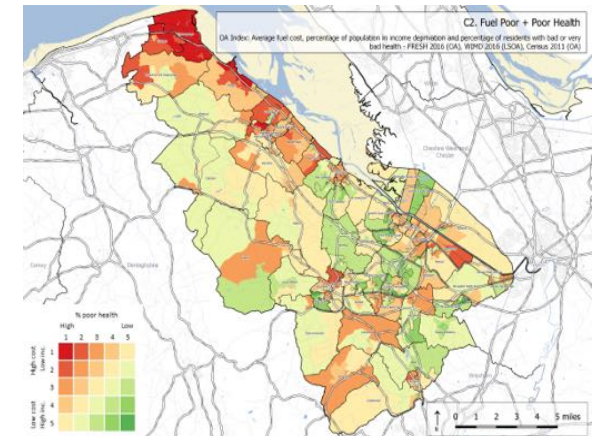


# Housing Developments in New Build and Retrofit

Phil Jones





UK housing: Fit for the future?

Committee on Climate Change  
February 2019



New homes should deliver **ultra-high levels of energy efficiency** as soon as possible and by 2025

Make all new homes suitable for **low-carbon heating**

By 2025 at the latest, **no new homes should connect to the gas grid**. Instead they should have low-carbon heating systems such as heat pumps and low-carbon heat networks.

Statutory requirements should be in place to **reduce overheating risk**

Improve focus on reducing the **whole-life carbon impact** of new homes, including embodied and sequestered carbon – Wood

**Retrofitting homes** to be low carbon and resilient to climate change

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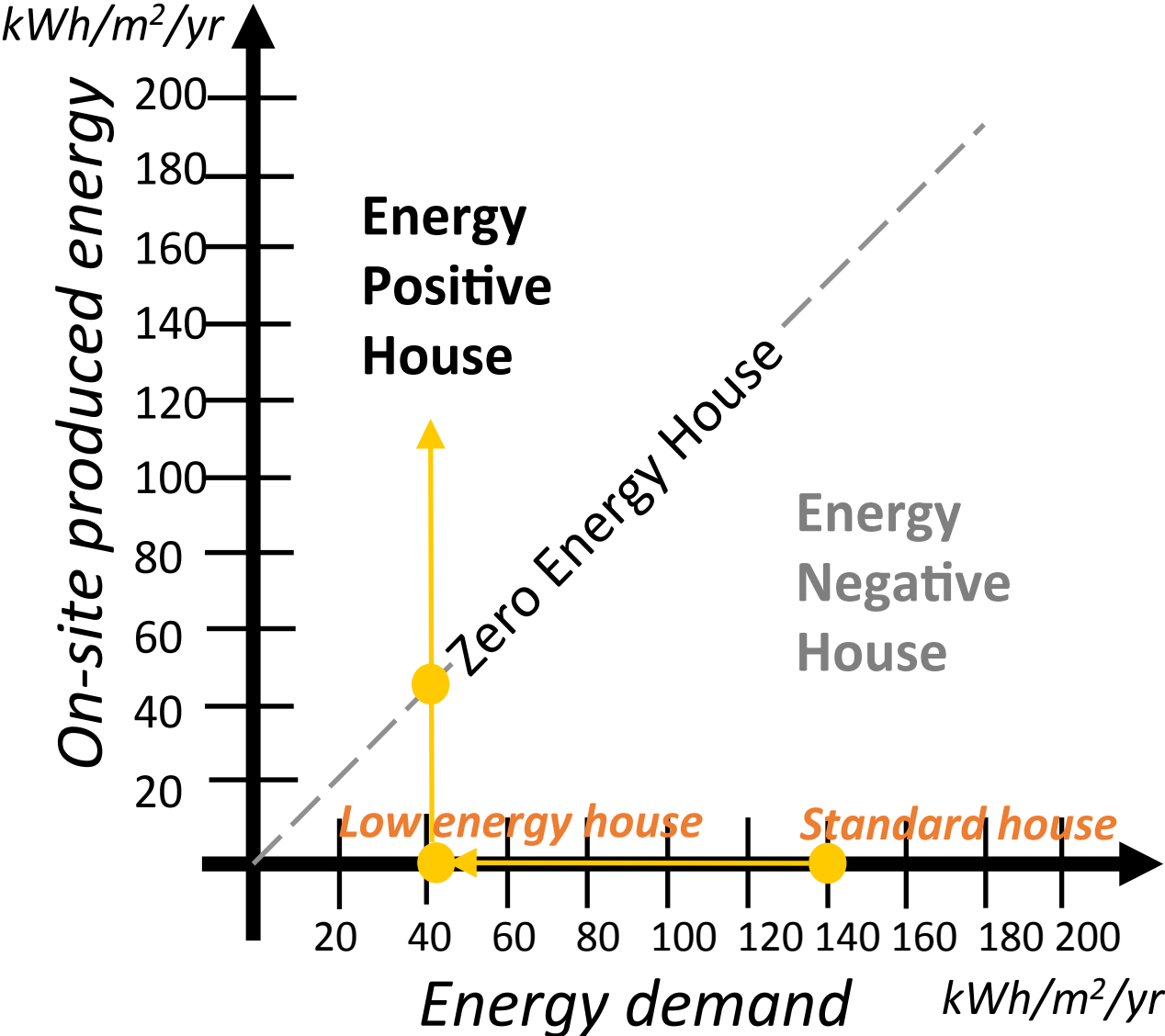
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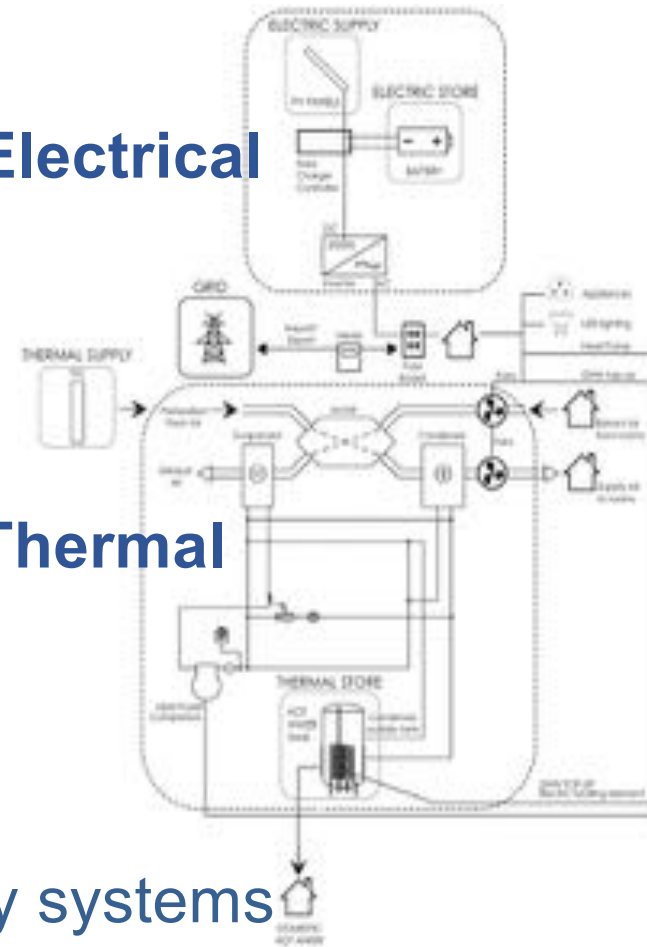


