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Decarbonising Blocks of Flats

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Fabric considerations
- District heating through centralised energy centre with air source heat pumps
- Shared rooftop PV
- Expansion for wider district heating



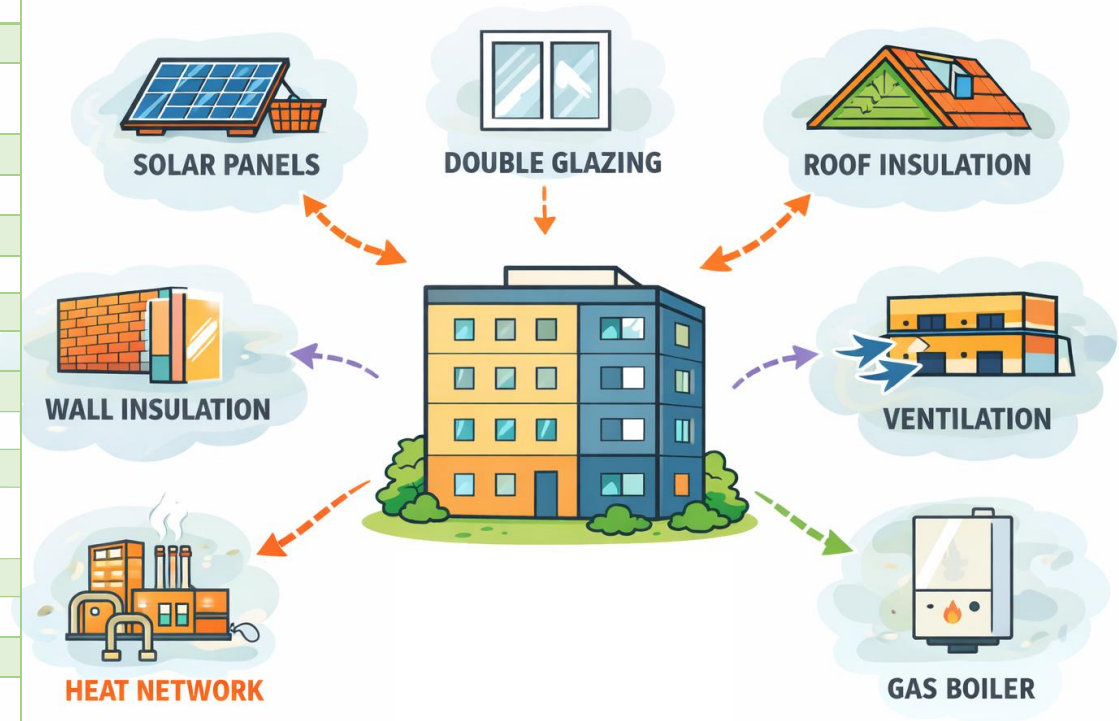
Introduction & Project Scope

- Net Zero Target
- Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (EPC C or better)
- Alleviate fuel poverty
- Value for money
- Carbon emissions reduction
- Future proofing

Retrofit Options



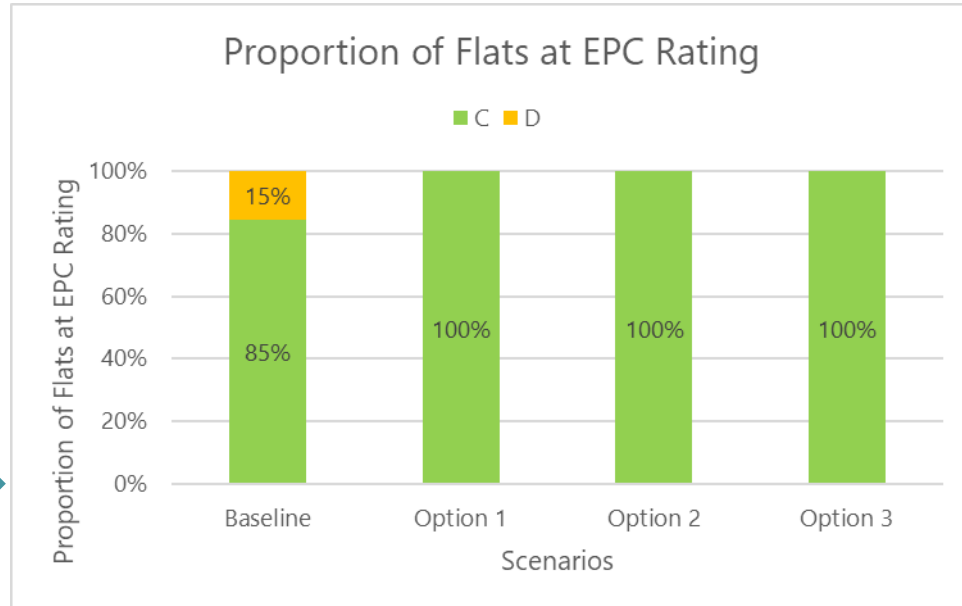
Retrofit Measures	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Life Expectancy of Measure (Years)
Fabric Efficiency				
Undercroft (Under floor insulation – UFI)	✓	✗	✓	42
Window	✓	✓	✓	20
Solid Door	✓	✓	✓	30
Glazed Door	✓	✓	✓	20
Heating System				
New Gas-fired boilers	✗	✗	✓	16
Heat network (Heat Generator: ASHP)	✓	✓	✗	40
Renewable Power Generation				
Solar Photovoltaics (PV) with SolShare	✓	✓	✓	25
Discounted Measures				
Roof	✗	✗	✗	20
Wall (External or Internal insulation incl. party wall)	✗	✗	✗	36 - 42
Ground floor (Solid floor insulation – SFI)	✗	✗	✗	42



Retrofit Cost for One Block

	Retrofit Option 1	Retrofit Option 2	Retrofit Option 3
Capital Cost	£2,910,000	£2,900,000	£900,000

