Thermal Bridging & Fabric Performance Analysis 387wm - Larch & Lime House, Future Works

Introduction

In February 2011, Bere:architects carried out a thermal imaging survey of the Larch and Lime House in Ebbw Vale. The report (see extract below) highlighted a small but significant increase in heat loss around the plinth of the buildings, and prompted further analysis.

The following pages outline the results of a subsequent thermal bridging analysis, using Therm v5.2. Five key details were selected for the calculation, including plinth connections, door thresholds and window sill and head details.

Outcome of study

The external Psi value calculated for the Plinth (Detail D01) was found to be positive, showing a correlation with the findings of the thermal imaging analysis. The thermal bridge was not significant enough to affect the Passivhaus certification process, but this is nevertheless an important outcome of the research project. Creating a thermal bridge free equivalent for this detail will clearly have structural and cost implications, however this is clearly an area which will merit further consideration. Discussions





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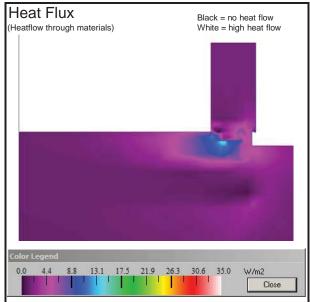
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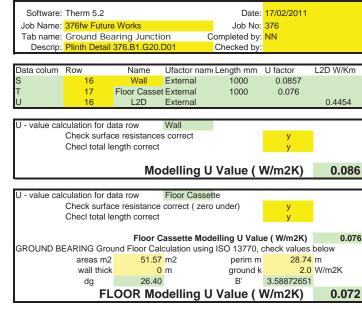
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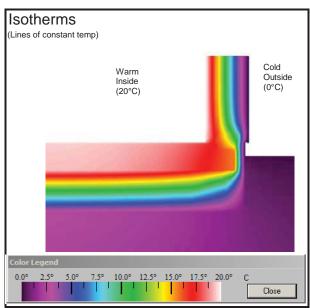
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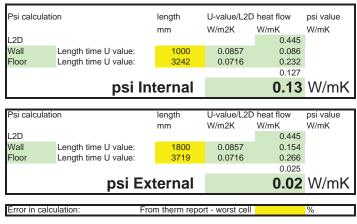
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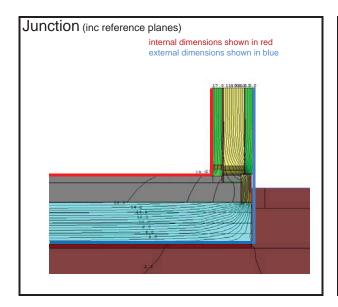
It's interesting to note that the west elevation has a surface temperature of 0.7 degrees and the south elevation is 1.9 degrees, showing how even on an overcast day, orientation affects surface temperature. Another interesting point is that the external ground temperature is warmer than the walls of the house. Curiously there is increased heat loss (2.8 degrees) around the plinth of the building and this suggests further investigation into the cold bridging at this junction may be worthwhile.

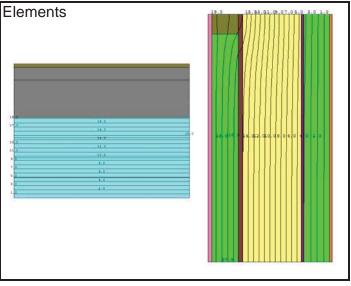




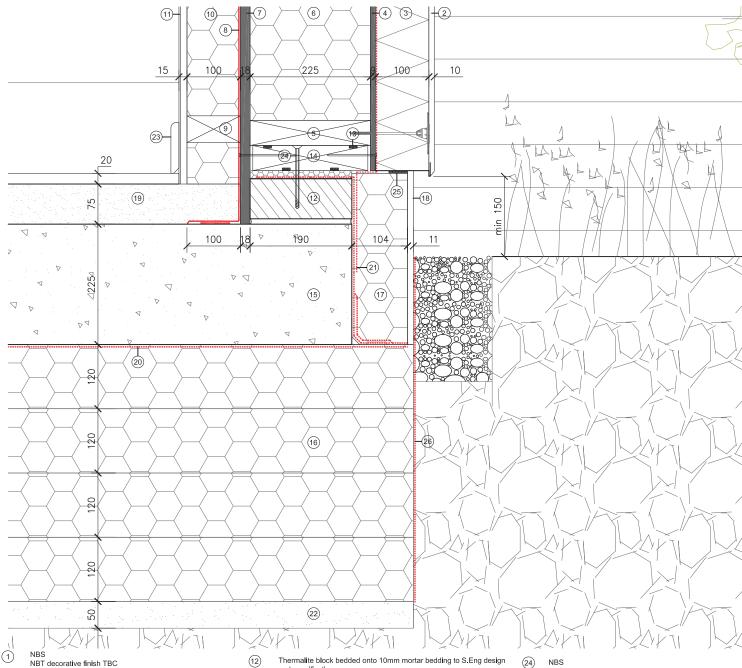








(see following page for reference drawing)