# SYSTEM INTEGRATION



Electrical

Thermal



**Technologies:**

Thermal and electrical energy systems

**Technologies and building design:**

Renewable energy systems as construction elements

## PV ROOF SYSTEM

Monocrystalline solar cells – Efficiency: cell 22%; Panel 15%



## TRANSPIRED SOLAR AIR COLLECTOR

17m<sup>2</sup>, temperature uplift up to 30°C



# VENTILATION HEATING SYSTEM



**GENVEX  
COMBI**

Heat pump

MVHR

Thermal water  
storage (185l)



# BATTERY STORAGE

Lithium-iron phosphate LFP; capacity 6.9kWh



## Energy Strategy: Priority to use in the house

- PV electricity used directly
- Charge batteries
- (Heat DHW)
- **Export to grid (mainly summer)**

# SIPS ECO PANEL CONSTRUCTION

High insulation (0.14), airtight, recycled timber, fast construction



## 16 weeks construction programme



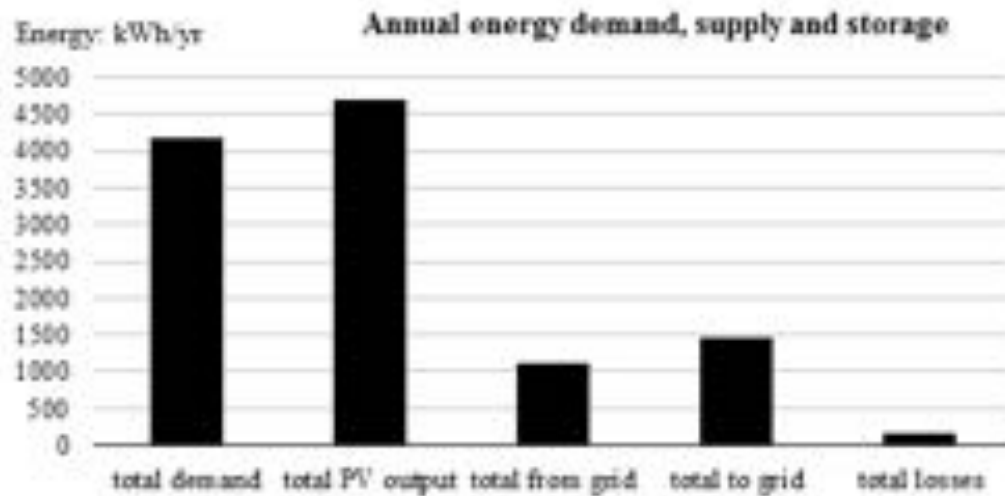
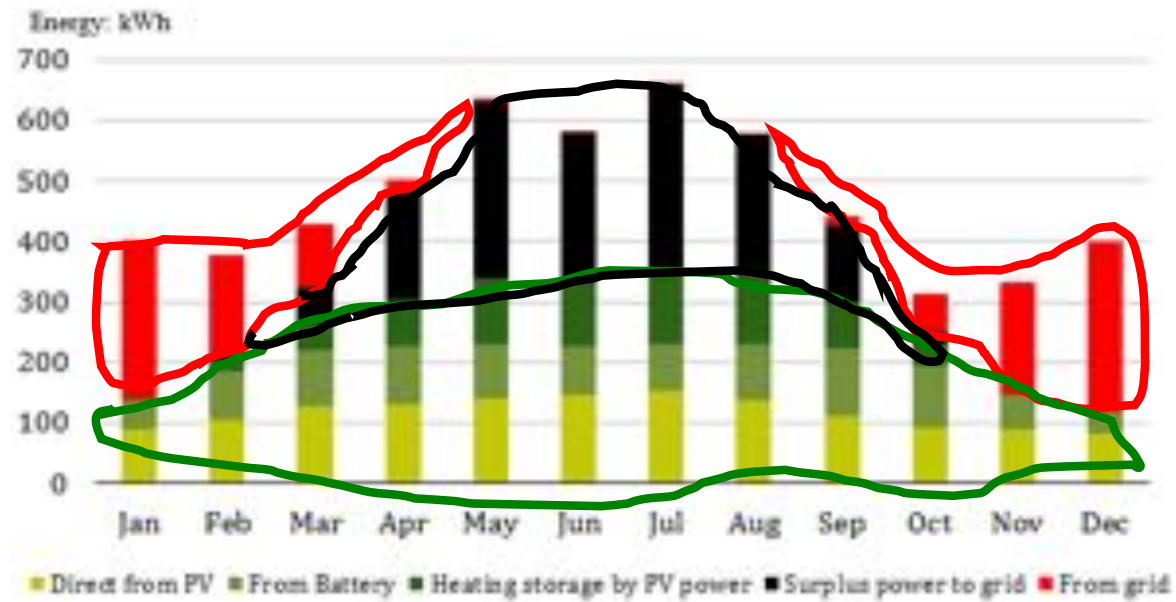
## SOLCER: the **energy positive** house

**COSTS £1,300/m<sup>2</sup>**



Typical new house energy costs	£780/year
SOLCER earns	£166/year
Benefit	£946/year

# ENERGY POSITIVE PERFORMANCE



# Energy Positive Housing Projects



## Bryn Bragl, Bridgend



## Stone house, The Vale



# Gaoling Town, (Xi'an) – 2 houses based on SOLCER

Each house has **4.8kWp PV**; one house has a **1.5kWp** on the roof. The houses use an Air-to-Water **heat pump radiant heating**; there is a 200l hot water tank, which recovers heat from the (see Zhang PhD project at Cardiff University).

THERMAL STORAGE IN FLOOR SLAB



# Retrofitting Housing

Up to 12% of households live in fuel poverty.

Substandard housing estimated to cost the National Health Service £2.5 billion a year.

50% of existing buildings have had some energy efficiency measures installed .

Without energy efficiency improvements from 1970 energy consumption would be twice current levels.

