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# Low carbon district heating workshop

17<sup>th</sup> November, London

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Agenda





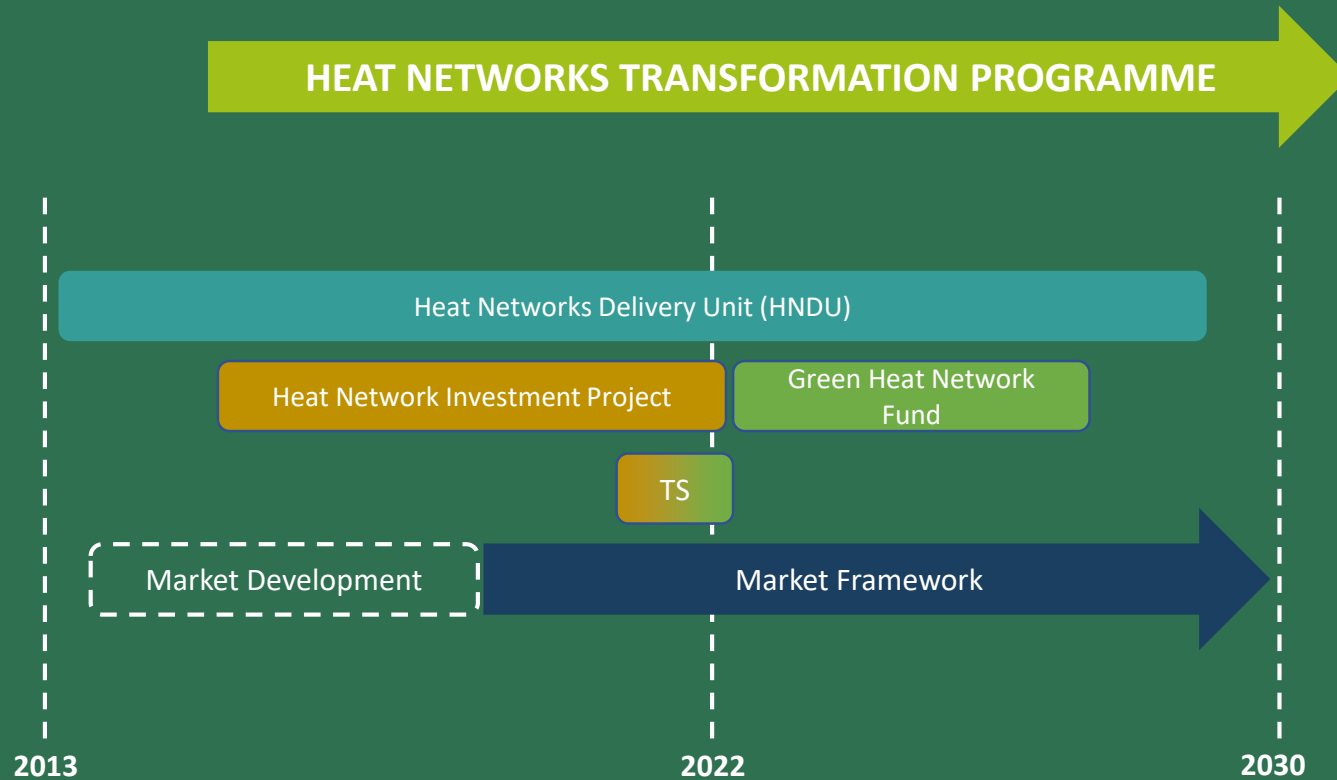
Triple Point  
**HEAT NETWORKS**  
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

# Introduction to the Green Heat Network Fund

Ken Hunnisett



- HNDU supports early stages of project development
- GHNF three-year programme to 2025
- Market Framework includes Regulation and Zoning.





# Strong Foundations to Build On

## A Blend of Complementary Specialisms

Triple Point Heat Networks Investment Management - through the GHNF - will not only seek to decarbonise heat networks, but also build on the progress made by the HNIP in developing a resilient market.