- NBT decorative finish TBC
- NBT base coat (MC 55W) with reinforcement mesh. In accordance with manufacture's details.
- NBT Diffutherm insulation board fixed to studs of timber frame with thermally broken EJOT fasteners (Ref number for fixings through 100mm thk insulation VHT-R x 130 SBH-T65/25)
- NBS K11.445 9.2 mm thk panelvent boards with breather membrane to outer face.
- NBS G20 225mm x 50mm s/w timber studs, untreated
- (6) NBS P10 225 mm Knauf FrameTherm insulation (λ = 0.035 W/mK) boards between s/w studs
- NBS K11.615 7
- low VOC 18 mm OSB panel
- NBS P10 315 (8)
- Pro clima intello plus air-tightness membrane. NBS G20
- 9 100 x 50 mm horizontal s/w timber battens
- (10) NRS P10 100mm Steico Flex wood fibre insulation
- between horizontal s/w studs. (11) NBS K10
 - skim finished

- (12) Thermalite block bedded onto 10mm mortar bedding to S.Eng design and specification
- (13) Compriband strips to be routed into soleplate.
- (14) NBS G20 225x50mm continuous timber soleplate fixed to thermalite block with Tapcon screws. Fixing centres to S.Eng design and specification. Prefabricated timber panel OSB boards to oversail for fixing into 225x50mm timber soleplate. Fixings to S.Eng design and specification.
- (15) 225mm reinforced GGBS Concrete slab to S.Eng design and
- (16) 4x120mm Floormate 500 A in layers with staggered joints to S.Eng design and specification.
- 17) NBS P10 NBT perimeter board (λ = 0.035 W/mK)
- (18) NBT 2-coat render system
 - (fully meshed HM 50 onto Plinth Board)
- $75 \mathrm{mm}$ screed to S.Eng design and specification with 20mm zone for floor finishes TBC by UWHA. (19)
- 20) 250 micron continuous DPM installed to basic Radon protection requirements.
- (21) NRS I RIW sheetseal 226 tanking membrane, reinforced at junction in accordance with manufactures details
- 50mm sand surface dressing to S.Eng design and specification NBS K11
 - Low VOC MDF skirting, primed and painted

Fixings to ground floor slab and blockwork kicker to S. Eng design and specification

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Illbruck compriband strip

NBS Bitumen membrane

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Project:

Future Works Housing 2 bed house

Subject: Plinth Detail

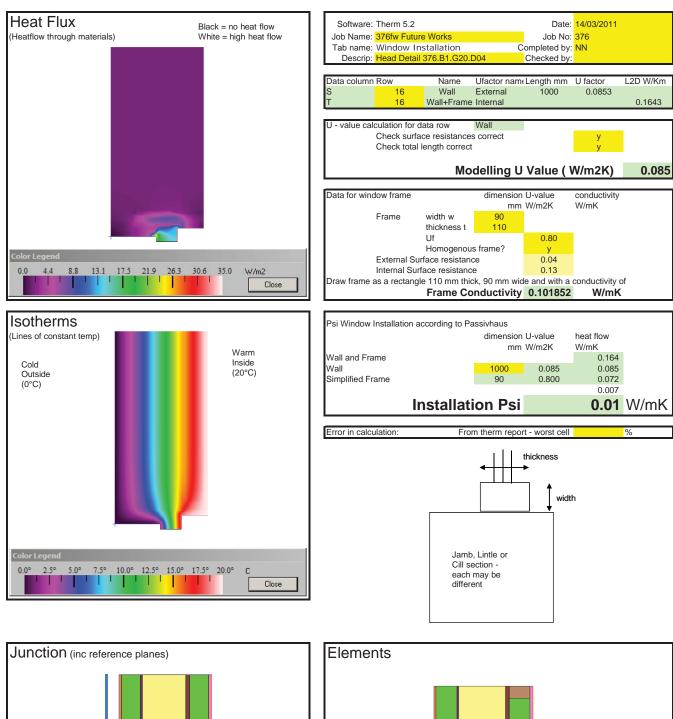
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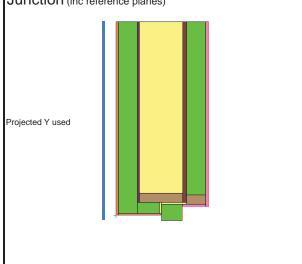
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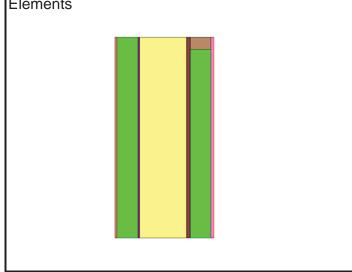
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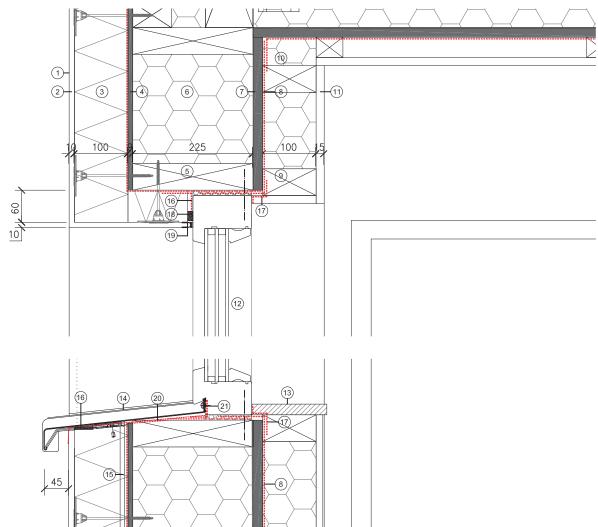
G20 General Arrangement







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- NBT decorative finish TBC
- NBT base coat (MC 55W) with reinforcement mesh. In accordance with manufacture's details
- NBT Diffutherm insulation board fixed to study of timber frame with thermally broken EJOT fasteners (Ref number for fixings through 100mm thk insulation VHT-R x 130 SBH-T65/25)
- NBS K11.445 9.2 mm thk panelvent boards with breather membrane to outer face.
- NBS G20 225mm x 50mm s/w timber studs, untreated
- 225 mm Knauf FrameTherm insulation (λ = 0.035 W/mK) boards between s/w studs
- NBS K11.615 low VOC 18 mm OSB panel
- (8) NBS P10.315
 - Pro clima intello plus air-tightness membrane. NBS G20
- 9 100 x 50 mm horizontal s/w timber battens
 - NBS P10 100mm Steico Flex wood fibre insulation between horizontal s/w studs.

- NBS K10 12.5 mm Plasterboard screwed to timber battens and skim finished
- NBS L10.225 Triple glazed window
- (13) NBS L10 Low VOC MDF window cill. Primed and painted
- NBS L10.225 (14)

Aluminium Window cill manufactured by Gutmann. Refer to drawing 372.B1.G20.D26 for further details of window cill.

NBS I 10 225

Aluminium Window cill support manufactured by Gutmann. Cills to be supported at 600mm centres or located centrally if width of window is less that 1200mm wide. Refer to drawing 372.B1.G20.D26 for further details of window cill.

NBS L10.815

Illbrook window weatherproofing tape to outside of window in accordance with manufacturers installation instructions.

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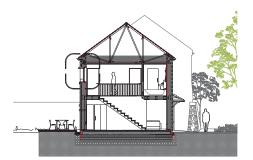
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APU rail around window for render system in accordance with

- 20 NBS J40.120 DPM layer underneath window cill.
- (21) Cill fixed to window frame using stainless steel screw and rubber seal (both supplid by Gutmann)



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Subject: window head and cill