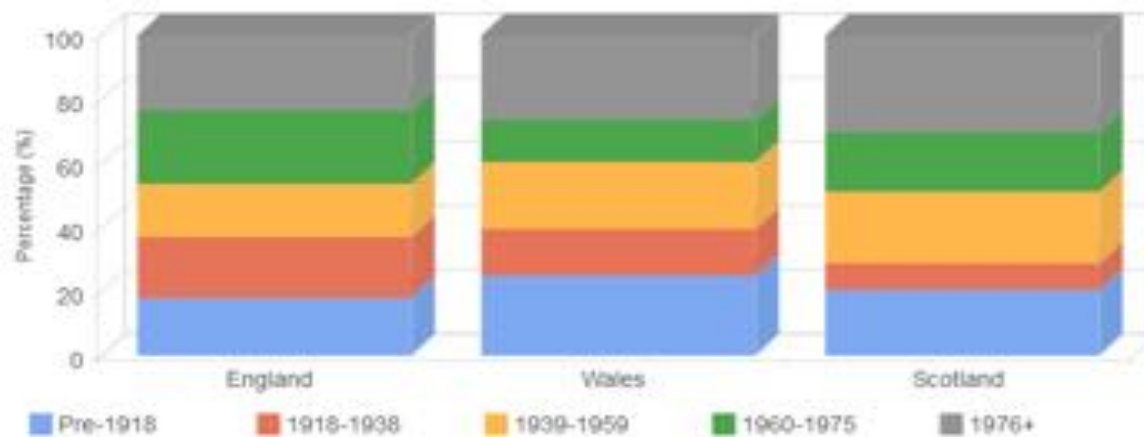


# UK housing stock

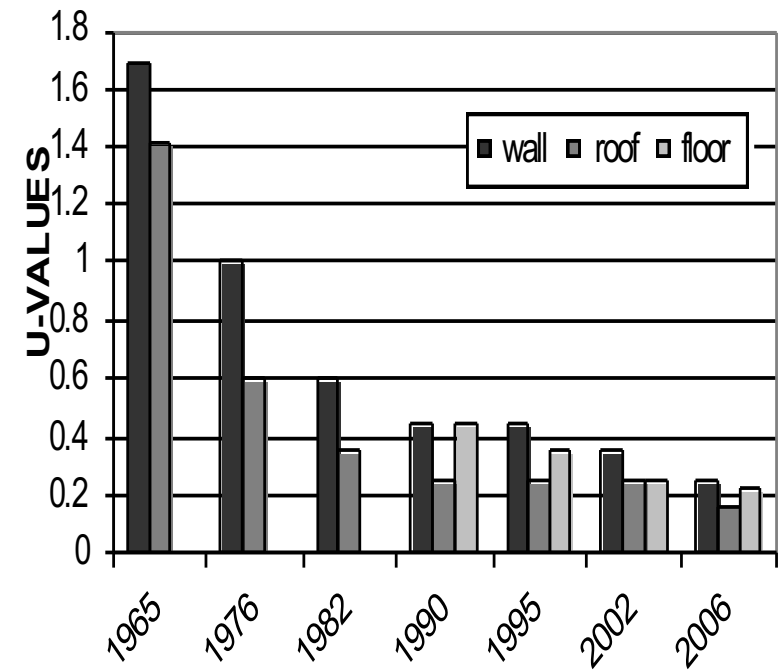
80% of the homes that will exist in 2050 have already been constructed

New build is less than 0.5% per year.  
Demolition less than 0.1% per year.

Age of housing stock in Great Britain, 2005



This graph shows the distribution of housing stock by age in Great Britain in 2005.



# Measures

Wall insulation: External / internal



Reduce air leakage



Mechanical Ventilation Heat Recovery (MVHR)



