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1 Executive Summary

This Environmental Standards Statement has been prepared by Watt Energy on behalf of CJ Partnership to support a planning application for the development of St Georges, Abbey Hey Lane, Gorton. The statement specifically addresses the following Manchester City Council approved climate change action plans in addition to planning policies, as stipulated in the Manchester Core Strategy (July 2012):

- Guide to Development in Manchester SPD (2007)
- Our Manchester Strategy 2016-2025
- Manchester: A Certain Future (2013)
- Manchester Climate Change Board – The Zero Carbon Framework 2020-2038
- Climate Change and Low Emissions Implementation Plan 2016-2020
- Meeting Our Objectives and Targets – Manchester Climate Change Framework – 2020-25
- Manchester Residential Quality Guidance 2017
- Core Strategy Policy DM 1 - Development Management
- Core Strategy Policy EN 4 - Reducing CO2 Emissions by Enabling Low and Zero Carbon Development
- Core Strategy Policy EN 6 - Target Framework for CO2 Reductions from Low or Zero Carbon Energy Supplies
- Core Strategy Policy EN 8 – Adaptation to Climate Change
- Core Strategy Policy EN 9 – Green Infrastructure
- Core Strategy Policy EN 14 – Flood Risk
- Core Strategy Policy EN 15 – Biodiversity and Geological Conservation
- Core Strategy Policy T 1 – Sustainable Transport

The statement details how the development will incorporate sustainable design and resource efficiency in line with the Energy Hierarchy, so to meet the policy requirements and council targets whilst reducing its overall environmental impact. The methodology and calculations are consistent with the MCC Appendix A EN6 Energy Target Explanation.

In relation to the planning documents and policies outlined above, the development is required to achieve a 10% reduction in carbon emissions over Part L 2022 of the Building Regulations.

In order to achieve compliance the development has been designed with a holistic low energy design concept involving a fabric first approach. The U-values, design air permeability and ventilation targets all aspire to Passive House design standards along with the consideration and application of low zero carbon renewable technologies. The dweillings will be designed with an all electric system alongside the consideration of LZC technologies.

This statement also examines how the design, specification and characteristics of the proposal will contribute to sustainability and meet the relevant objectives outlined within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2019, in addition to the Manchester City Council approved climate change

action plans and core strategy planning policies outlined above. The sustainability measures assessed included:

- Flood Risk Zone
- Green and Blue Infrastructure
- Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDs)
- Biodiversity / Ecology
- Internal Water Efficiency
- Waste Management
- Materials
- Pollution Control

The development therefore complies with all Manchester City Council's current and future policy requirements relating to creating a sustainable development.

2 Planning Statement

The following statement relates to the proposed development at St Georges, Abbey Hey Lane, Gorton, M18 8RB.

2.1 The Site and Proposed Development

The site is located east of the centre of Manchester, within Gorton. The site occupies approximately 0.154 hectares of land. A plan, with the site's extents denoted by the red outline seen in Figure 1 (shown later in this subsection).

The site is bounded to Abbey Hey Lane to the north, Redacre Road to the east and Abbey Close to the west and is adjacent to an existing residential dwellings. The planning application relates to an existing building which is a two-storey detached building (with rooms in the roofspace). It is set in large grounds and with direct access from Abbey Hey Lane.

The proposal is for a change of use from a vacant residential care home to 7 flats, extensions to ground and first floor level, alterations to elevations and roof form, and all associated works. These flats will be including a mix of one, two and three bedroom apartments (use class C3). Also provided will be associated ancillary facilities including a refuse/recycling store and bike store.

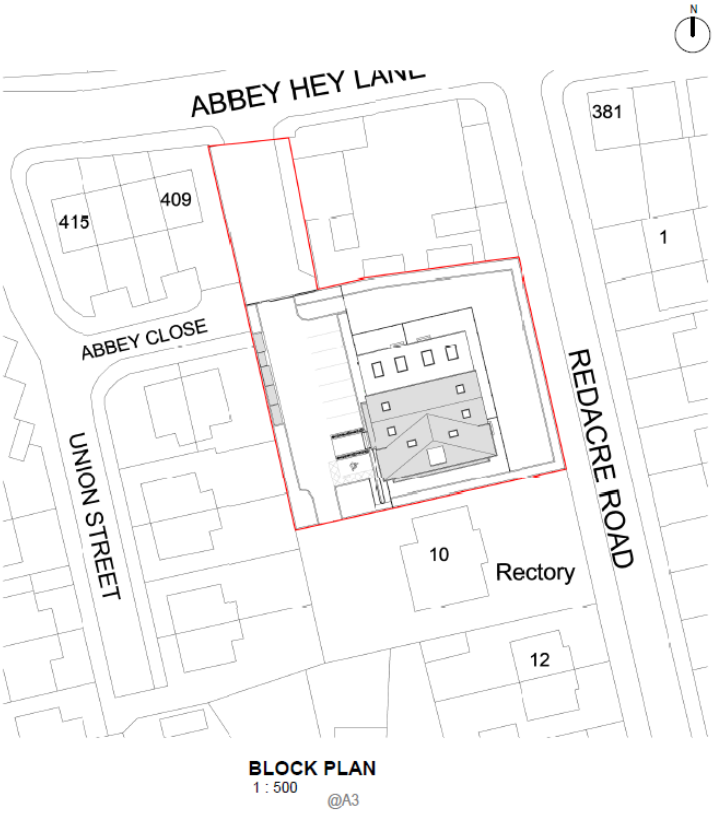


Figure 1: Site Plan

2.2 Relevant Policies and Guidance

2.2.1 Local Planning Policy

2.2.1.1 Manchester Core Strategy

Manchester's Core Strategy (CS) was adopted on 11th July 2012 and is the key Development Plan Document (DPD) guiding the measures assessed in this report.