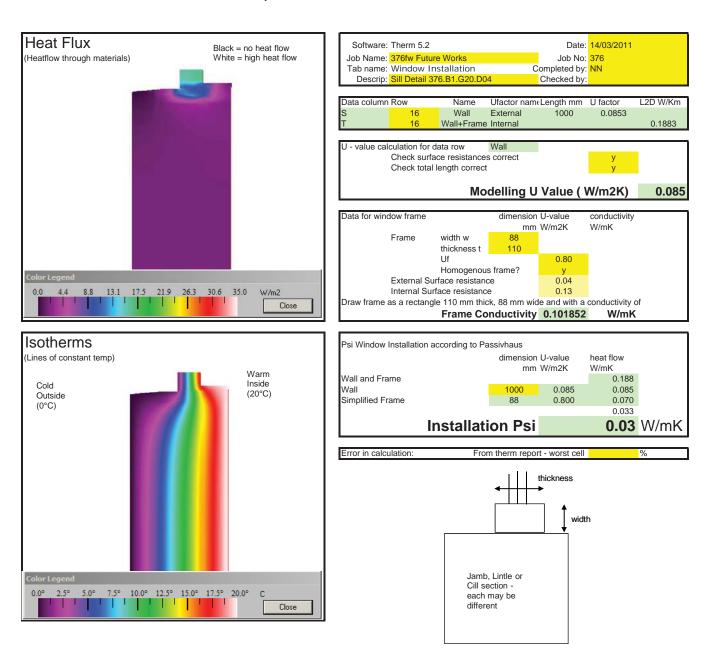
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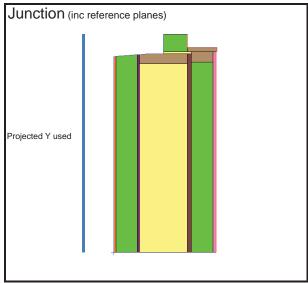
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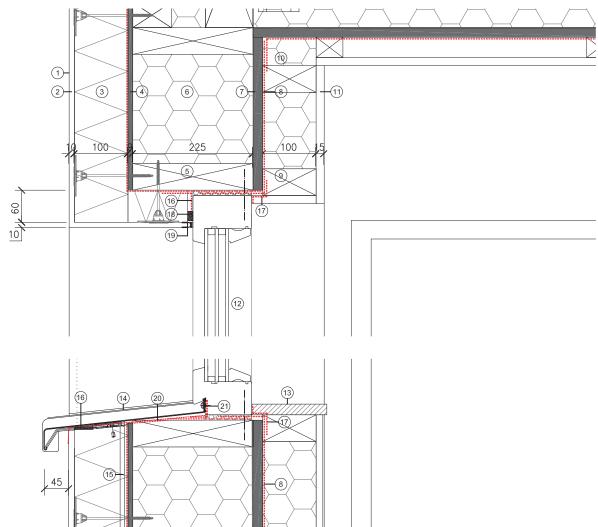
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- NBS G20 225mm x 50mm s/w timber studs, untreated
- 225 mm Knauf FrameTherm insulation (λ = 0.035 W/mK) boards between s/w studs
- NBS K11.615 low VOC 18 mm OSB panel
- (8) NBS P10.315
 - Pro clima intello plus air-tightness membrane. NBS G20
- 9 100 x 50 mm horizontal s/w timber battens
 - NBS P10 100mm Steico Flex wood fibre insulation between horizontal s/w studs.

- NBS K10 12.5 mm Plasterboard screwed to timber battens and skim finished
- NBS L10.225 Triple glazed window
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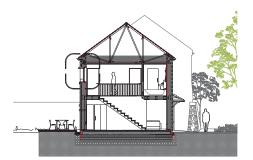
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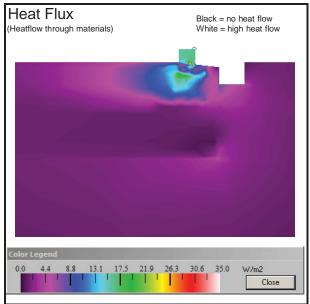
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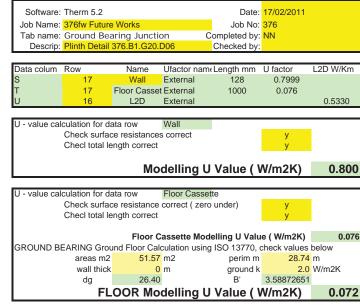
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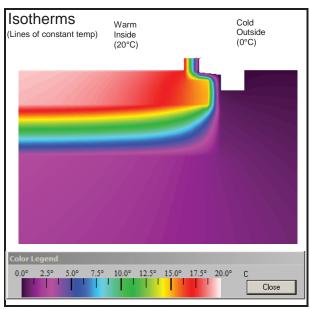
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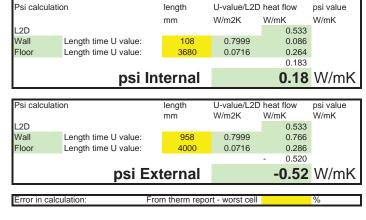
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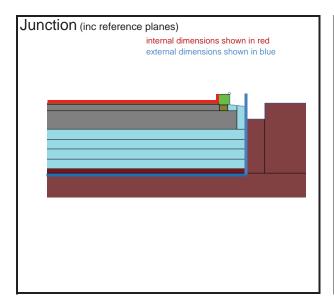
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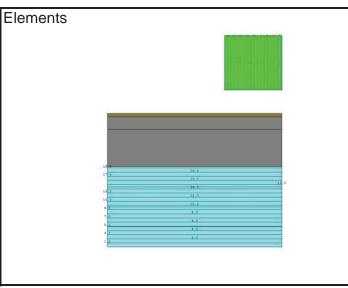