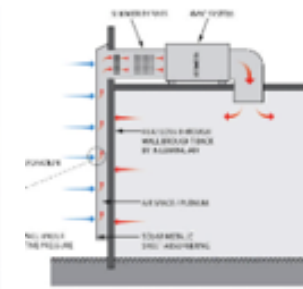
LED lighting

Solar PV: integrated / bolt on

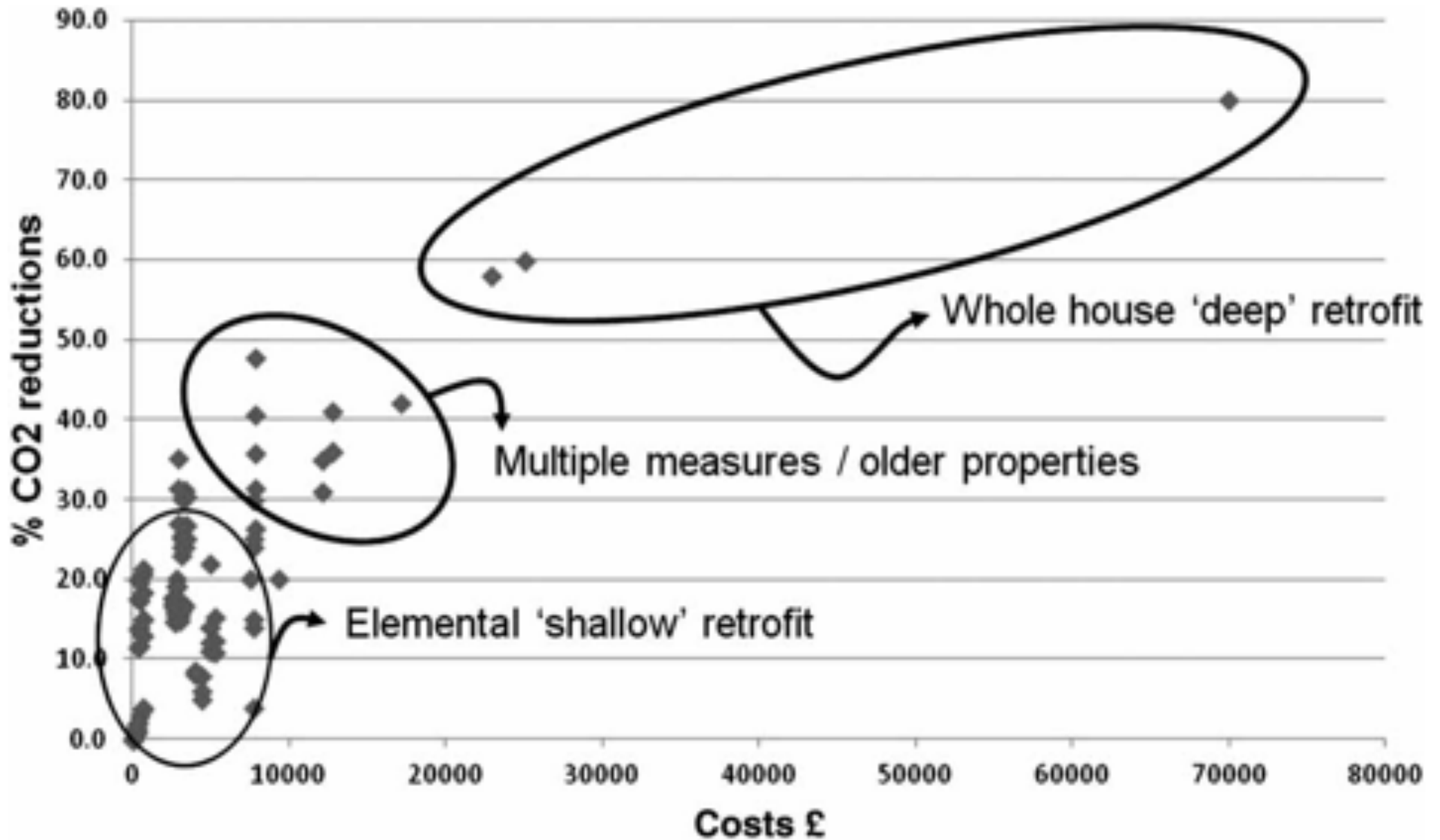


Battery storage

Transpired Solar Collector



# Cost versus CO2 emission reductions



# Whole House Retrofit (UK Gov. funded)



# Retrofit House Newport

## Retrofit Measures



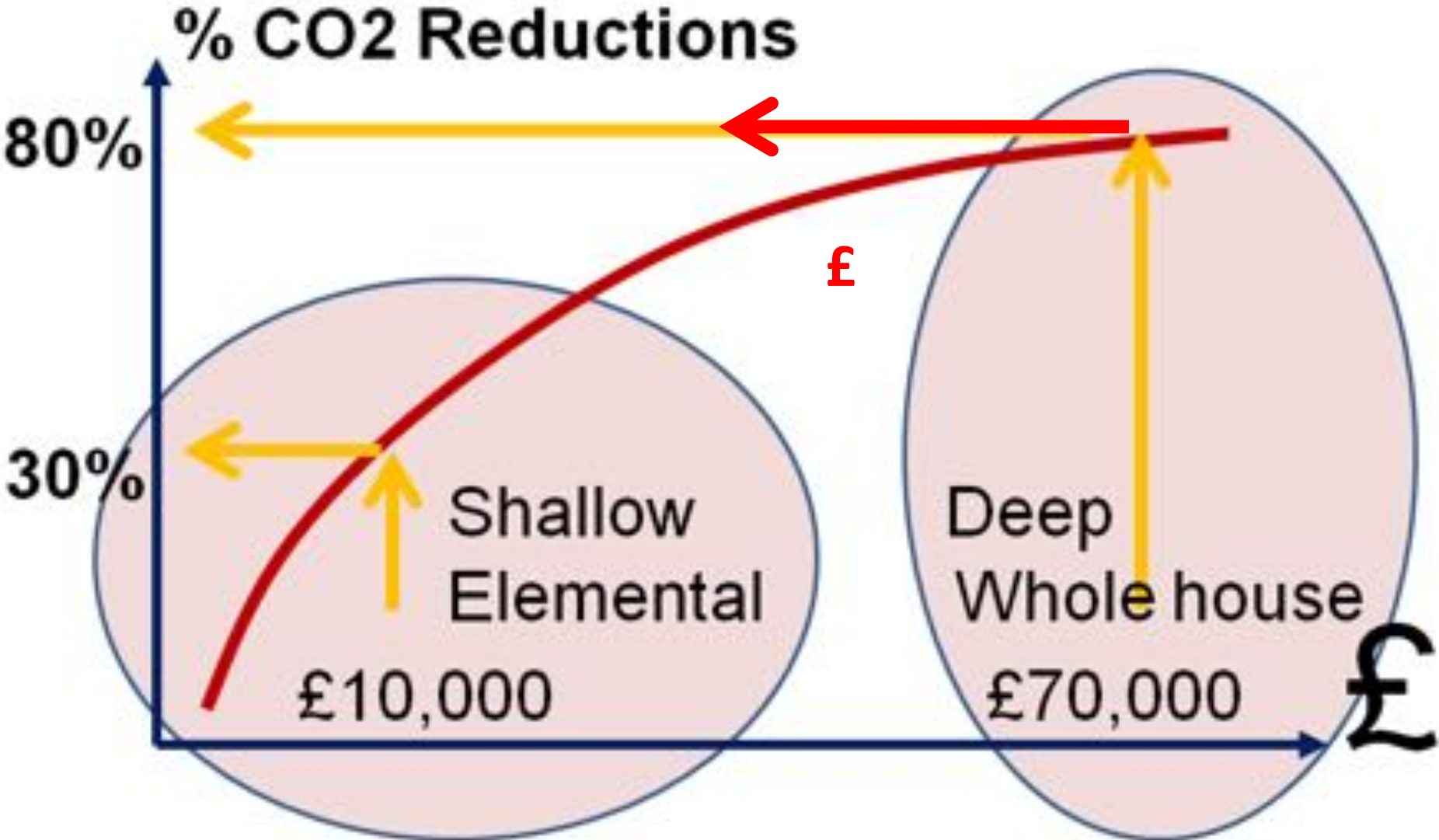
Dry lining **insulation** on internal walls - U Value 0.19

# 80% CO<sub>2</sub> reductions

# £70,000

- **Solar thermal** evacuated tube collectors (2.88m<sup>2</sup>)
- **MVHR** ventilation system.
- 2KW<sub>hp</sub> **Photovoltaic** panels.

# Elemental versus whole house



# SOLCER **low carbon** Retrofits (2015)

Before retrofit



## Whole House Deep Retrofits



PV roof



Batteries



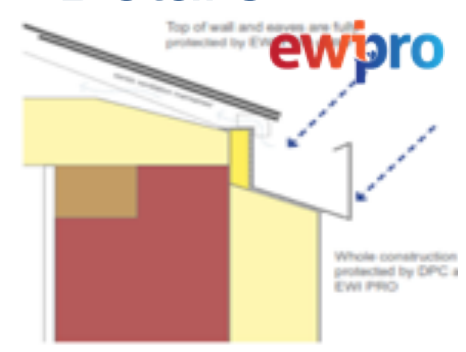
MVHR



EWI



Details



Before retrofit



**Energy savings £450/year**  
**(on an average energy bill £1000/year)**  
**Cost of whole house retrofit ~ £25,000**



*A summary of performance optimisation through domestic retrofit*

	Retrofit 1	Retrofit 2	Retrofit 3	Retrofit 4	Retrofit 5
Reduction of electricity imported from the grid	37%	41%	79%	72%	84%
Gas reduction	56%	23%	0	35%	6%
CO <sub>2</sub> reduction	64%	49%	54%	74%	61%
Cost savings	62%	52%	85%	81%	84%

# Retrofit Example



# Retrofit Example

## Building Integrated PV

Roof tiles not required



# Retrofit Example

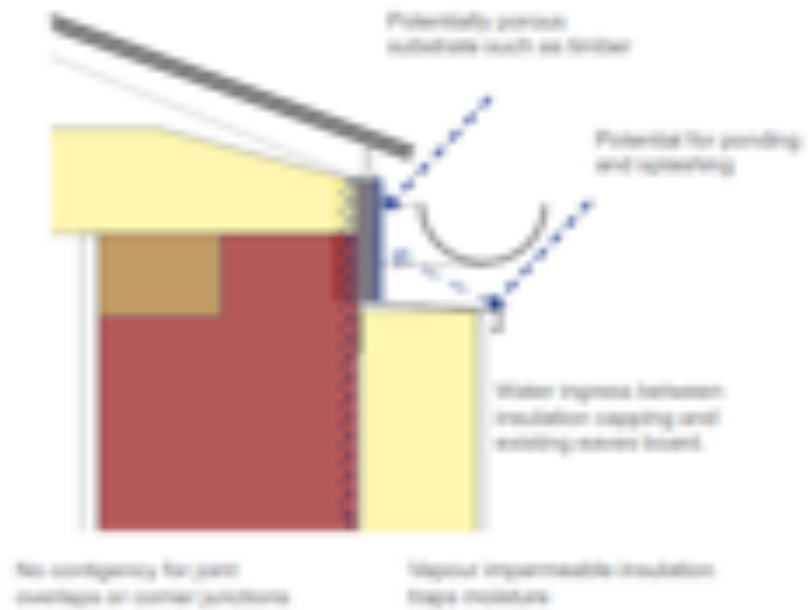
Detail – implementation of improved technologies