CS Policy DM 1 - Development Management: Stipulates that all new development should have regard for several development principles relevant to sustainability, including: waste management, designing for health, flood risk, green infrastructure, biodiversity. Additionally, subject to scheme viability, developers will be required to demonstrate that new non-domestic development will achieve a BREEAM Rating of 'Very Good' or for domestic development to achieve the Code for Sustainable Homes standard.

CS Policy EN 4 – Reducing CO2 Emissions: This policy targets the reducing of CO2 emissions through the following of the energy hierarchy; firstly reducing the need for energy through efficient design measures, followed by clean energy and lastly, the application of renewable or LZC technologies. In addition to this point, MCC state within this policy all new development is required to use building materials that have low embodied carbon.

CS Policy EN 6 - Target Framework for CO2 Reductions from Low or Zero Carbon Energy Supplies: This Policy requires electricity intense residential development of 10 or more units to meet, as a minimum, a 15% reduction in domestic CO2 emissions over Part L of the 2010 Building Regulations, unless proven to be unviable. As Part L 2013 of the Building Regulations represents a 6% improvement on 2010 levels, this target is subsequently equivalent to a 9% improvement in CO2 emissions over Part L 2013. Section 2.3 provides evidence of how this target is achieved.

CS Policy EN 8 – Adaptation to Climate Change: Expects all new development to be adaptable to climate change in terms of its design, layout, siting, and function of both building associated external spaces.

CS Policy EN 9 – Green Infrastructure: Requires new developments to maintain existing green infrastructure whilst using every opportunity, in accordance with current Green Infrastructure Strategies, to enhance the quality and quantity of green infrastructure, improve the performance of its functions and create and improve linkages to and between area of green infrastructure.

CS Policy EN 14 – Flood Risk: This policy expects all new developments to minimise surface water run-off through the use of SUDs and Green Infrastructure.

CS Policy EN 15 – Biodiversity and Geological Enhancement: Developers will be expected to identify and implement reasonable opportunities to enhance, restore or create new biodiversity, either on or adjacent to the proposed site.

CS Policy T 1 – Sustainable Transport: Policy aims to deliver sustainable, high quality, integrated transport systems to encourage a shift away from car travel to public transport, cycling and walking.

2.2.1.2 Guide to Development in Manchester, Supplementary Planning Document 2007

The Development Guide in Manchester Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) establish and set out the ongoing generation of the City by providing a set of set principles which will guide developers, architects, and residents in the design of the city. The MCC Core Strategy stipulates that all new residential developments should comply with the design guidance set out in the SPDs. These principles include the following environmental standards relevant to this report: energy strategy, water consumption, drainage management, weather resilience, waste management, construction management, biodiversity, and waterways.

2.2.1.3 Manchester Residential Quality Guide 2017

The Manchester Residential Quality Guide has been developed to help shape the creation of new homes and communities across the Greater Manchester city region, beginning with the Centre and its immediate surroundings. This document outlines the considerations, qualities, and opportunities that will help to deliver high quality residential development as part of successful and sustainable neighbourhoods across Manchester. The guidance includes the following nine components:

Make it Manchester – developers must understand the city's unique character, heritage old and new, density and scale in various parts of the city and appreciate how new homes will fit in to what is already there.

Make it bring people together – new homes must encourage a sense of community and neighbourliness, offering a mix of tenures to promote a mix of people.

Make it animate streets and spaces – understand the relationship between new homes and its environment and create public space.

Make it easy to get around – make sure developments have good transport links, along with good walking and cycling provision.

Make work with the landscape – development should improve the connection with the local environment with improved biodiversity, as well as greening and water schemes.

Make it practical – dealing with waste, car parking, bike storage and visitors should be made as easy as possible.

Make it future proof – design must anticipate the impacts of climate change and extreme weather with efficient design and adaptability.

Make it a home – sufficient space, natural light, privacy and storage are essential for people to settle down and flourish.

Make it happen – ensuring proposals are delivered, to a high quality, with high design standards and high sustainability.

2.2.1.4 Manchester's Great Outdoors 2015-25

A Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy for Manchester aims to invest to date in the city's Green and Blue infrastructure over the next 10 years (by 2025). Four objectives have been established to enable the vision to be achieved: 1. Improve the quality and function of existing green and blue Infrastructure, to maximize the benefits it delivers. 2. Use appropriate green and blue infrastructure as a key component of new developments to help create successful neighbourhoods and support the city's growth. 3. Improve connectivity and accessibility to green and blue infrastructure within the city and beyond. 4. Improve and promote a wider understanding and awareness of the benefits that green and blue infrastructure provides to residents, the economy, and the local environment.