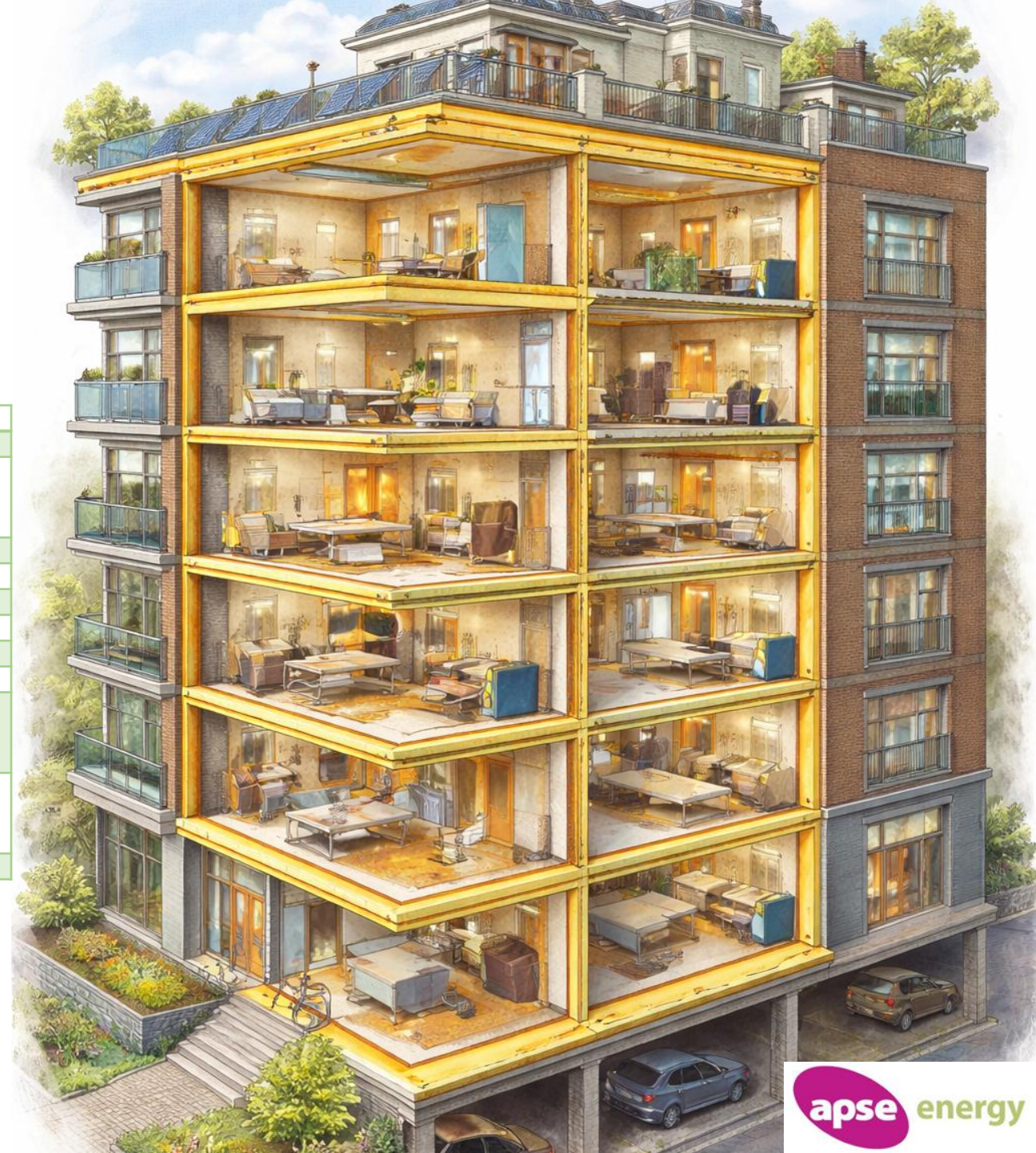
EPC Rating



Score	Energy rating
92+	A
81-91	B
69-80	C
55-68	D
39-54	E
21-38	F
1-20	G

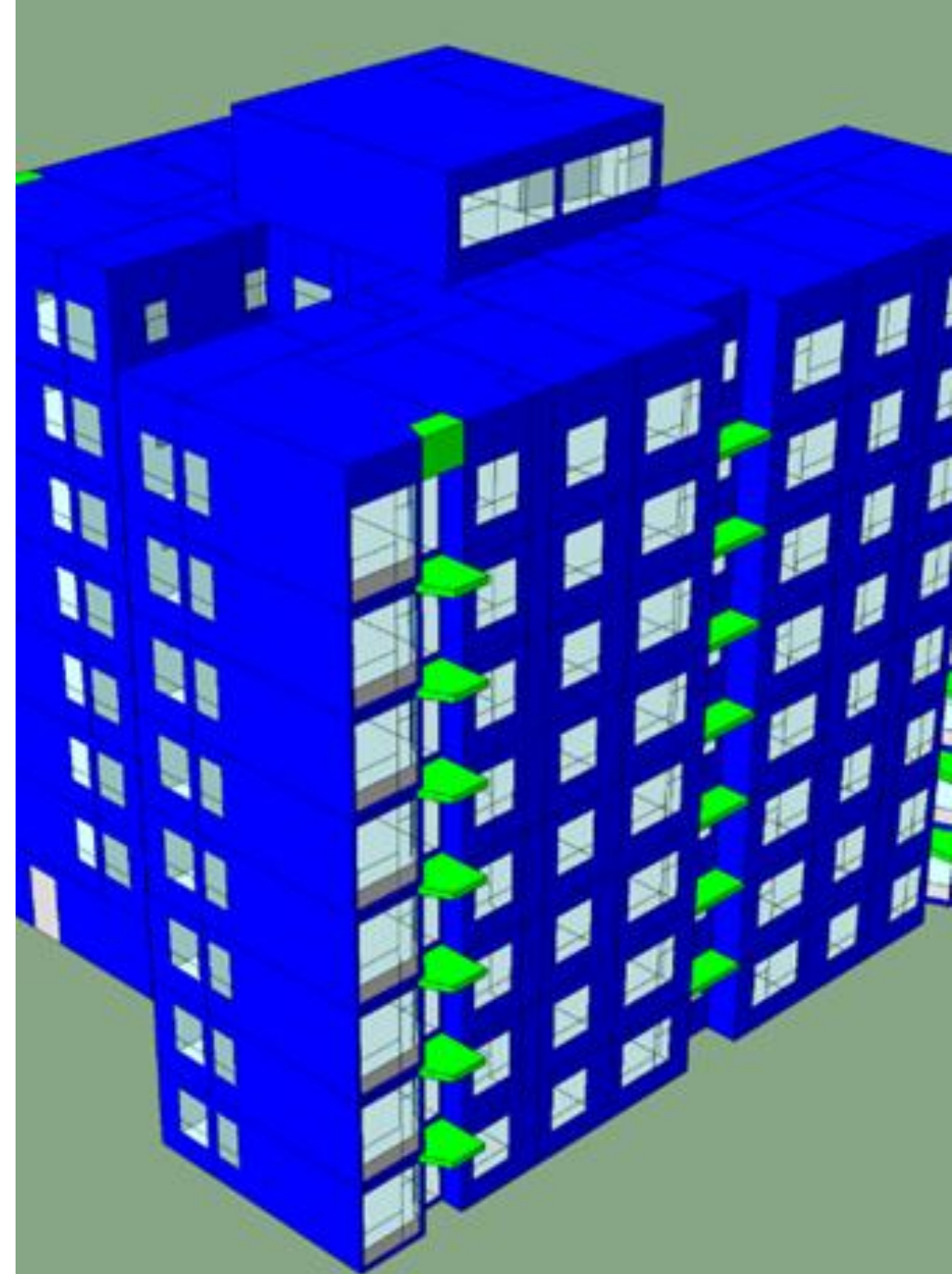
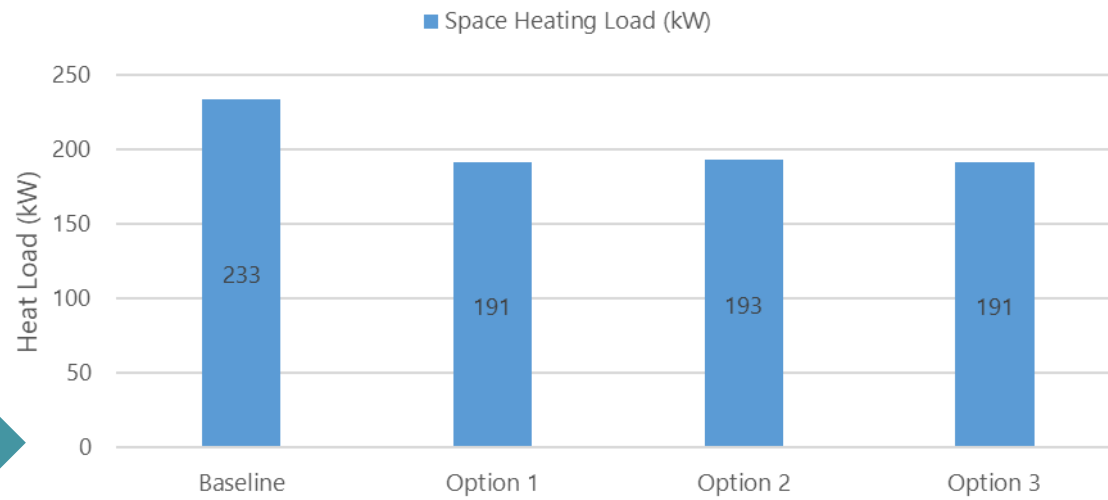
Fabric Considerations