Aerogel at window reveals – reduces cold bridging around windows



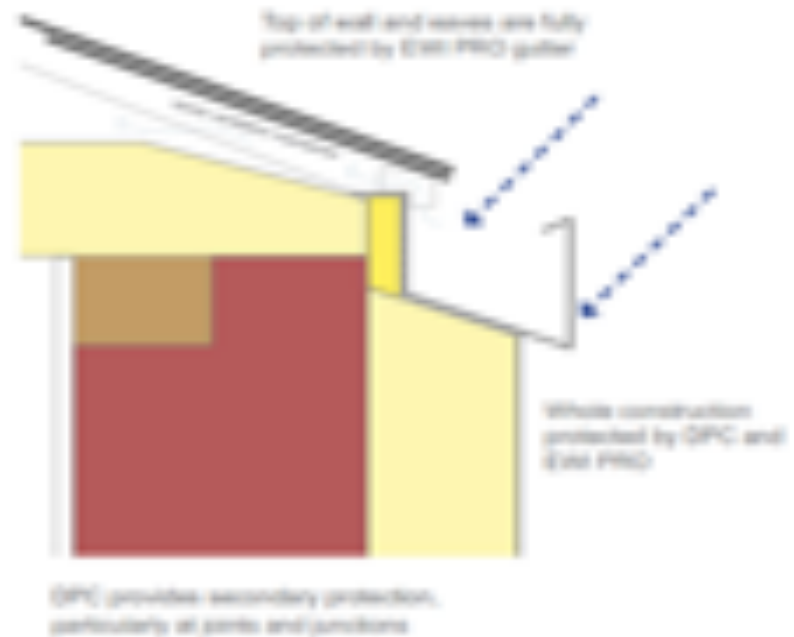
# Retrofit Example

**Current Standard Practice**  
(basic trim added to existing eaves board and gutter)



risk of moisture ingress

**EWI PRO gutter**  
(existing eaves stripped and new component added)



moisture kept out

**ewipro**

# Retrofit Example



# Retrofit Example

Recovering voids back into the housing stock

Improved housing condition and neighbourhoods

**NPT HOMES**

Want to save up to 50% on your energy bills?  
Looking for a fully refurbished property?

**MONTHLY RENT: £513.63**

This 2 bedroom property is part of a unique energy saving project.

The property benefits from:

- Solar Electric Photovoltaic (PV) Roof
- External wall insulation
- Smart Remote Heating controls
- Heating recovery system for pre heated hot water
- LED Lighting throughout

The house will need to be monitored before yearly for energy performance checks.

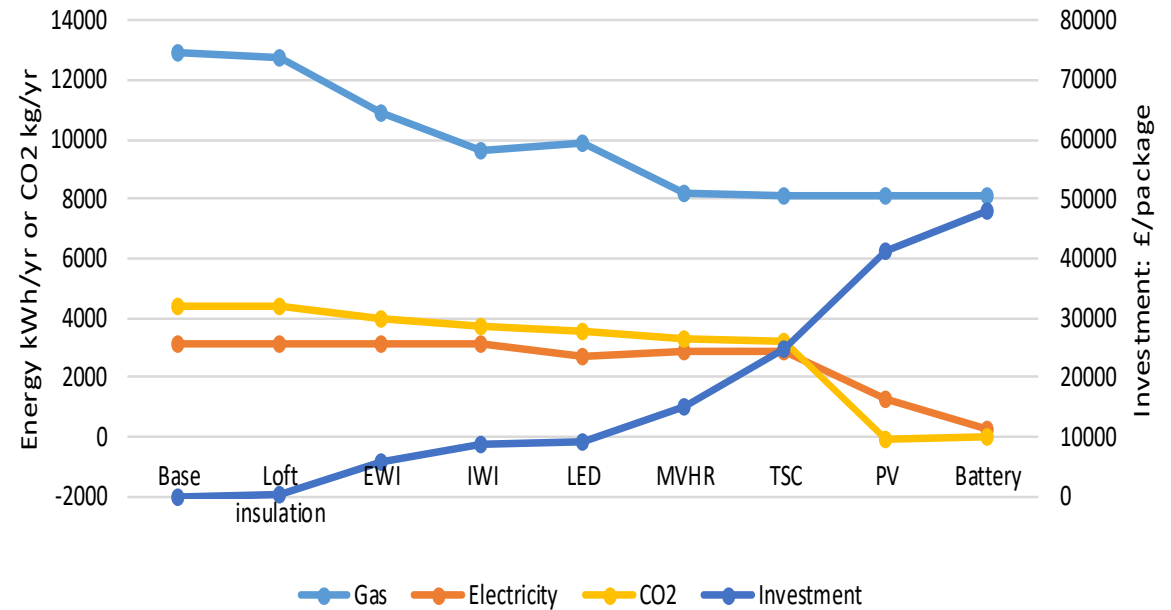
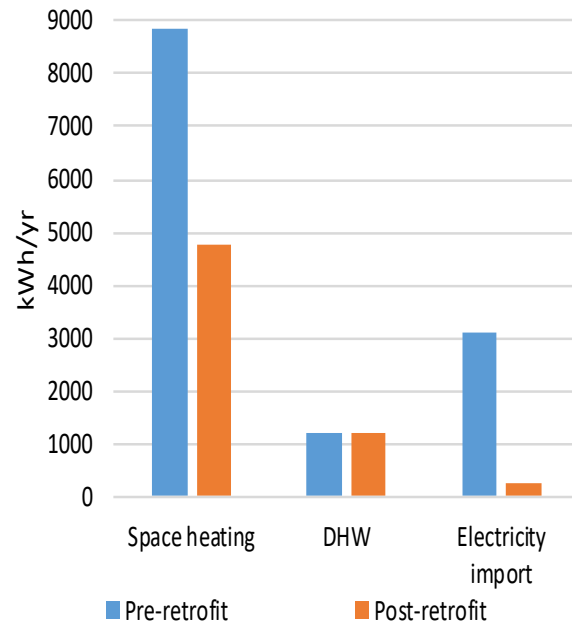
Save energy

**Solcer** **GB Sol**

# SPECIFIC Whole house 'deep' retrofit (2018)



# A summary of the simulation results



cases	Heating	DHW	Gas consumption	Electricity import	Electricity export	Operating energy cost	Total CO2 emission	electricity self-sufficiency ratio	Package cost	Retrofit package payback time	Single component payback time
Base Case	8859	1185	12911	3106	0	913	4401	0	0		
340mm loft insulation	8741	1185	12773	3106	0	908	4371	0	364	75	75
90mm EWI on side and rear walls	7187	1185	10944	3106	0	845	3976	0	5934	87	88
Kooltherm k118 IWI system on the front wall	6081	1185	9643	3106	0	799	3695	0	8798	77	63
with LED lighting	6271	1185	9867	2734	0	758	3550	0	8998	58	5
with MVHR: 90m3/hr flow rate	4826	1185	8167	2865	0	716	3251	0	14971	76	143
With TSC: 4m <sup>2</sup> on the gable	4756	1185	8084	2865	0	713	3233	0	24844	124	3445
with PV on both roofs	4756	1185	8084	1285	4796	505	-76	55.10%	41098	79	36
With Tesla battery (13.5kWh)	4756	1185	8084	276	3694	372	-28	90.40%	48000	73	52