2.2.1.5 Manchester Climate Change Framework 2020-25

Following the declaration of a climate emergency by MCC In July 2019, this framework was adopted and is an in-depth strategy to accompany the Draft Manchester Zero Carbon Framework 2020-38, which was published in February 2019. It is a framework that will continue to develop over the next five years, in line with changes in policy, climate science, rate of progress and other factors. The framework has set out four objectives to facilitate this:

Objective 1 – Staying within our carbon budgets.

- Direct CO2 emissions: staying within our 15-million-ton carbon budget for 2018-2100, including reducing the CO2 emitted from our homes, workplaces and ground transport by at least 50% during 2020-25.
- Indirect CO2 emissions: understanding and taking action on the things that we consume, and which generate greenhouse gases through their production, transportation and disposal.

Objective 2 – Climate adaptation and resilience

- Increase the amount of urban green infrastructure cover, aiming for a 10% increase by 2038 from 2018 levels, in line with the Greater Manchester aim.
- Respond to these risks by incorporating adaptation and resilience within our plans and strategies, and acting to make necessary changes to our buildings, infrastructure and our natural environment.

Objective 3 – Health and wellbeing

- Adapt the city's built and natural environment and prepare our residents to become more resilient to these changes. Increasing the amount and quality of green space to enable residents to benefit from the improved physical and mental health that will come as a result.
- Improving the energy efficiency of the city's homes and providing access to affordable, secure supplies of renewable energy are essential help get 38,000 Manchester households out of fuel poverty.

Objective 4 – Inclusive, zero carbon and climate resilient economy

- Ensure that Manchester establishes an inclusive, zero carbon and climate resilient economy where everyone can benefit from playing an active role in decarbonising and adapting the city to the changing climate.

2.2.2 Manchester City Council's Planning Document Targets

Manchester City Planning Policy currently uses the following documents to look to establish the carbon reduction targets to be achieved in new developments across the City.

These documents use different terminology to describe achieving the various reduced carbon emissions.

Please see below a summary of the terminology and targets set out within the current Manchester Planning Policy documents:

Planning Document:	Time of Production or Adoption:	Low Carbon Target:	Sustainable Design Definition:
Manchester Council's Core Strategy 2012-2027	Adopted 2012	Targets a **9%** reduction in carbon emissions over Part L Building Regulations.	**Low Carbon** (9% over Part L 2013)
Climate Change and Low Emission Strategies 2016-2020	Adopted 2016	Targets a **48%** reduction in carbon emissions from 1990 - 2020	**Low Carbon** (48% over 1990 emissions)
Manchester: A Certain Future	Produced in 2009, updated in 2013	Targets emitting 41% less CO_2 in 2020 than in 2005 – Equates to **10%** over Part L 2013 (if going by Part L requirements)	**Low Carbon** (10% over Part L 2013)

Table 1: Overview of Manchester Planning Documents Carbon Targets

2.2.3 National Planning Policy

The NPPF (February 2019) sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. The overall emphasis of the NPPF is to reiterate the Government's key objectives, including securing sustainable development.

The NPPF defines the purpose of the planning system as being to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. It explains at Paragraph 8 that there are three dimensions to sustainable development. These are economic, social and environmental and should be pursued simultaneously through the planning system.

Paragraph 10 states that at the heart of the Framework is a presumption in favour of sustainable development.

2.3 Sustainable Design Strategy

2.3.1 Energy and Carbon Emissions

Building Services Strategy

In response to the policy requirements and climate change plan targets set out in section 2.2, developments should aim to assist and achieve the following carbon reduction targets:

1. Achieve a minimum of 10% CO2 reduction over the Part L 2022 Target Emission Rate (TER), as per Target 2 (Electricity intense buildings) in Table 12.1 of Policy EN6.
2. Assist in achieving carbon neutrality by 2038.

The proposed strategy for minimising energy use and carbon emissions is based on the energy hierarchy described in CIBSE Guide F 2012 (Energy efficiency in buildings). The energy hierarchy has been adopted for the development to ensure that the correct approach to design is taken to promote an energy-efficient low carbon solution (see figure 2). This has ensured that the benefits of effective methods of energy use reduction have been maximised first. The approach adopted is as follows:



Fig 2: Energy Hierarchy

Minimise energy demand – Implement passive design measures and optimise the building envelope in terms of orientation, air tightness, and insulation. For example, the proposal is targeting a low carbon classification through a holistic low energy design concept as it will be designed with a fabric first approach whereby standards designed to exceed Building Regulations compliancy are aspired to for all fabric U-values and air permeability targets.

Meet demands efficiently – Specification of energy efficient decentralised plant, heating, ventilation, lighting, and system controls to facilitate efficient operation. For example, each dwelling will be designed with an all-electric system.