Retrofit Measures	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Fabric Efficiency			
Undercroft (Under floor insulation – UFI)	✓	✗	✓
Window	✓	✓	✓
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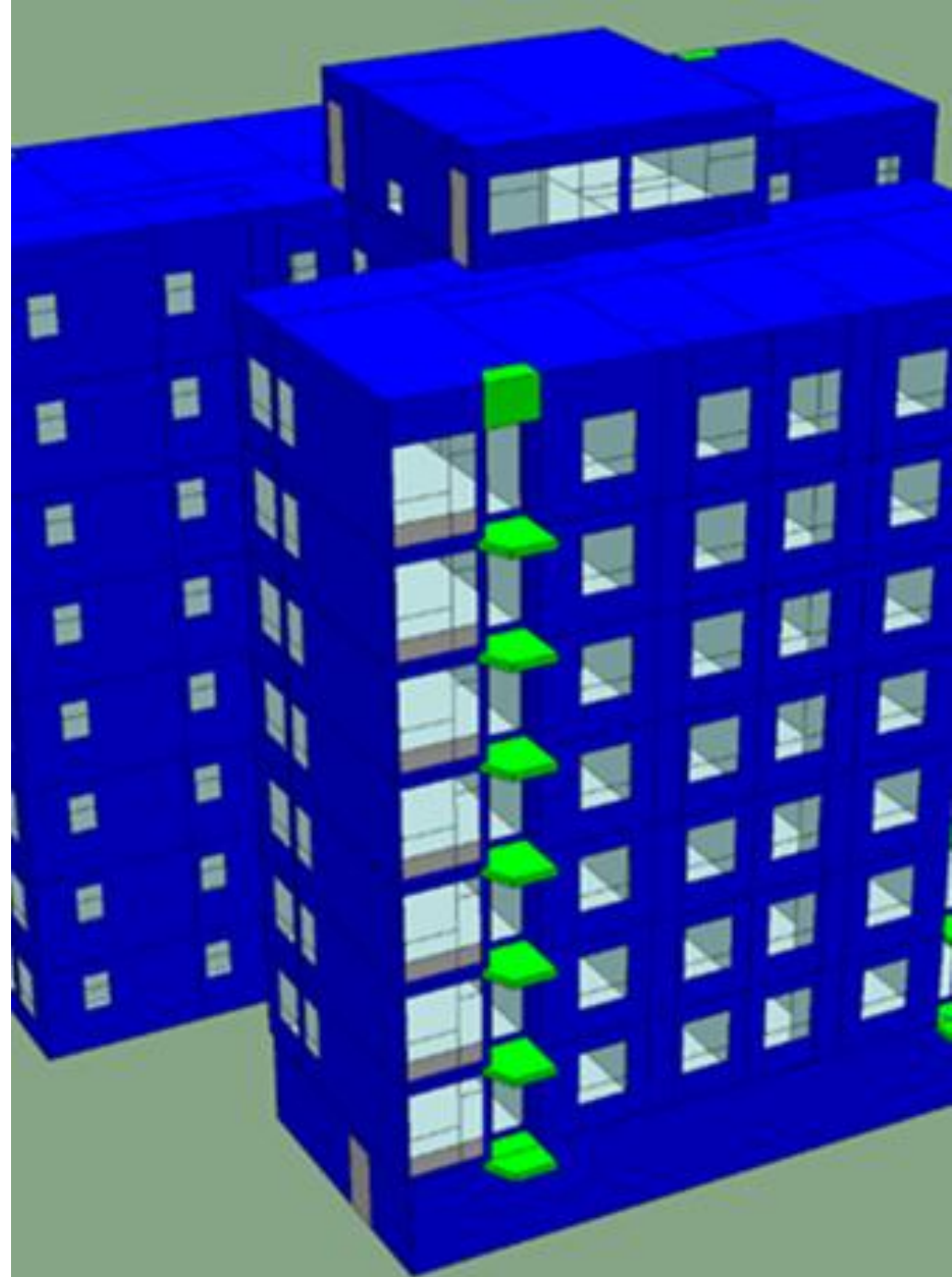
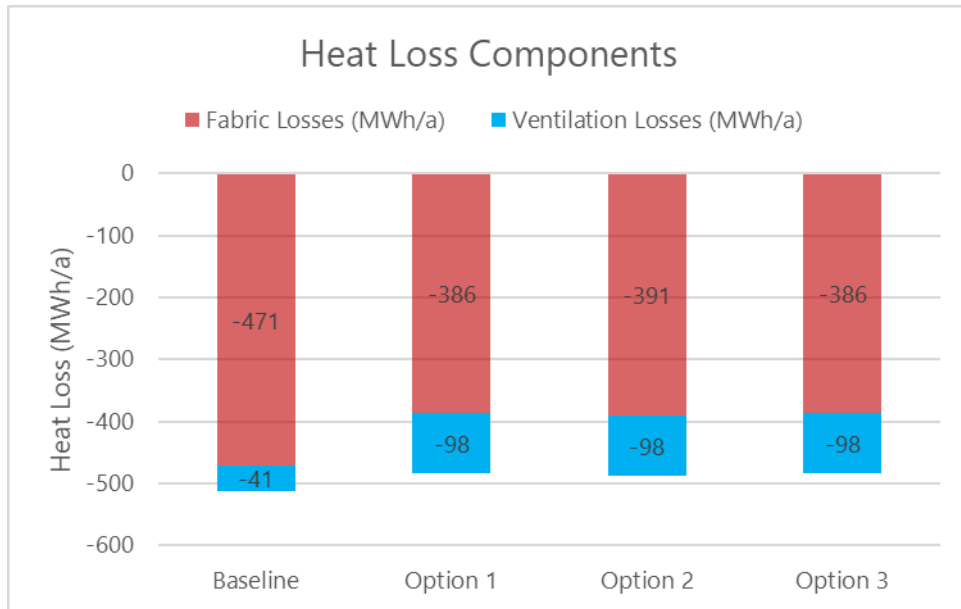


