Incentives: Taxes, Costs & Savings



## Who is to blame and who pays?

- Employers/Clients pay for construction processes and building
- Employers/Clients don't yet embrace any responsibility
- Designers create waste in their proposals
- QS generate inaccurate quantities
- QS discourage waste & recycling requirements in contracts
- Contractors fail to recheck quantities
- Contractors buyers wont pay for waste segregation
- Contractors squander materials
- Waste handlers make excess profits off squandered materials
- Shadow economy receives free materials
- Clients pay for constructors waste: shadow economy materials







## How can it change?

- Employer/Client signs up to SWMP
- Client takes on some responsibility for own actions
- Project team can educate the Employer/Client on the consequence of their actions
- SWMP team rationalise design to reduce waste
- Waste costs are understood and segregation savings are pursued
- Constructors become resource efficient
- Client pays less
- Constructors improve profit margins
- Waste Handlers profits down to acceptable level
- Environment benefits all round



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