Particular attention is being paid to the wellbeing of occupants. The ventilation strategy has been developed to minimise noise ingress from the proposed location as far as possible while minimising the risk of overheating.

Additional Renewable Energy Measures

Opportunities for incorporating low and zero carbon technologies (LZCT) have been considered for this development. The viability of several separate technologies was examined in a LZCT study (see section 3).

Efficient and Sustainable Design Measures

In line with the above Sustainable Design Strategy, the following Energy Efficient design measures are specified.

- High levels of insulation throughout with minimal thermal bridges
- Passive solar gains and internal heat sources
- Excellent level of airtightness
- Good indoor air quality by openable windows

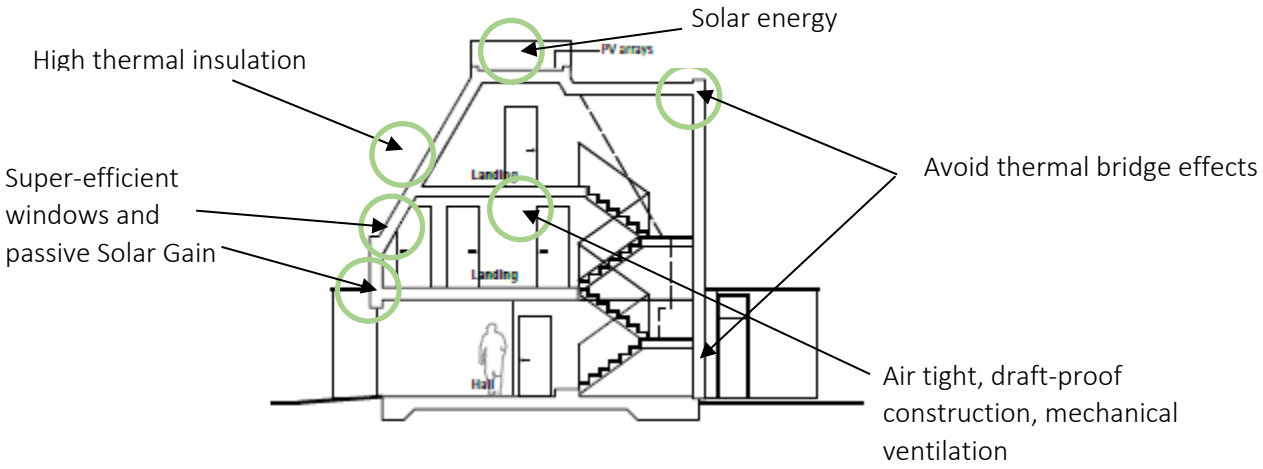


Fig 3. Efficient Design Measure examples

The Proposed specifications and key energy efficient design measures are as follows:

Residential Units:

- New Ground floor U-values of 0.18 W/m²K
- Upgarded Ground floor floor U-values of 0.25 W/m²K
- New External Wall U-values of 0.18 W/m²K
- Upgraded External Wall U-values of 0.30 W/m²K
- New Roof U-values of 0.15 W/m²K
- Upgraded Roof U-values of 0.16 W/m²K
- New Low Double Glazed Window U-values of 1.4 W/m²K
- 100% low energy lighting throughout
- All Electric heating and hot water system

2.3.2 Choice and Impact of Renewable Technology

All reasonable technologies were investigated for their suitability to the site and development; please refer to section 3 for details.

An all-electric system is to be proposed at this stage with the application of PV and air source heat pump hot water only units to be considered further down the line.

2.3.3 Manchester City Council' Policy and Targets Summary

With regards to the Manchester City Council's planning documents policy and targets (outlined in section 2.2.1 to 2.2.3) the table below details how the Sustainable Design Strategy (outlined in section 2.3.1) achieves the current planning policy requirements and targets.

Planning Document:	Sustainable Design Strategy
Manchester Council's Core Strategy 2012-2027	The Sustainable Design Strategy achieves a minimum **10%** reduction in carbon emissions over Part L 2022 - **exceeding** the EN6 documents Low Carbon target of 9% over Part L 2022.
Climate Change and Low Emission Strategies 2016-2020	The Sustainable Design Strategy achieves a minimum **10%** reduction in carbon emissions over Part L 2022 – **exceeding** the documents Low Carbon target of 48% over 1990 Emissions.
Manchester: A Certain Future	The Sustainable Design Strategy achieves a minimum **10%** reduction in carbon emissions over Part L 2013 – **exceeding** the documents Low Carbon target of 10% over Part L 2022.

Table 4. Summary of MCC and Planning Targets

As a result of the sustainable design parameters outlined within section 2.3.1 and the energy and CO2 reduction figures summarised above, the development of 7 residential dwellings at the St Georges site achieves a the MCC carbon reduction targets.

The low carbon classification for St Georges development can be derived from its prioritisation of fabric first carbon reduction through exceeding Building Regulation design standards, before the incorporation of on-site renewable technologies.

2.4 Adaptation to Climate Change

In addition to the primary building design and fabric, many other issues that will influence creating a Sustainable Development, including flood prevention, material use, waste minimisation and transport. All these issues feature regularly within the separate climate change action plans, outlined within section 2.2, as areas that Manchester is aiming to significantly improve on in order to become a more carbon neutral and clean city.