Thermal Modelling

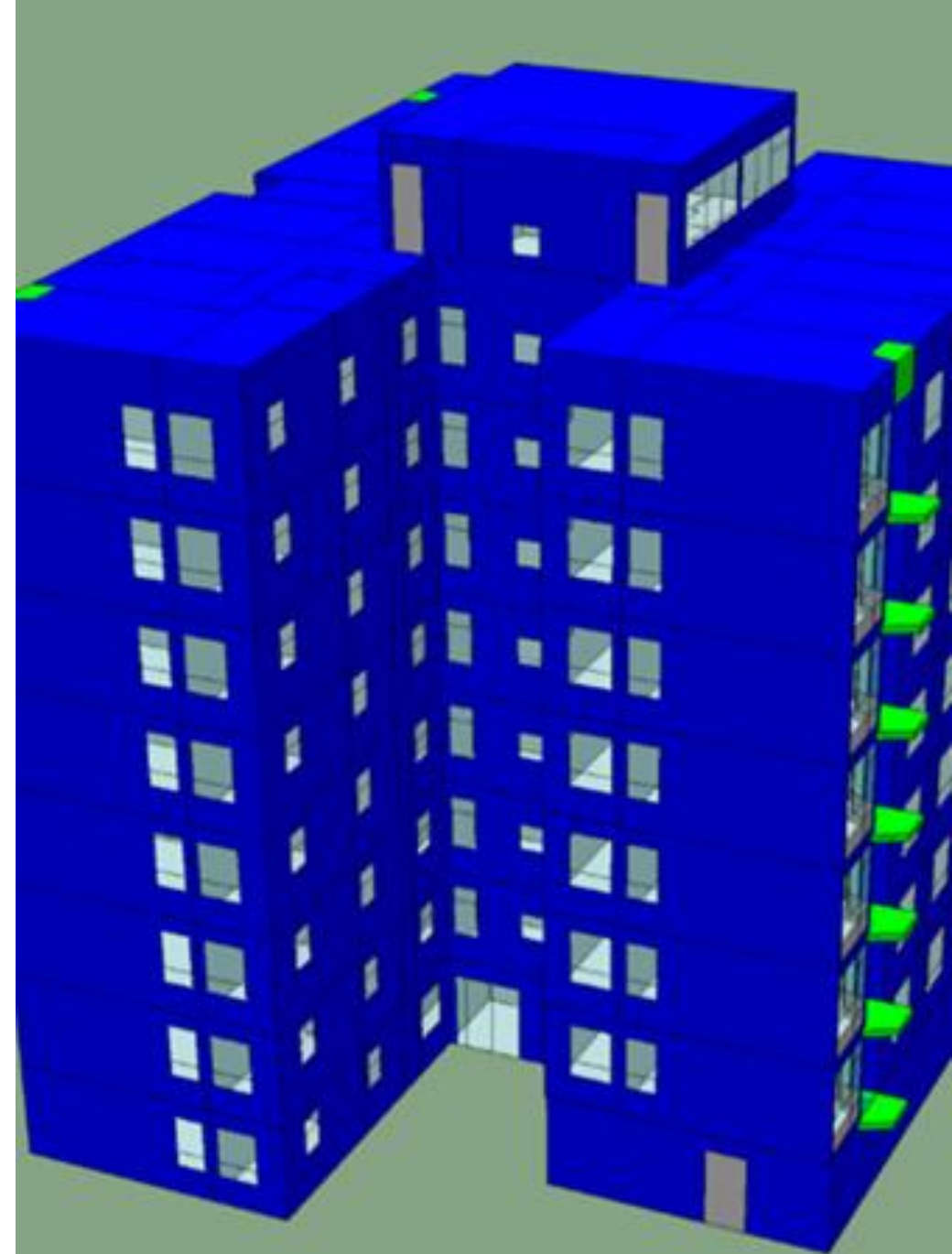
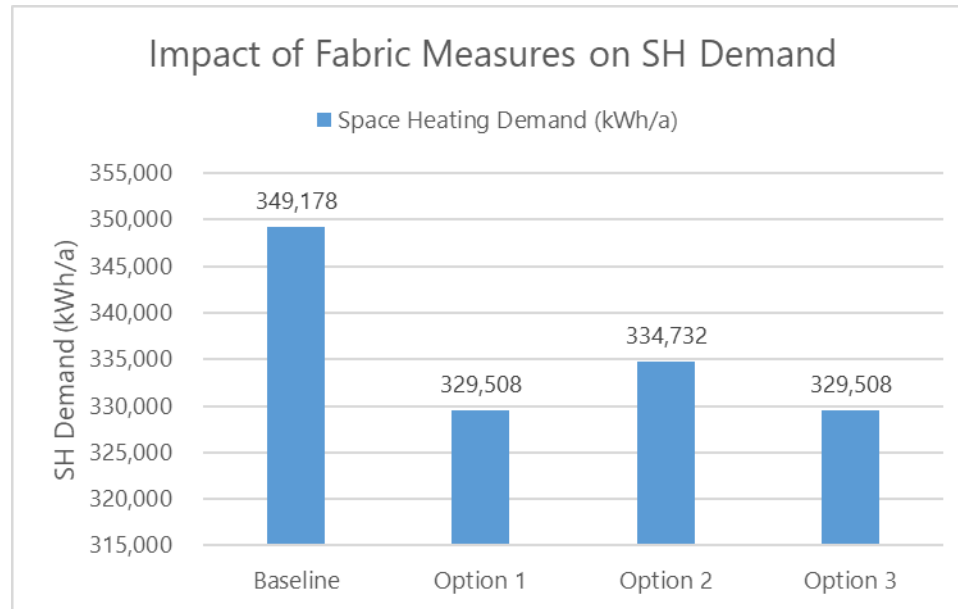
Steady-State Space Heating Load