- HNIP was launched prior to the UK’s commitment to Net Zero.
- The aim of HNIP was to create the conditions for a self-sustaining heat network market
- The sector has continued to make great progress despite the challenges of COVID and BREXIT
- GHNF scheme design reflects the evolving political and social imperative and the ambition to decarbonise is even greater.





Annual heat delivered  
**735GWh**



Network trench length  
**150km**



**85,000** Homes to be  
connected



Total CAPEX of active  
projects **£877m**



Total offers made to the  
value of  
**£303m**

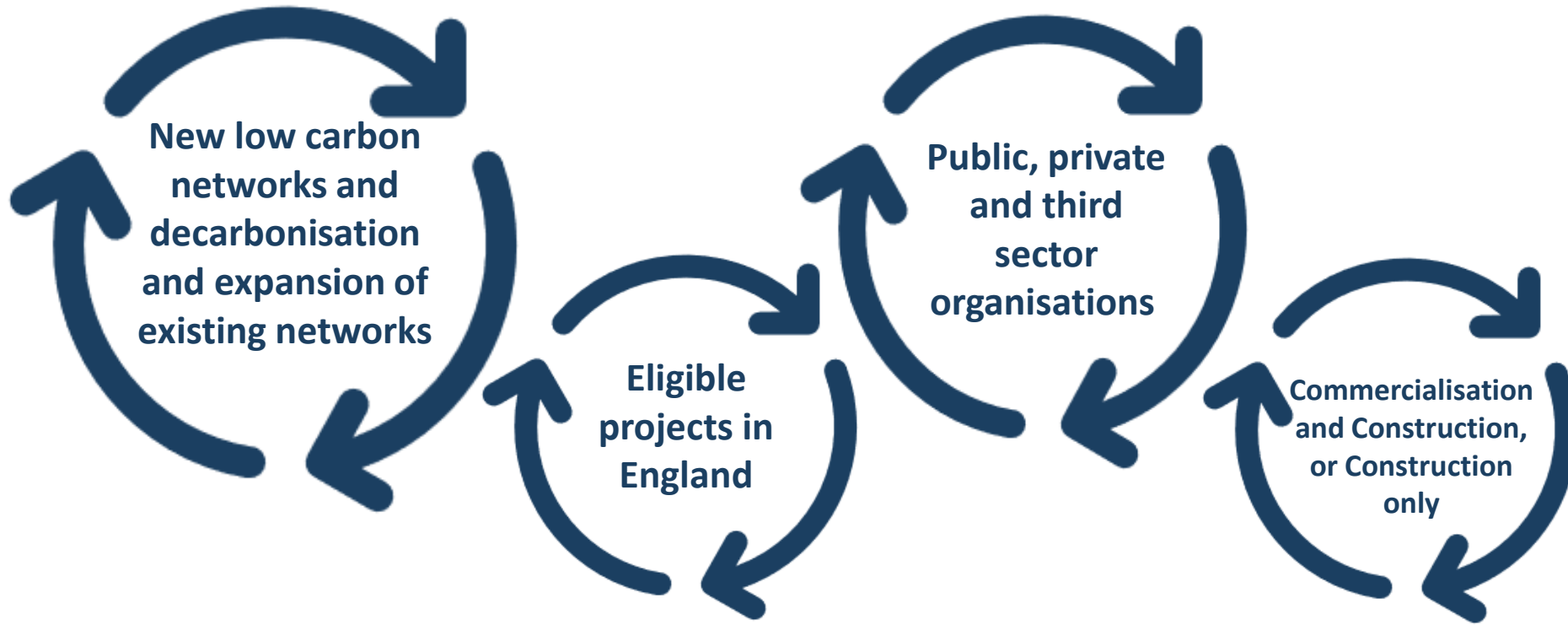


More than **80,000**  
**tonnes** carbon  
saved per year



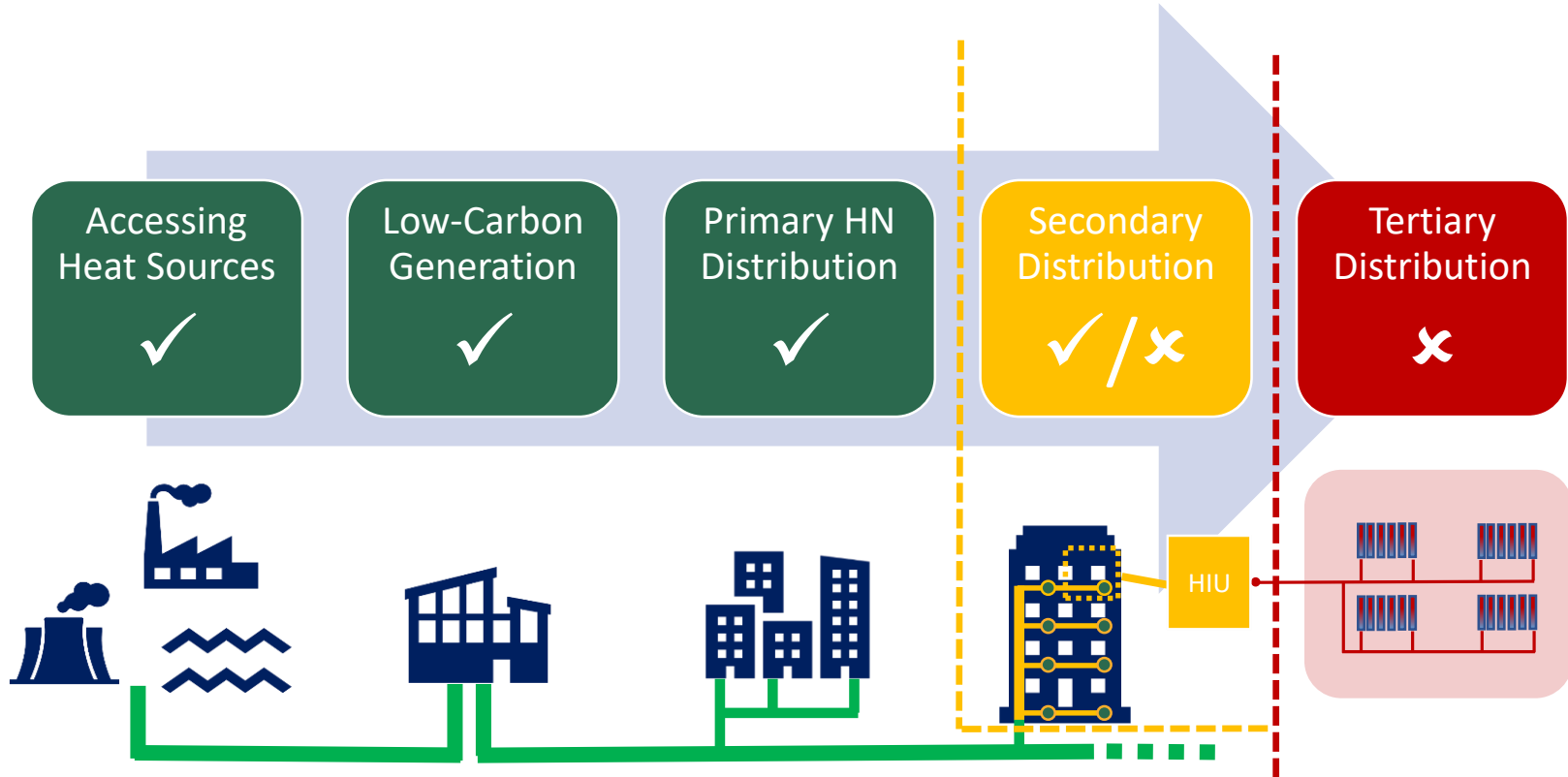


# £288m of grant funding available over 3 funding years to support





GHNH Applications should be submitted by the organisation responsible for the development of the heat network