All the sections of creating a sustainable development should be taken into consideration from the start of the development and promoted throughout the building construction on site in order to maximise their benefits. Additionally, features which enable more efficient usage should also be specified to encourage the building users to maintain efficient use once construction has been completed.

2.4.1 Flood Risk Zone

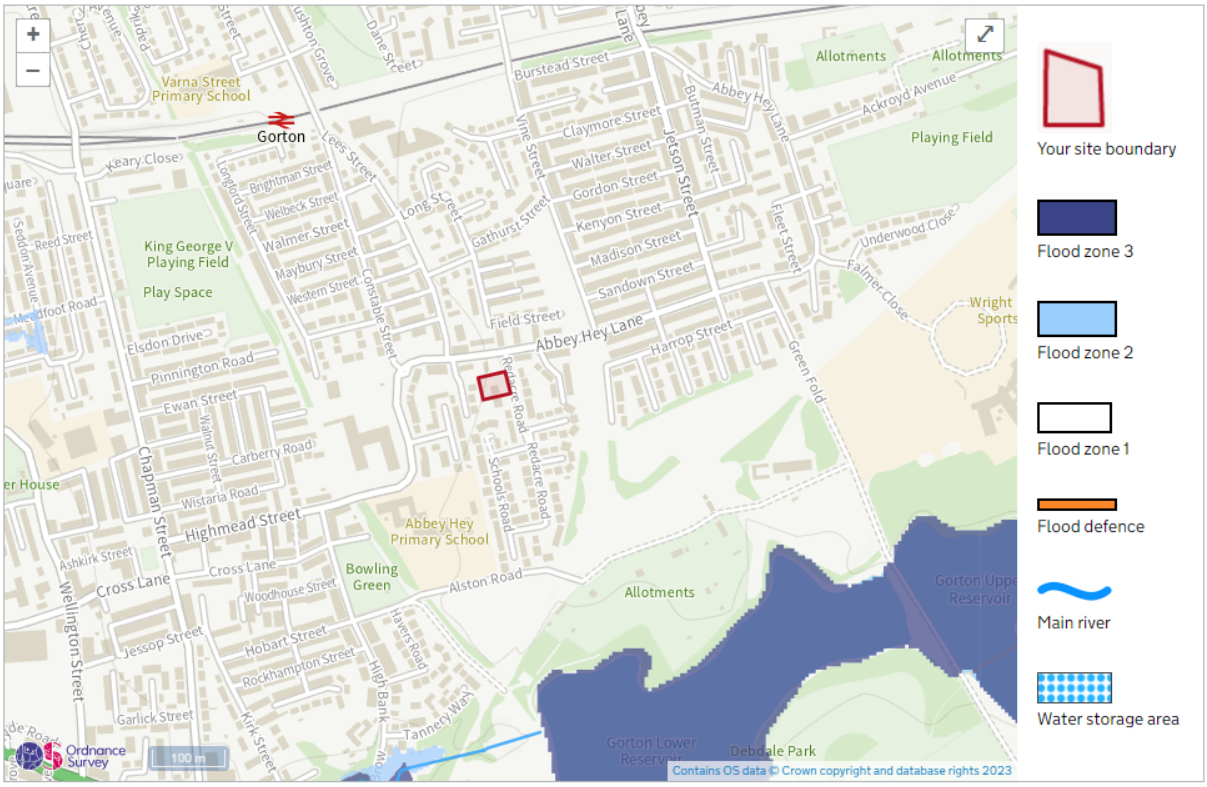


Fig 4: Flood Risk Map

The above map and snippet have been taken from a Government licenced flood risk map for Manchester. It can be seen that the site is just located within flood risk zone 1 and therefore has minimal to no risk of flooding.

2.4.2 Green Blue Infrastructure

2.4.2.1 Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDs)

Even though it has been shown that the proposed scheme is located on a site with a low to zero flood risk, it should still be ensured that the levels of surface water run-off do not increase from the existing development to the proposed, especially due to the new scheme having a different footprint and potentially resulting in new areas of impermeable surfacing. Therefore, a drainage strategy assessment should be undertaken, by a suitably qualified professional, to assess the feasibility of introducing on-site SUDs measures, that will reduce surface water run-off and any flood risks associated.

By incorporating SuDs, flood risk can be managed and mitigated. Section 1.1 of the SuDs Manual (Ciria C753) states the following:

"Sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) can deliver multiple benefits.

Surface water is a valuable resource, and this should be reflected in the way it is managed and used in the built environment. It can add to and enhance biodiversity, beauty, tranquillity and the natural

aesthetic of buildings, places and landscapes and it can help make them more resilient to the changing climate."