Ventilation Upgrades



Ventilation Upgrades



Heating System Efficiency

Heating System	Existing Gas-fired Boilers	Heat Network (ASHP)	New Gas-fired Boilers
	Baseline	Retrofit Opt. 1 & 2	Retrofit Opt. 3
Space Heating η	89%	320%	89%
Water (DHW) Heating η	89%	253%	89%

Radiator Capacity Check

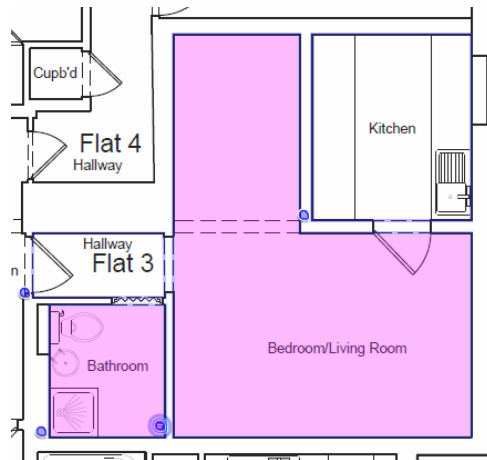
	Gas-fired Boilers	Heat Network (ASHPs)
Flow temperature (°C)	80	55
Return temperature (°C)	60	35
Room design temperature (°C)	20	20
Mean water-to-air temperature Δt (°C)	50	25
Heat Emitter	Radiators	Radiators



Radiator Capacity Check

Bedsit

Heating System	Existing Gas Boiler (80/60°C)	Heat Network (55/35°C)	Heat Network (55/35°C)	New Gas Boiler (80/60°C)
Room	Baseline	Retrofit Opt. 1	Retrofit Opt. 2	Retrofit Opt. 3
Bathroom	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Circulation				
Kitchen				
Studio	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE



2-Bed

Heating System	Existing Gas Boiler (80/60°C)	Heat Network (55/35°C)	Heat Network (55/35°C)	New Gas Boiler (80/60°C)
Room	Baseline	Retrofit Opt. 1	Retrofit Opt. 2	Retrofit Opt. 3
Bathroom	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE
Bedroom 1	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE
Bedroom 2	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE
Circulation	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE
Cupboard 1				
Cupboard 2				
Cupboard				
Boiler				
Kitchen	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Living	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE



Shared Rooftop PV

Facts and Figures



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Typical SAP score increase



**£1,500-
3,500**

Typical fully installed costs per apartment

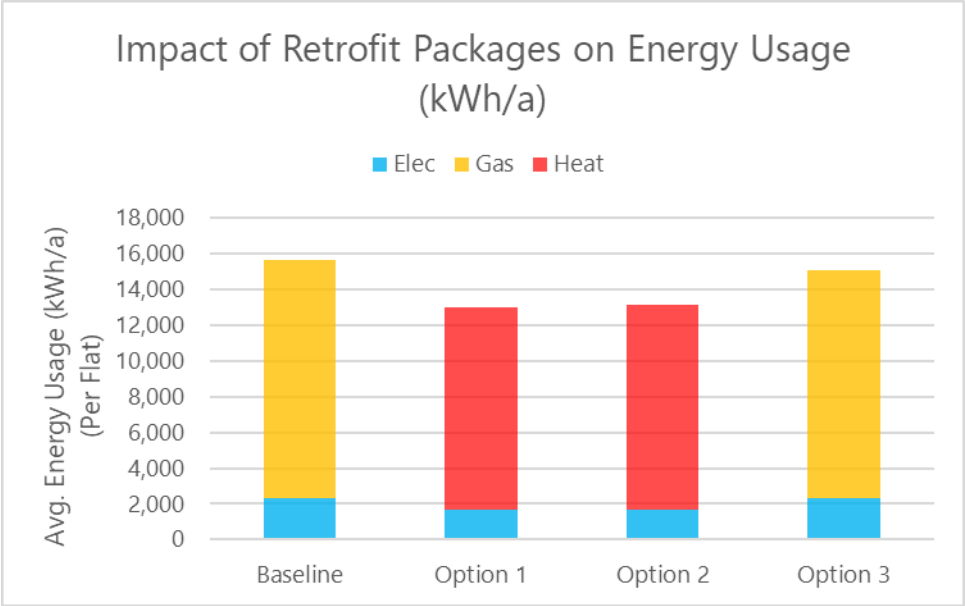


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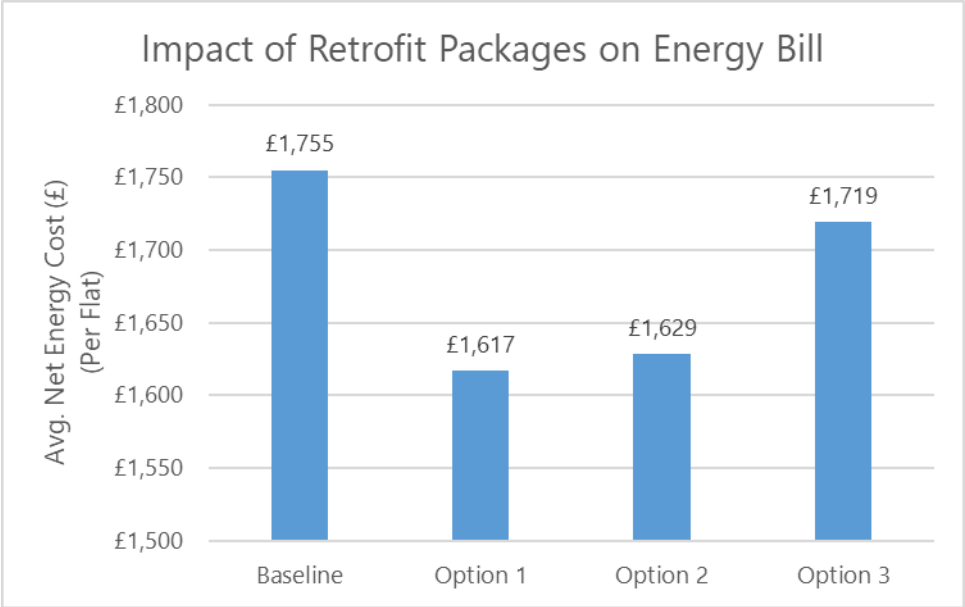
Typical bill savings