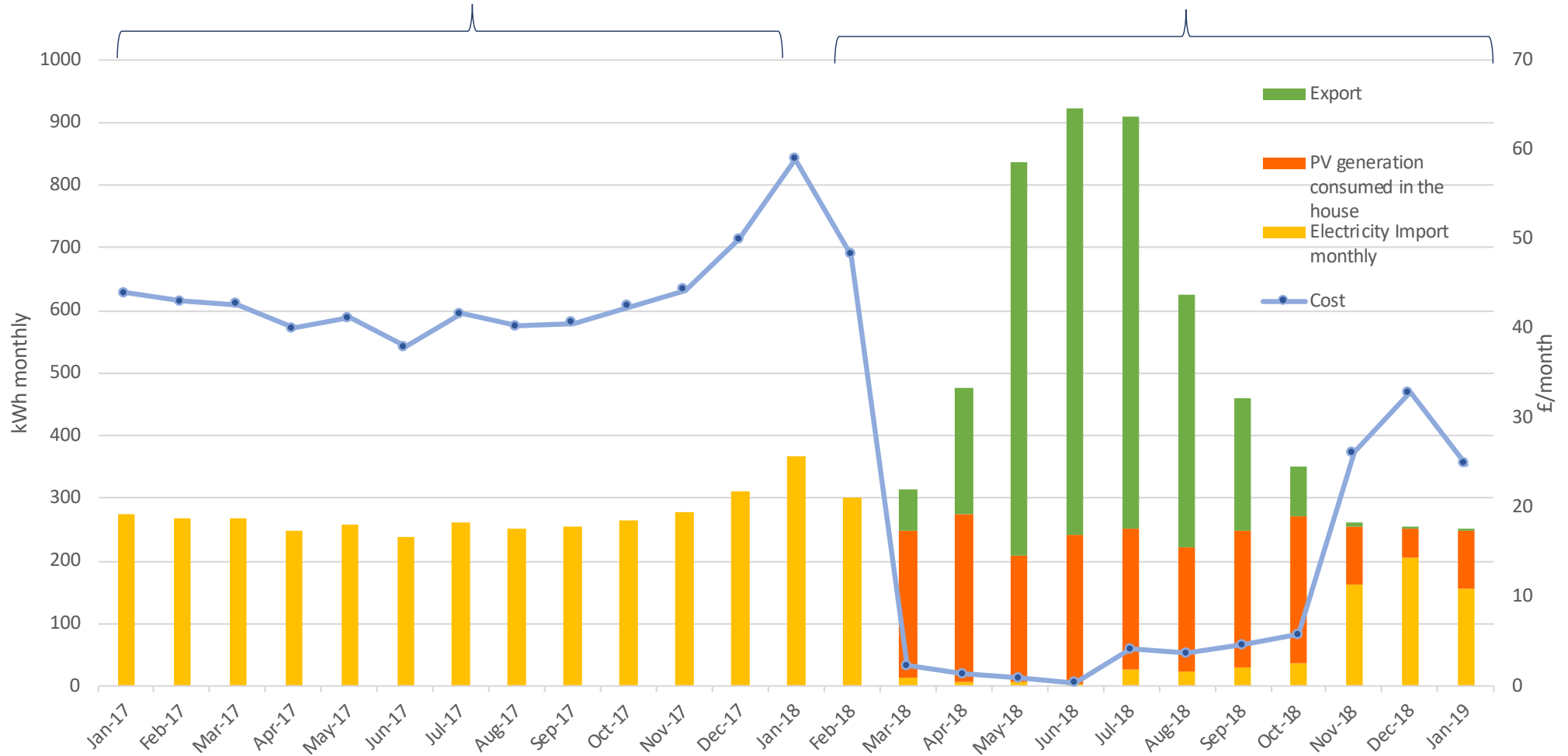
# Whole house 'deep' retrofit – results



PV generation and electricity import

Annual electricity cost before : £522

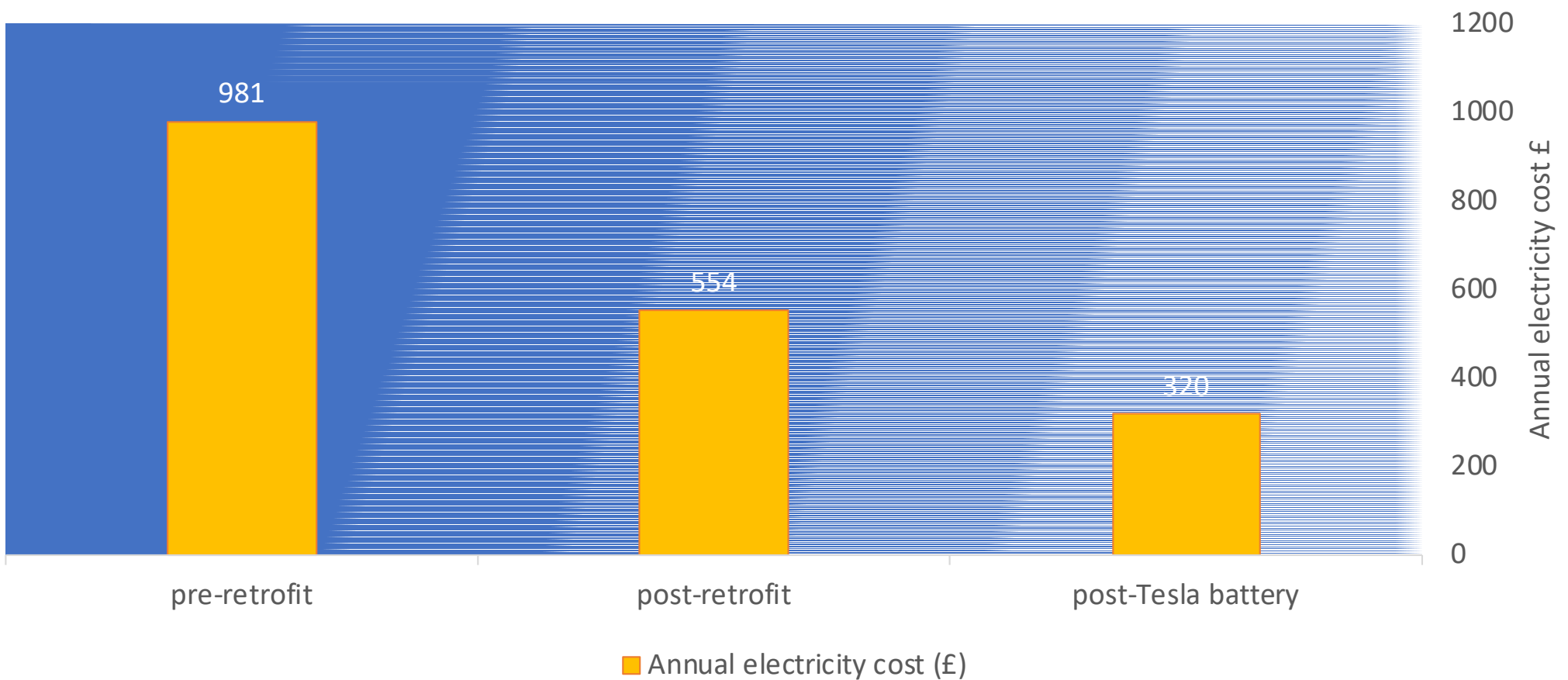
Annual electricity cost after : £155



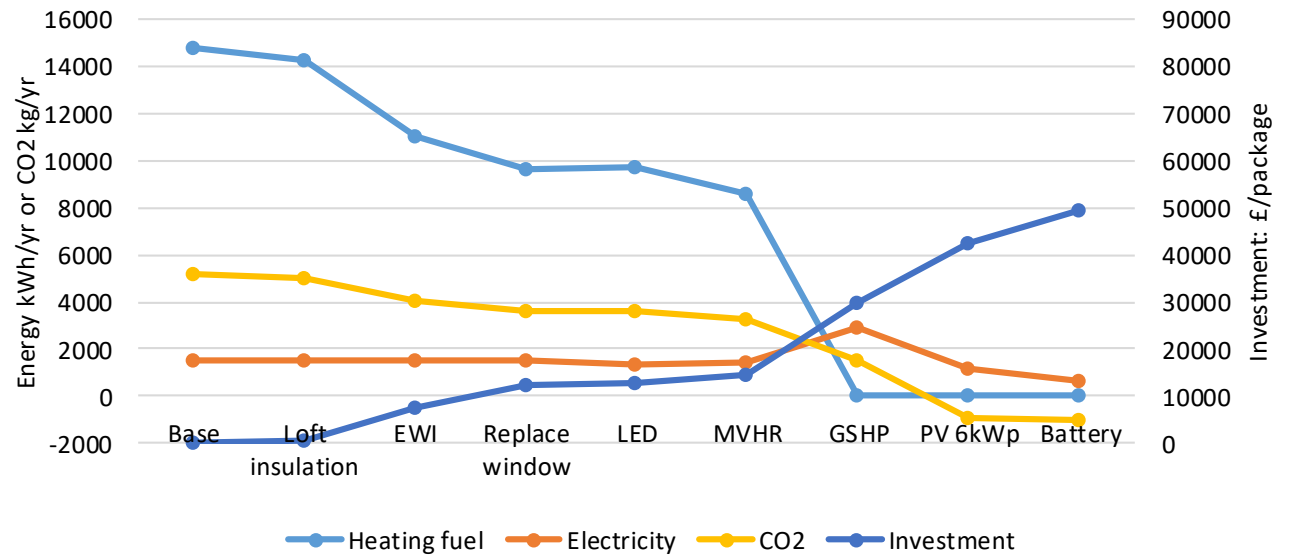
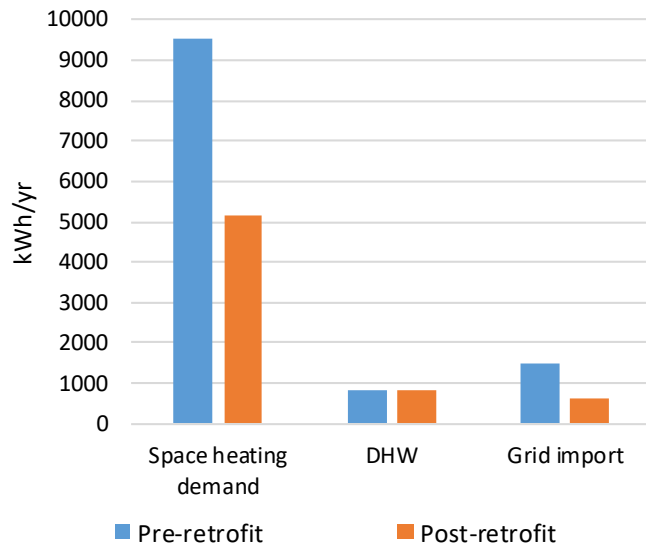
# Reduction in energy costs



Annual electricity cost comparison  
pre retrofit - post retrofit - post Tesla battery



# 6 off gas bungalows: Swansea



# Results from retrofits

- Cost - £23,000 to £50,000
- Electric savings - 30% to 85%
- Gas savings 0% to 60%
- CO<sub>2</sub> reductions 50 -75%




**Plan – Design – Construct – Operate – Maintain**

# Multiple benefits



**RETROFIT 23 Houses**  
**NEW BUILD 23 Houses**



Mike Griffiths  @mrm... · 29/09/2017 

And a huge thank you to Sian - who agreed to an interview despite it being hours before her wedding!

Benefits

- Health
- Comfort