The general concept of SUDs is to manage the flood and pollution risks in developed areas. This is done by efficiently managing surface water run-off by either slowing down the surface water run-off, or by reducing the quantity of surface water run-off. There are different methods to achieve this such as:

- Harvesting – capturing rainwater and facilitate its use within the development
- Infiltrating – rainwater infiltrates into the ground
- Storing – capturing rainwater and control the flow through the means of storing and releasing it slowly i.e. attenuation
- Conveying & treating – capturing rainwater and removing any contaminants, then convey the flow towards a downstream system

The SuDS Manual describes the four pillars of SuDS design as Water Quality, Water Quantity, Amenity and Biodiversity as illustrated in Figure 3 below:

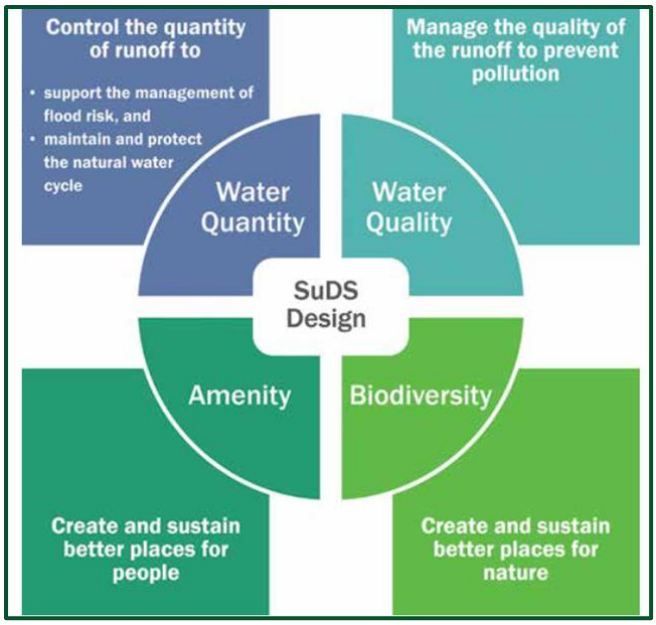


Fig 5. Representation of figure 2.1 of the SUDs Manual

SuDS are increasingly gaining popularity as a holistic solution to a wide range of pressing issues including flood risk, water pollution, groundwater depletion, biodiversity loss and urban decline.

Drainage Hierarchy

To alleviate pressure on existing sewer networks and to address issues of climate change the following hierarchy has been developed and implemented from a planning perspective.

The Planning Practice Guidance, states that:

"generally, the aim should be to discharge surface run-off as high up the following hierarchy of drainage options as reasonable practicably:

1. *Into the ground (infiltration)*
2. *To a surface water body*
3. *To a surface water sewer*
4. *To a combined sewer"*

The "Building Regulations Approved Document H" refer to this discharge hierarchy.

Description	Benefit
Flood risk management	SuDS aim to have an attenuating affect by slowing down and storing surface water run-off
Drainage resilience	Future proofing designed to be resilient against climate change
Natural flow regime protection	Mimic natural drainage arrangements to emulate natural flow
Water quality	Filter out pollutants and discharge cleaner water
Water reuse	Can be strategically placed to clean and capture water for reuse
Biodiversity and ecology	SuDS use vegetation and natural landscape to support biodiversity and ecology
Amenity	Improve visual integrity and desirability of the site by implementing green and blue features
Carbon reduction	SuDS can reduce carbon use throughout the life cycle including construction, maintenance, and demolition
Microclimate	Aim in reducing heat island effects
Education	Educate and engage the general public about surface water management

Table 5. Outline of types of green/blue infrastructure and associated benefit

2.4.2.2 Biodiversity

Similarly, to the previous section on SUDs, the nature of the proposal, there could be adverse impacts on the surrounding ecology as well potential for the enhancement. Therefore, an ecology report should be produced, by a suitably qualified professional, in order to ensure that any existing ecology on or near the site is adequately protected and to determine the possibility of new habitat creation, planting schemes, green wall areas.

2.4.3 Internal Water Efficiency

Part G of the Building Regulations requires all new dwellings to have an internal water consumption of no greater than 110 litres / person / day, unless specified to be less. Therefore, fittings proposed should have low flow rates, capacities, effective flush volumes etc. Example targets for these to achieve the required internal consumption are as follows:

Appliance	Unit of measure	Amount (litres)
WC (Dual flush)	Full flush volume	4
WC (Dual flush)	Part flush volume	2.6
Taps (excluding kitchen)	Flow rate l/min	5
Kitchen taps	Flow rate l/min	6
Bath	Capacity to Overflow	170
Shower	Flow rate l/min	8
Washing Machine	Litres / kg dry load	8.17
Dishwasher	Litres / place setting	1.25

Table 6. Internal Water Efficiency Flow Rates

The above rates will achieve a total internal water consumption of 106.31 with a bath present and 98.25 with only a shower present.

The specifying of 'A' rated appliances should be prioritised where possible.

2.4.4 Waste Management

2.4.4.1 Occupational Waste

Manchester City Council's Waste Storage and Collection Guidance for New Developments 2017 encourages all new developments to incorporate a waste management strategy into the build at the earliest stage possible.

2.4.4.2 Construction Waste

A target of at least 90% of waste generated on site, throughout the construction stage of the development, to be diverted from landfill' will be included as part of a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) to be agreed with MCC.