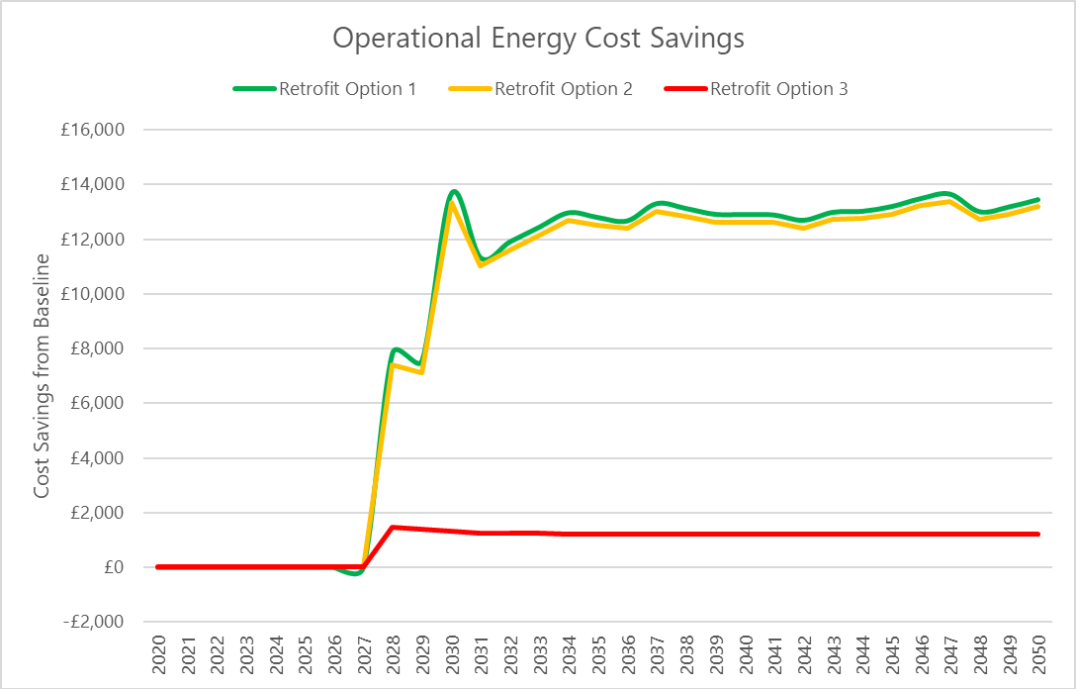
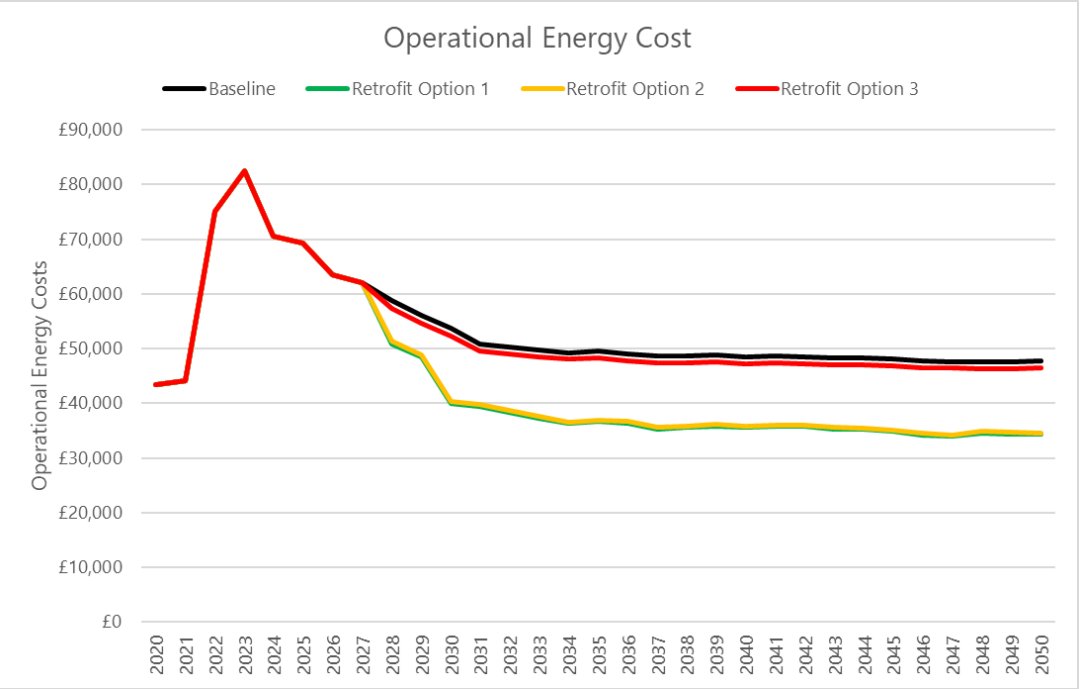
Tenant Energy Use (per Flat)



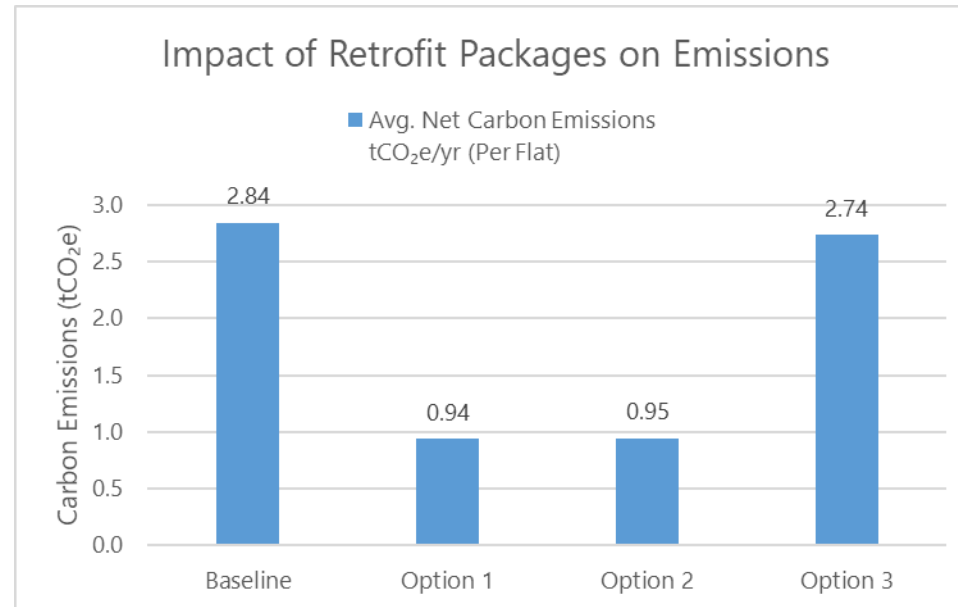
Tenant Energy Bill (per Flat)