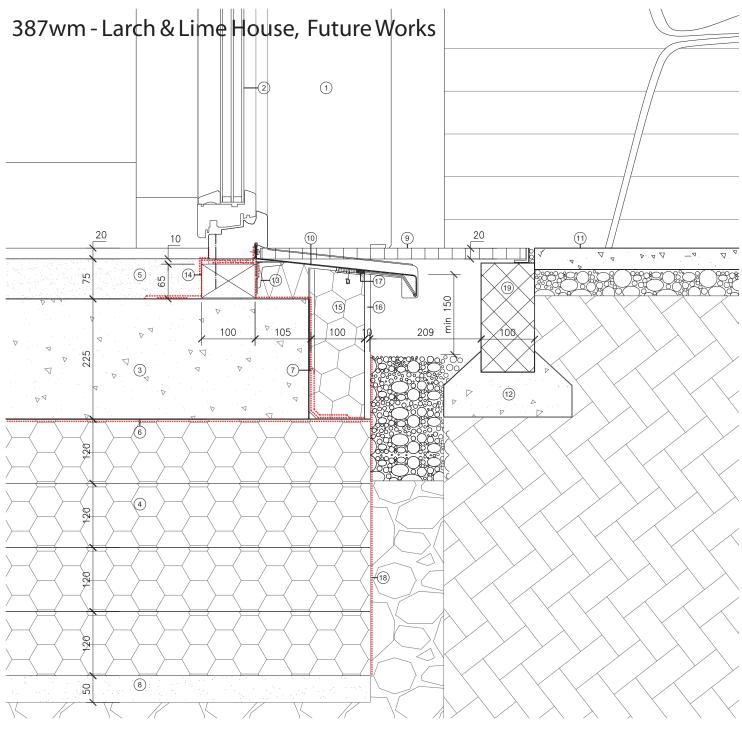








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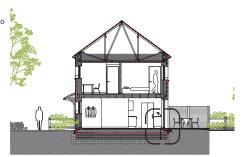


NBS

NBT decorative finish TBC. On top of NBT base coat (MC 55W) with reinforcement mesh. In accordance with manufacture's details.

- Triple glazed opening window to be supplied by Bayer
- 225mm reinforced GGBS Concrete slab to S.Eng design and specification
- (4) 480mm Floormate 500 A in 4 layers with staggered joints to S.Eng design and specification.
- 75mm screed to S.Eng design and specification with 20mm zone for (5) floor finishes TBC by UWHA.
- 6 250 micron continuous DPM installed to basic Radon protection
- requirements. (7) NRS.I
- RIW sheetseal 226 tanking membrane, reinforced at junction in accordance with manufacture's details 50mm sand surface dressing to S.Eng design and specification
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- 9 Galvanised steel grating

- NBS L10.225 10 Gutmann window cill
- (11) Paving stone TBC
- (12) Concrete haunching
- Aluminium angle to S. Eng design and specification, screwed to 13) timber window support.
- NBS P10.315 (14) Pro clima intello plus air-tightness membrane fixed to concrete slab with Pro Clima Orcon F adhesive
- (15) NBS P10 NBT perimeter board ($\lambda = 0.035 \text{ W/mK}$)
- NBT 2-coat render system (fully meshed HM 50 onto Plinth Board) (16)
- 17) NBS
- IIIbruck compriband strip
- (18) NBS
 - Bitumen membrane
- (19) Blockwork TBC



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Future Works Housing 2 bed house