- Applicants are able to self-assess their project against **four** initial pass/fail gated metrics



**Carbon Intensity**

100gCO<sub>2</sub>e/kWh thermal energy delivered



**Customer Detriment**

Protecting domestic and micro-business end users



**Social IRR**

3.5% or greater over 40-year period



**Minimum Thermal Demand**

2GWh/year (100 dwellings if rural)



- All of the metrics are calculated and appraised within the application form itself once the applicant has entered all required inputs



**Capped Award**  
4.5 pence/kWh of grant per kWh delivered over 15 years\*



**Maximum Award**  
Up to, but not including, 50% of CAPEX + Commercialisation costs

\*Subject to review

Award Range (pp/kWh)	
<1.5	Projects are likely to be among the highest scoring applications in any given round and are most likely to be funded
1.5-3.5	Projects that are typical of the core range of support levels expected
3.5-4.5	Projects with significant financial challenges to overcome and which are less likely to be funded.
>4.5	Not eligible



Applicants must commit to the GHN Market Transformation Commitments

Projects commitments will enable growth within the supply chain, help to address the heat network sector skills gap and allow the sector to share in learnings and innovation across a portfolio of projects

### Infrastructure

Fair and open procurements  
Engaging local communities and supply chains  
Adding to a reliable and resilient energy system

### Skills

Identify opportunities to address the sector skills gap  
Fair and open recruitment  
Stimulating new jobs in the UK and training opportunities

### Innovation

Identify ways for projects to enable investments in research and development  
Sharing of learnings and innovations with the wider market

- Read the Application Guidance
- Engage with Relationship Managers early. Email [enquiries@tp-heatnetworks.org](mailto:enquiries@tp-heatnetworks.org) to request a call
- Attend our events and Webinars