- Energy savings

# Multiple Benefits of Energy Retrofits

Job creation - 22 jobs / £1M spent.

Increased house value.

Reduces fuel poverty.

Every £1 spent on reducing fuel poverty reduces  
household energy bills by 42P.

Social value of £1 investment in energy retrofits  
yields a return of £4.

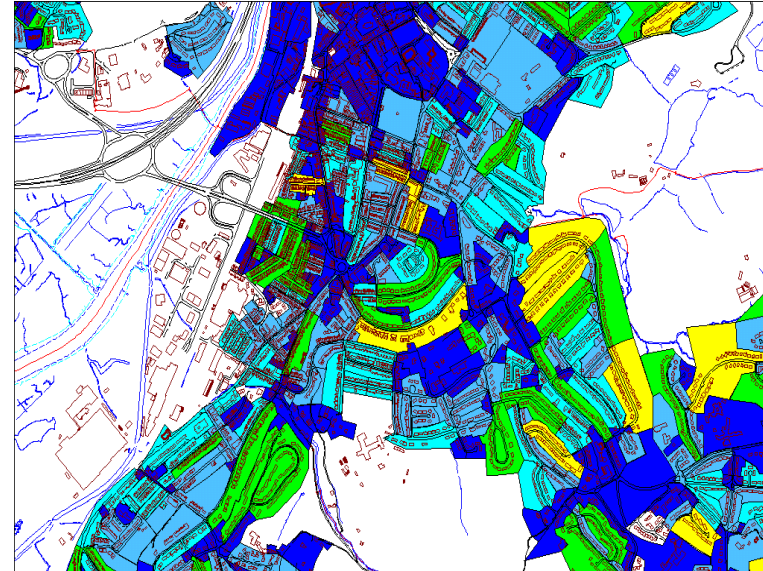
**NEED MORE INCLUSIVE COST MODELS**

# Mapping energy use and potential savings

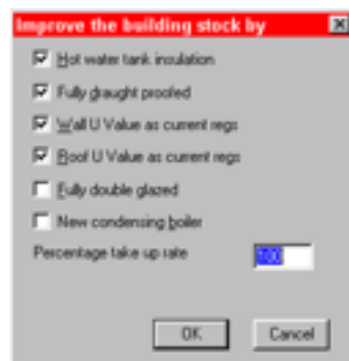


**EOP**

Energy and  
Environmental  
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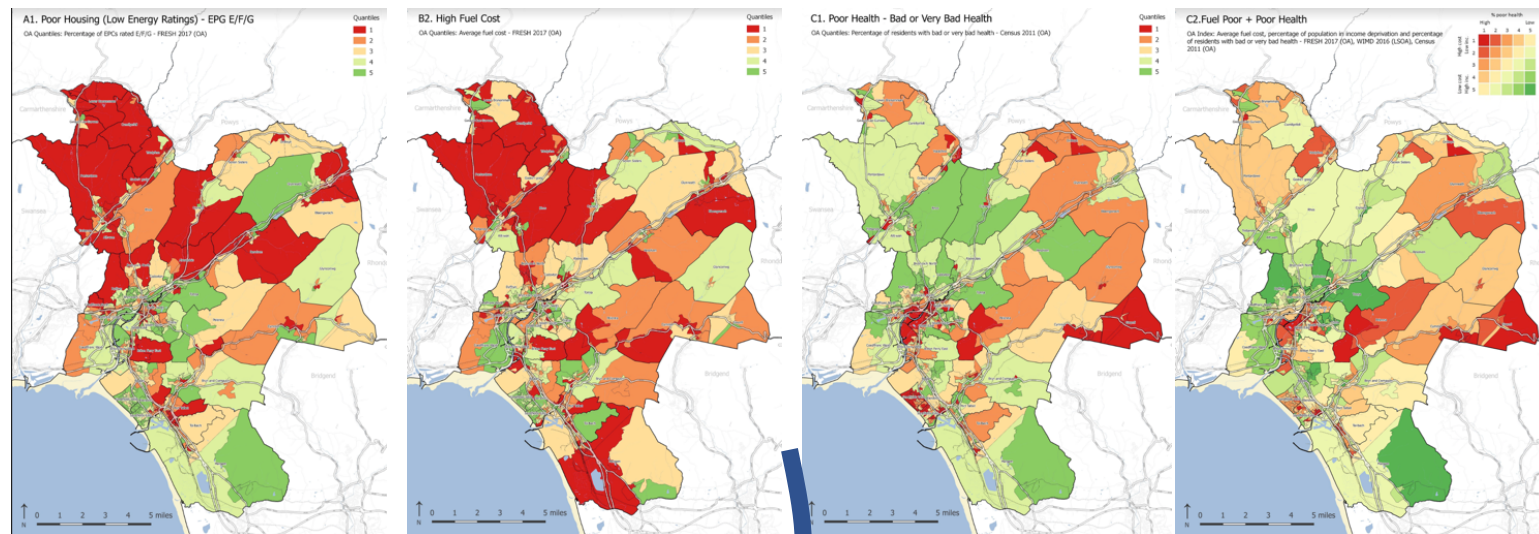
Planning tool for local authorities



# FRESH Mapping Housing, Income and Health

## Identify vulnerable households

- EPC data and valuation office used to map out SAP rating, energy use and fuel cost.
- Census data (REF), provides information on income, disability, tenure and priority services area.
- Maps can be layered and combined.