The proposal will also endeavour to maximise the use of recycled materials on site, whereby further promoting the minimising of waste production.

2.4.5 Materials

The construction of new buildings and building elements has a large environmental impact in terms of both, energy, and embodied carbon of new materials. Therefore, Manchester City Council promote the prioritising of environmentally friendly materials, where possible, and encourages the use of recycled building materials. This information should also be incorporated into the SWMP mentioned in the previous subsection (Waste Management) as a means of promoting the re-using and recycling of materials.

Where new materials are to be used, careful consideration of their environmental impact should be taken. This can be achieved by ensuring that only materials that score well under The Green Guide to Specification. This useful online tool can be used as a reference that provides guidance on the relative environmental impacts for a wide range of different building specifications. The BRE's Environmental Profile Methodology determines the Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) of materials, which is what the Guide's specifications are based on.

In order to take full advantage of low impact materials, elements key to the scheme should be specified to achieve ratings of between A+ and C under The Green Guide's ratings. Insulation materials that are specified will also have a global warming potential (GWP) of 5 or less, with an ODP of 0. Additionally, 100% of all timber used as part of the scheme will be responsibly sourced from suppliers that are either Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) accredited, Programme for the Endorsement of Forestry Certification accredited, or a similar recognised accreditation body.

To further promote embodied energy and carbon savings, the scheme will first prioritise the reusing of any demolished materials within the site, however if this is not possible secondary priority must be given to the redirecting from landfill, in line with the waste hierarchy.

Finally, in addition to the above policy points, the development is also recommended to register with the Considerate Constructors Scheme, or a similar approved scheme.

2.4.6 Pollution Control

To reduce emissions of gases with high global warming potential (GWP) and nitrogen oxide (NOx) into the atmosphere, new buildings will be specified with insulating materials that have a GWP of less than 5. This will follow throughout the development to reduce the impact that the construction phase has upon climate change.

Additionally, the following measures will be implemented:

- Pollution Prevention Guidance will be adhered to in respects of air (dust) and water (ground and surface) pollution during the demolition and construction phase.
- External light fittings will be controlled through a time switch, or daylight sensor, to prevent operation during daylight hours to limit the impact of artificial lighting for the development's residents and surrounding environment.
- Dust suppression measures will also be put in place as part of the Main Contractor's Environmental Management Plan, this will reduce the potential risk to local watercourses (River Irk) and neighbouring properties.

Sound insulation will be specified to achieve Building Regulation Part E compliance standard (this will be verified by pre-completion testing) in addition to meeting the requirements of the council. This will reduce the impact of sound pollution for the occupants within adjoining dwellings.

3 Feasibility Assessment of Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Technologies

Solar Hot Water (Thermal)

Solar water heating systems are one of the more familiar renewable technologies used at the moment. They use the energy from the sun to heat water, most commonly for hot water needs. Solar heating systems use a heat collector that is usually mounted on a roof in which the sun heats a fluid. This fluid is used to heat water that is stored in either a separate hot water cylinder or in a twin-coil hot water cylinder (the second coil is used to provide additional heating from a boiler or other heat source).

Solar hot water panels could be used however, PV will provide slightly better savings and avoid the need for water storage cylinders when compared.

Renewable Technology Not Chosen.

Photovoltaic Panels (PV)

Photovoltaic modules convert sunlight directly to DC electricity. The solar cells consist of a thin piece of semiconductor material, in most cases of silicon. Through a process called doping, very small amounts of impurities are added to the semiconductor, which creates two different layers called n-type and p-type layers.

Certain wavelengths of light are able to ionize the silicon atoms, which separates some of the positive charges (holes) from the negative charges (electrons). The holes move into the positive or p-layer and the electrons into the negative or n-layer. These opposite charges are attracted to each other, but most of them can only re-combine by the electrons passing through an external circuit, due to an internal potential energy barrier. This flow of electrons produces a DC current.

A PV array can be mounted on the suitable roof space. This is being considered by the design team

Renewable Technology to be considered.

Ground Source Heat pumps

A heat pump is a device that takes up heat at a certain temperature and releases it at a higher temperature. The essential components of a heat pump are heat exchangers (through which energy is extracted and emitted) and a means of pumping heat between the exchangers. The effectiveness of the heat pump is measured by the ratio of the heating capacity to the effective power input, usually known as the coefficient of performance (COP). Ground-source heat pumps (GSHP) extract heat from the ground. They are classified as either water-to-air or water-to-water units depending on whether the heat distribution system in the building uses air or water. Ground source heat pumps either use long shallow trenches or deep vertical boreholes to take low grade heat from the ground and then compress it to create higher temperatures.

Ground source heat pumps would not be suitable due to the lack of land space around the properties and the associated costs.

Renewable Technology Not Viable

Air Source Heat pumps

Air source heat pumps absorb heat from the outside air. This is usually used to heat radiators, underfloor heating systems, or warm air convectors and hot water in your home. An air source heat pump extracts heat from the outside air in the same way that a fridge extracts heat from its inside.