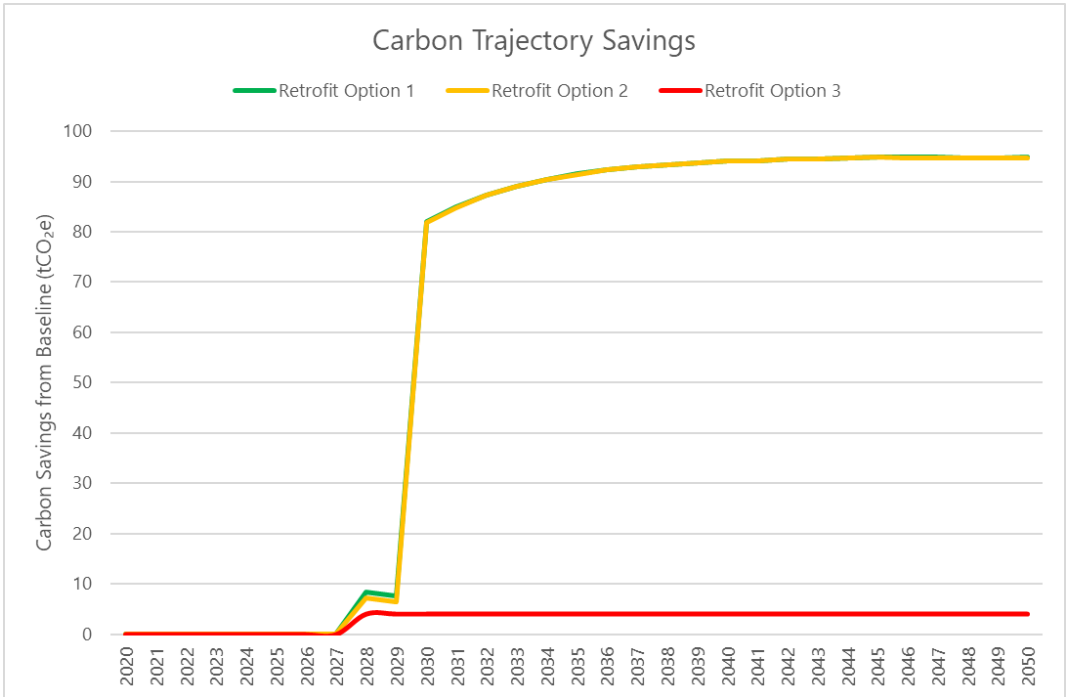
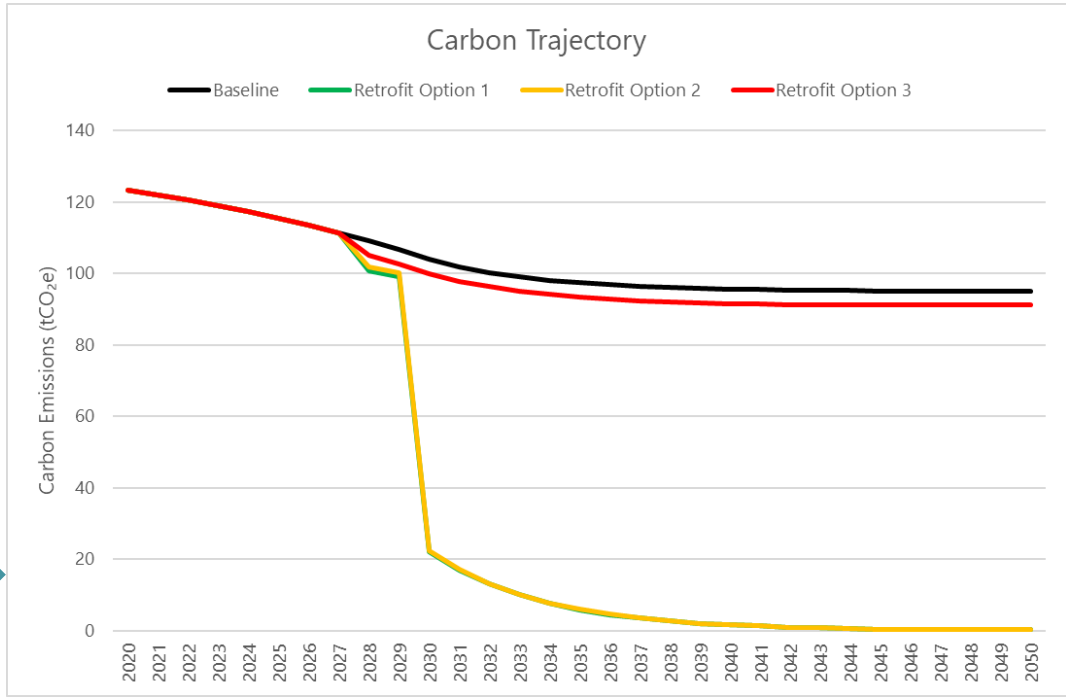
Operating Cost of One Block



Tenant Carbon Emissions (per Flat)