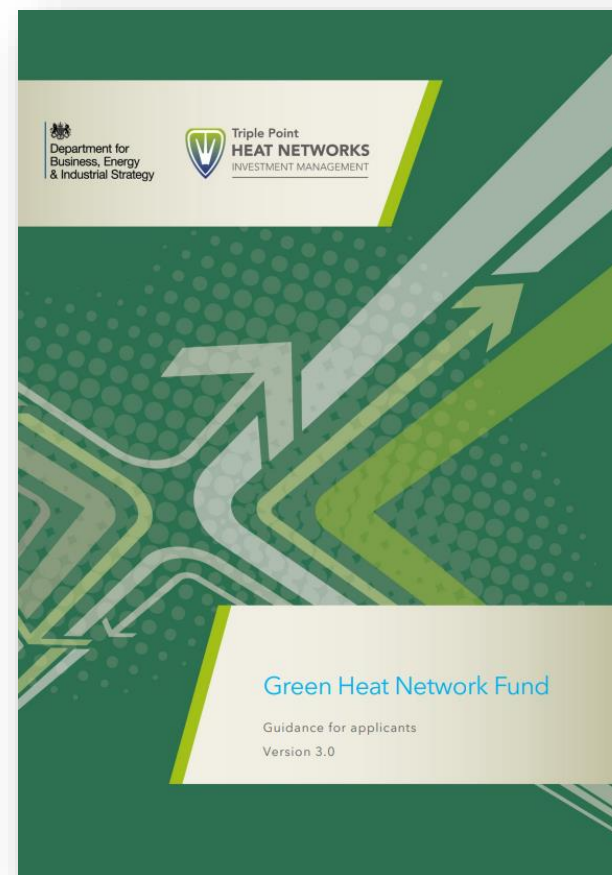
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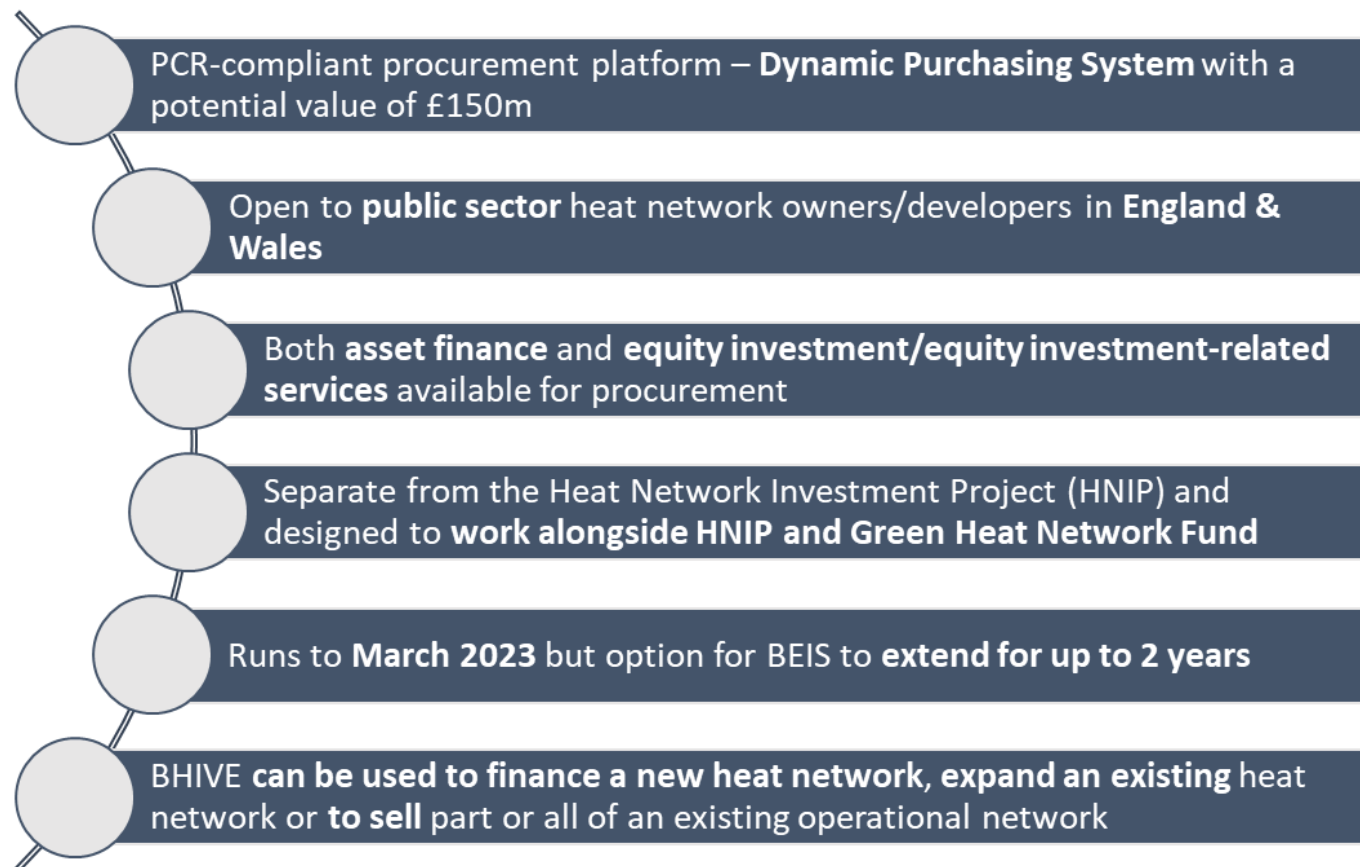


Libby Carr





## Supporting investment into heat network projects using a range of potential funding providers





Our team are available to you now through all existing channels and at:

[enquiries@tp-heatnetworks.org](mailto:enquiries@tp-heatnetworks.org)



[www.tp-heatnetworks.org](http://www.tp-heatnetworks.org)



Guidance and fund materials can be downloaded from gov.uk website

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/green-heat-network-fund-ghnf>

# Waste heat potential for heat networks



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# A bit of history...





How can heat networks best facilitate waste heat utilisation?