Energy Champions  
(WWU)



# FRESH – Community Energy Champions



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## For Everyone:

Energy saving advice	Tariff switching advice
Smart meter advice	Carbon Monoxide awareness
Benefit Entitlement Check	Fire safety & smoke alarm advice

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## Criteria Dependent (Vulnerable, Key Benefits, Age, Poor Health):

Carbon Monoxide detector	Priority Services Register
Slips, Trips & Falls assessment	Community Alarm, Key safe
Debt Management	Fuel Debt Assistance
Free Gas Connection	Water Tariff discounts/rebates
Cooker locking valve	Nest/Boiler replacement referral
Home Insulation & heating	Home Insulation (LA)

- CECs provide advice and support and make relevant partner organisation referrals
- The referrals are monitored and all outcomes logged for reference/evidence.

# Project Savings to end Oct 2019:

## Project to date:

Area	Savings £	No. households	Av Sav
South Wales	£644,223	1066	£604.34
North Wales	£535,583	667	£802.97
Cornwall	£314,311	414	£759.21
Severn Wye	£14,384	72	£199.78
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>£1,508,501</b>	<b>2,219</b>	<b>£679.81</b>



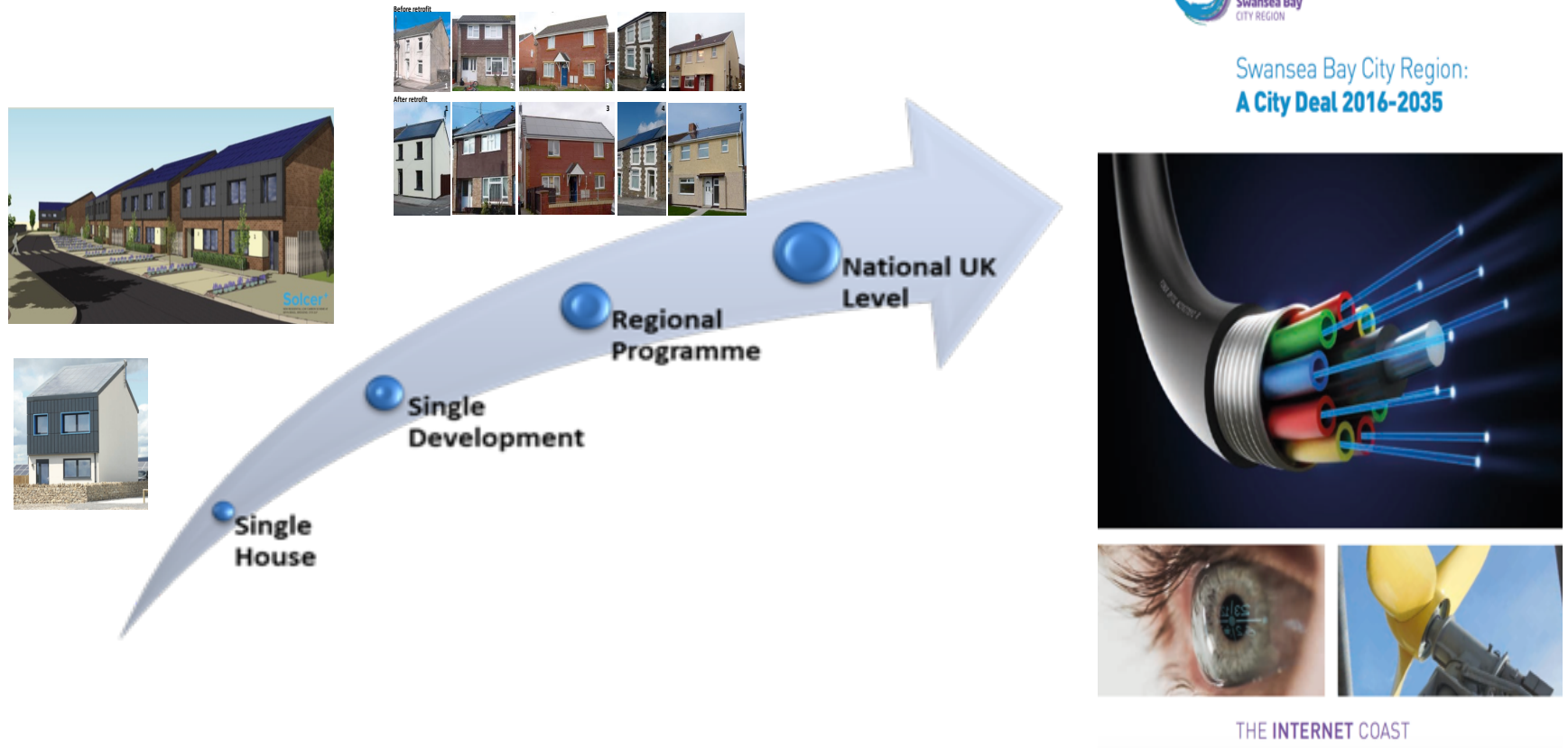
Mrs C is aged 85 has lived alone since being widowed less than a year ago. Mrs C is mostly housebound as she can barely walk, she suffers from osteoporosis and heart problems and feels the cold and was struggling with her bills. Our CEC put her onto the Welsh Water HelpU tariff, saving £484.63 a year and she also received a rebate of £146.63. (Total £631.26 actual savings).

# HOUSING: Scale up SOLCER

The City Region has adopted a stepped approach model for delivering SOLCER standards at scale and magnitude.



Swansea Bay City Region:  
A City Deal 2016-2035



- Regional Programme across the four SBCR Local Authorities
- Structured and co-ordinated rollout of smart energy positive healthy homes, assisting to deliver regional and national carbon reduction targets.

# SUMMARY

## GRID CONNECTION



Import / Export – Smart Meter

## RENEWABLE ENERGY



Capacity - Storage

## HEATING, COOLING, VENTILATION LIGHTING & APPLIANCES



Integration – Capacity - Responsive

## CONSTRUCTION

Performance gap: insulation and air tightness  
Design - Construction - Operation

# **THE WAY FORWARD**

**Develop technical solutions**

**New build and retrofit - combined solution**

**Cost – New Build / Retrofit**

**Skills and Quality**

**Supply chains – industry needs to keep up**

**MULTIPLE BENEFITS**

**Process: Commissioning – Operation & Maintenance**

**Building Regulations – Part L**

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