Subject: threshold detail rear patio

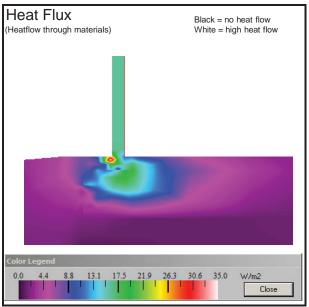
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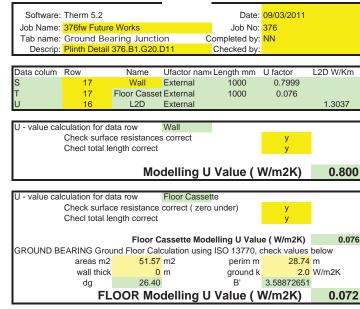
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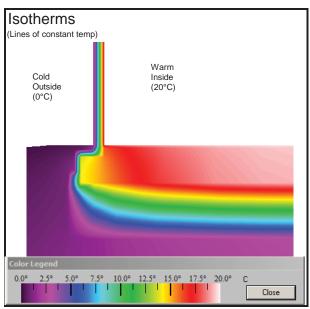
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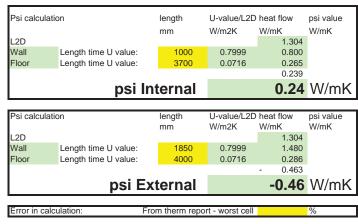
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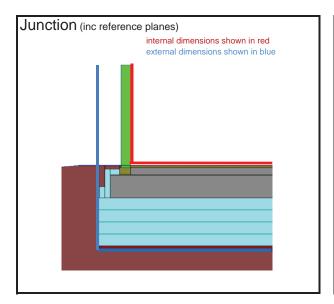
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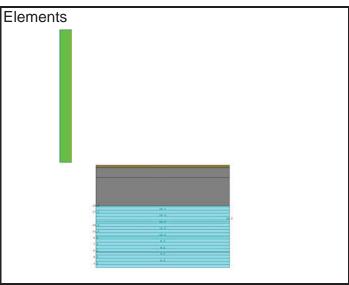




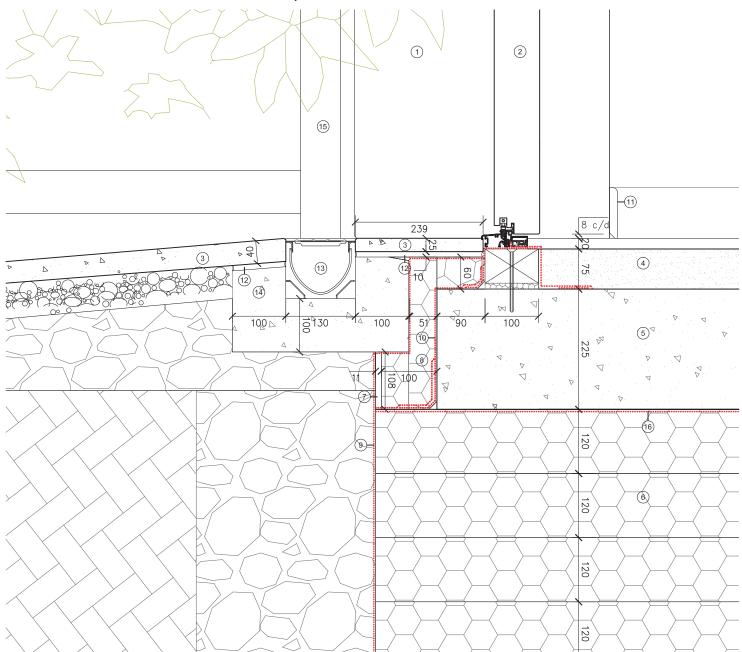








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- NBT decorative finish TBC
- Insulated front door to be supplied by Bayer
- (3) Paving stone TBC
- 75mm screed to S.Eng design and specification with 20mm zone for floor finishes TBC by UWHA.
- 225mm reinforced GGBS Concrete slab to S.Eng design and specification .
- 6 4x120mm Floormate 500 A in layers with staggered joints to S.Eng design and specification.
- NBT 2-coat render system (fully meshed HM 50 onto Plinth Board) 7
- 8 NBS P10 NBT perimeter board ($\lambda = 0.035 \text{ W/mK}$)

- (10) NBS J RIW sheetseal 226 tanking membrane, reinforced at junction in accordance with manufactures details
- NBS K11 Low VOC MDF skirting, primed and painted 11)
- (12) 10mm mortar
- 13) Aco Rain Drain Plus to be embedded in concrete
- (14) Concrete bed for Aco Rain Drain Plus
- 15) Down pipe from entrance canopy connected to Aco drain
- 250 micron continuous DPM installed to basic Radon protection requirements.



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2 bed house

Subject: Front Door Threshold Detail

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