The system performs down to air temperatures of -20°c which means that they are more than suitable for installations within the UK. Hot water and Heating can be provided 365 days a year. The hot water is produced without the aid of electrical immersions and at 55°c is more than hot enough for baths and showers.

There are two main types of air source heat pump system:

- An air-to-water system distributes heat via your wet central heating system. Heat pumps work much more efficiently at a lower temperature than a standard boiler system would. So they are more suitable for under-floor heating systems or larger radiators, which give out heat at lower temperatures over longer periods of time.
- An air-to-air system produces warm air which is circulated by fans to heat your home. They are unlikely to provide you with hot water as well.

Air Source heat pumps are a good option to provide heating and cooling. A unit to provide the hot water only it to be considered by the design team.

Renewable Technology to be considered.

Biomass Heating

Biomass is any plant-derived organic material that renews itself over a short period.

Biomass energy systems are based on either the direct or indirect combustion of fuels derived from those plant sources. The most common form of biomass is the direct combustion of wood in treated or untreated forms. The use of biomass is becoming increasingly common in some European countries.

The environmental benefits relate to the significantly lower amounts of energy used in biomass production and processing compared to the energy released when they are burnt. This can range from a four-fold return for biodiesel to an approximate 20-fold energy return for woody biomass. Biomass-fuels can be used to produce energy on a continuous basis (unlike renewables such as wind or solar energy) and it can be an economic alternative to fossil fuels as it is a potential source of both heat and electricity.

However, Biomass systems have particular design management and maintenance requirements associated with sourcing, transportation and storage and are therefore more commonly used in commercial developments rather than domestic installations. It can be less convenient to operate than mains-supplied fuels such as natural gas and are more management intensive and require expertise in facilities management. Sources of biomass can also fluctuate, so boilers should be specified to operate on a variety of fuels without risk of overheating or tripping out.

A communal biomass system would not be feasible for this development due to the expense associated with the necessary output to heat all dwellings on the site.

Renewable Technology Not Chosen

Wind

Wind turbines convert the kinetic energy in wind into mechanical energy that is then converted to electricity. Turbines are available in a range of sizes and designs and can either be free-standing, mounted on a building or integrated into a building structure.

The wind speed in the area is under the advised minimum and the built-up area means that a wind turbine wouldn’t be feasible.

Renewable Technology Not Viable

4 Conclusion

This statement has assessed the proposed development at the St Georges site against the relevant climate change and sustainability policies and targets, as outlined within: the Manchester City Council Core Strategy (July 2012), Our Manchester Strategy, Manchester: A Certain Future and The Zero Carbon Framework, through the following of the energy hierarchy and addressing all aspects of a sustainable development. In addition, the proposal has been assessed against national sustainable design definitions to determine how it can be classified.

As part of this process, the development was designed with a fabric first approach; with U-values, design air permeability and ventilation targets all aspiring to exceed Building Regulations Part L 2022 standards. This approach demonstrates a holistic low energy design concept, involving very low limiting values and thus led to high-energy performance targets and being defined as a low carbon development.

Furthermore, an LZC feasibility assessment was carried out, with all suitable technologies investigated for their suitability to the site and development which is to be considered in the later stages of the design. In addition to this renewable technology consideration, the development can also be defined as carbon neutral because it will have net zero carbon emissions. The development will be designed with an all-electric system and will obtain all the energy used on site from a 100% renewable energy electricity supply provider.

The development will also be adapting to climate change by incorporating sustainable drainage measures into the design, protecting existing ecology, enhancing biodiversity where possible and providing cycle storage provision to residents.

In addition to the following of the energy hierarchy through the efficient design and renewable technology measures mentioned and meeting all relevant Manchester City Council carbon targets the proposal will include many sustainability measures throughout construction and once completed, which will contribute heavily to the development's sustainability performance and accord with the requirements of the NPPF. The key measures to be included and therefore can be taken from this report include:

- The proposal sits within Flood Risk Zone 1 and therefore has minimal to no risk of flooding.
- A SUDs strategy will be produced to outline all measures to be incorporated that will ensure any additional surface water is collected, treated and removed.
- Internal water efficiency will be prioritised by ensuring that efficient water fixtures are proposed so that each dwelling achieves less than 110L per person per day and 'A' rated appliances will be specified where possible.
- Waste minimisation will be targeted from throughout construction and occupational phase. It is targeted that at least 90% of construction waste will be diverted from landfill. Whilst tri-separator refuse shoots will be installed on each floor to promote recycling.
- In addition to targeting Secure by Design accreditation through adoption crime prevention measures, the site layout promotes busy spaces and routes and facilitates natural surveillance.

These will therefore reduce the fear of crime and subsequently improving mental health of residents, visitors and workers.

- Prioritising reusing existing materials and locally sourced materials for construction to reduce waste and transportation to landfill in addition and promote a low embodied carbon development.
- When new materials are specified that are not locally attainable then only those that score well on the BRE: The Green Guide to Specification are to be used; to further encourage the use of sustainable materials and reductions in embodied carbon.

As a result of all the above, the proposed sustainable design and energy strategy allows the development to comply with Manchester City Council's planning policy requirement and is in line with all targets put forward in their planning documents.

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