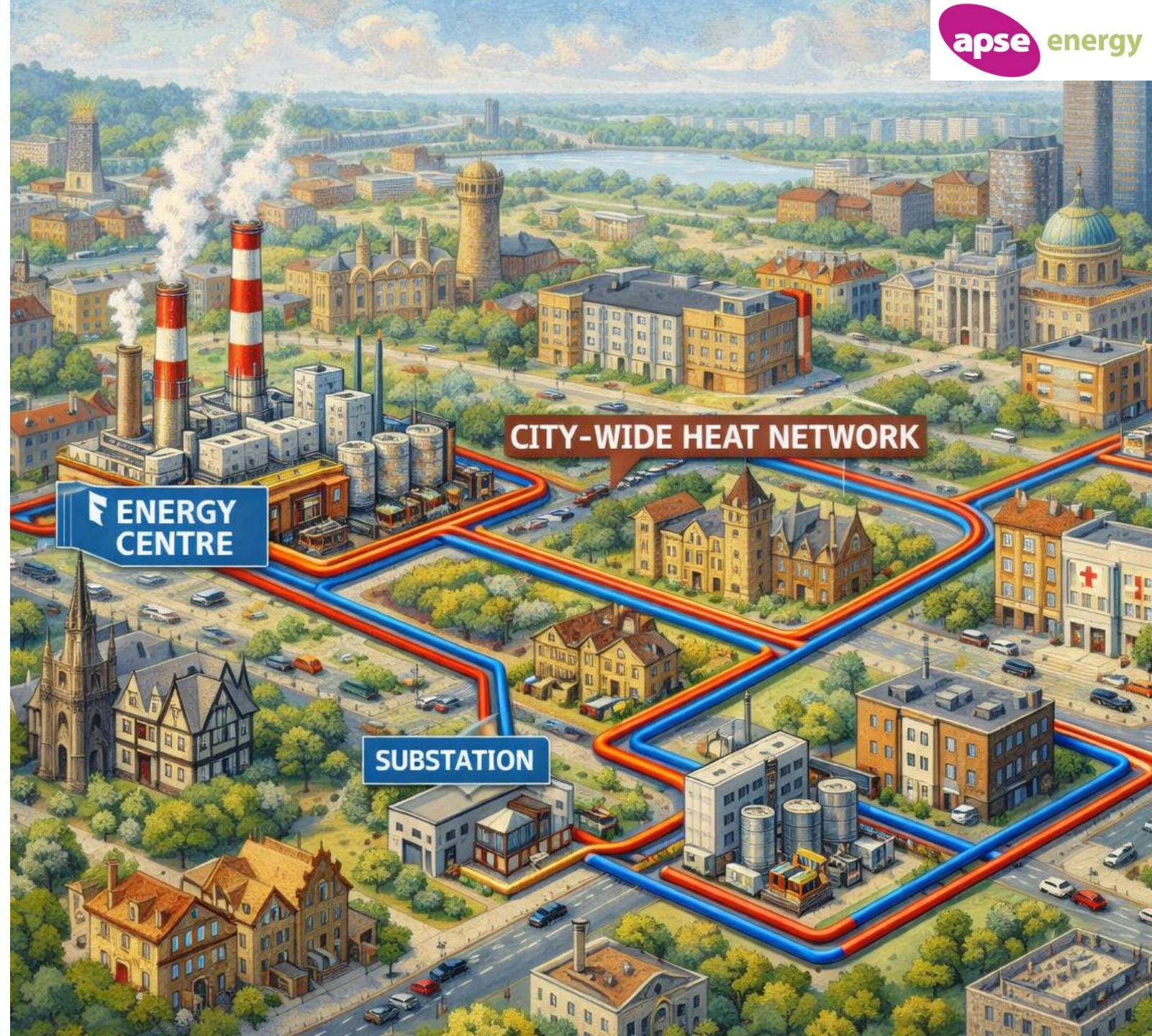
Carbon Emissions of One Block



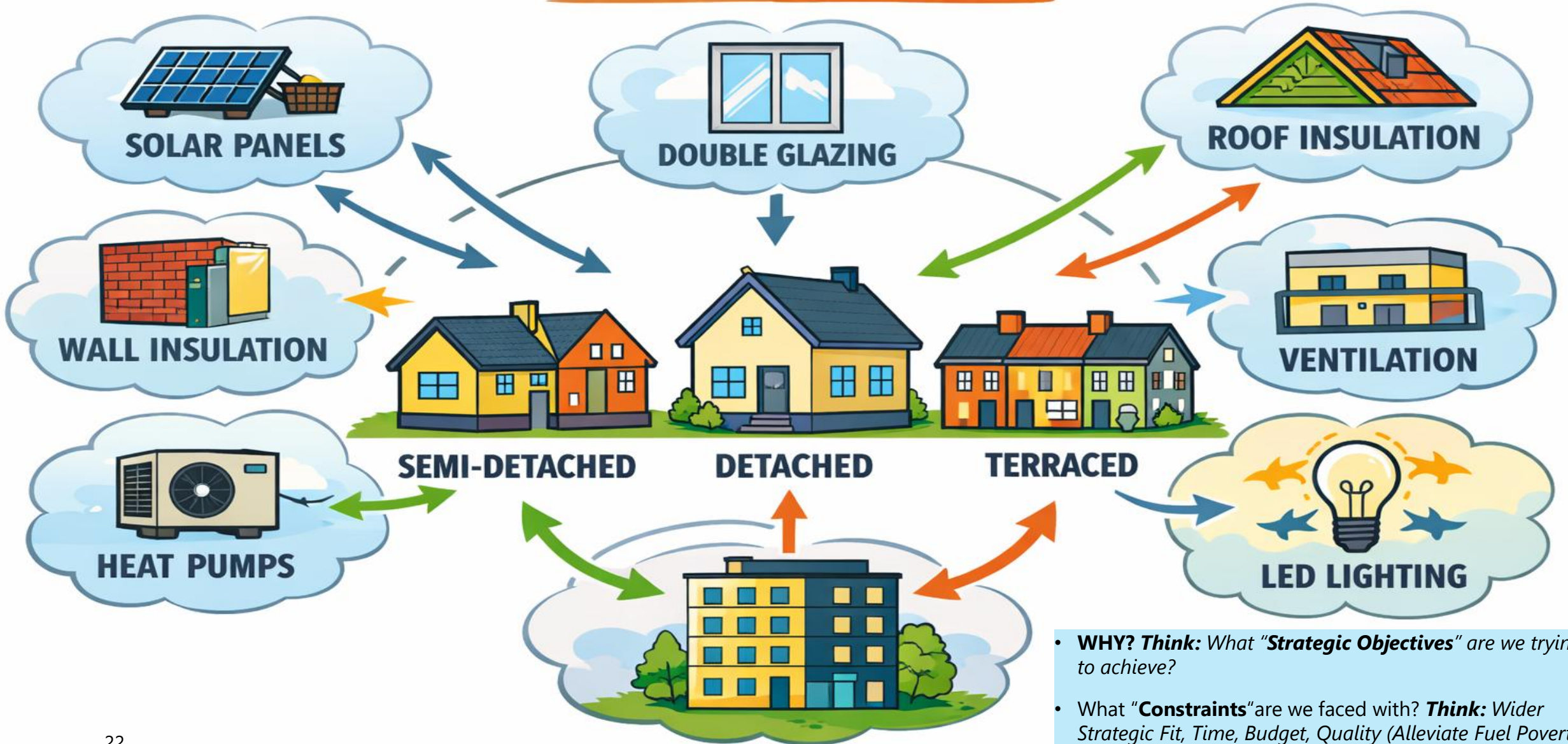
City Wide Heat Network

Funding Opportunities

- Heat Network Delivery Unit (HNDU)
- Green Heat Network Fund (GHNF)



ONE SIZE DOESN'T FIT ALL NEEDS



- **WHY? Think:** What "**Strategic Objectives**" are we trying to achieve?
- What "**Constraints**" are we faced with? **Think:** Wider Strategic Fit, Time, Budget, Quality (Alleviate Fuel Poverty, Improve Health & Wellbeing), Risk (Legal & Regulatory Compliance)

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Next Steps

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