# Categorisation of waste heat sources

## High grade



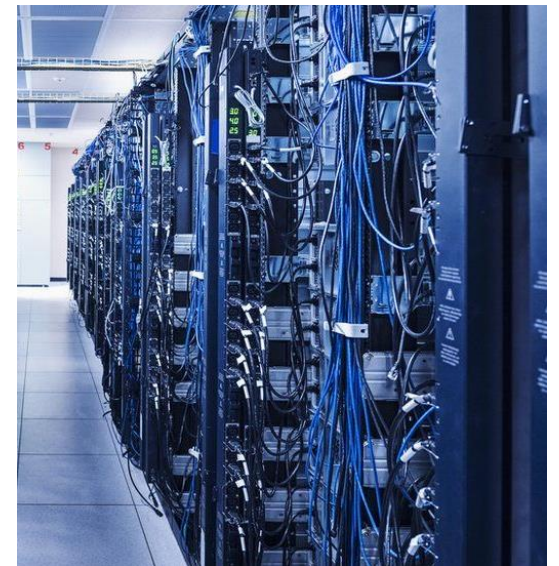
- High temperature
- Large quantity
- Typically constant
- Often further away from demand



- Lower temperature
- Smaller quantity
- Sometimes intermittent
- Closer to demand



## Low grade



# Categorisation of waste heat sources

## Industrial – high grade



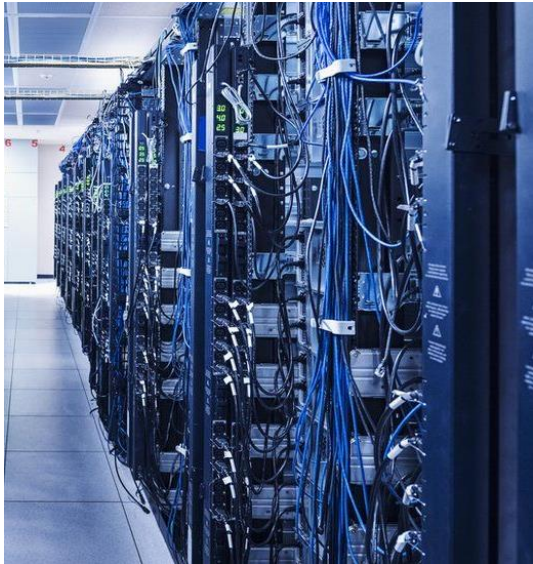
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## Commercial – low grade



# Low grade waste heat

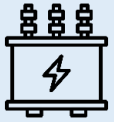
- The low-grade opportunities are predominately based in cooling plants, e.g. supermarket refrigeration cycles, data centre cooling, etc.
- A total of **574 TWh/yr** of potential thermal energy (heat) output from the low temperature waste heat sources (EWNl)
- Requires a heat pump to step up the temperature
- Type of heat recovery system varies with heat rejection medium and depends on the cooling plant and preferences of the heat provider

## Examples of low great waste heat opportunities

Waste heat source	Number of heat sources > 250kW	Waste heat recovery site/medium	Waste heat temperature(s) (°C)	Total thermal energy (heat) output (TWh.a <sup>-1</sup> )
Data centres	475	IT server exhaust air	30 to 40°C	16.2
		Chilled water heat rejection	10 to 20°C	
Electrical substations	394	Transformer cooling system	40 to 70°C	4
Wastewater	985	Final WWTP effluent	12 to 23°C Average 17.6°C	22.5
Mine water	18584	Water	12 to 40°C	520
Supermarkets	4853	Condenser heat rejection	21 to 27°C	7.8
		Desuperheater	53°C	
Cold stores	306	Condenser heat rejection	15 to 30°C	3.6
		Desuperheater	60 to 90°C	
Underground railway tunnels	65	Ventilation shaft air	11.5°C to 28°C	0.29

Data collected by LSBU's Heating and Cooling Group as part of the BEIS Waste Heat Research (LSBU, ARUP 2021) (Paper under review: Davies et.al. 2022)

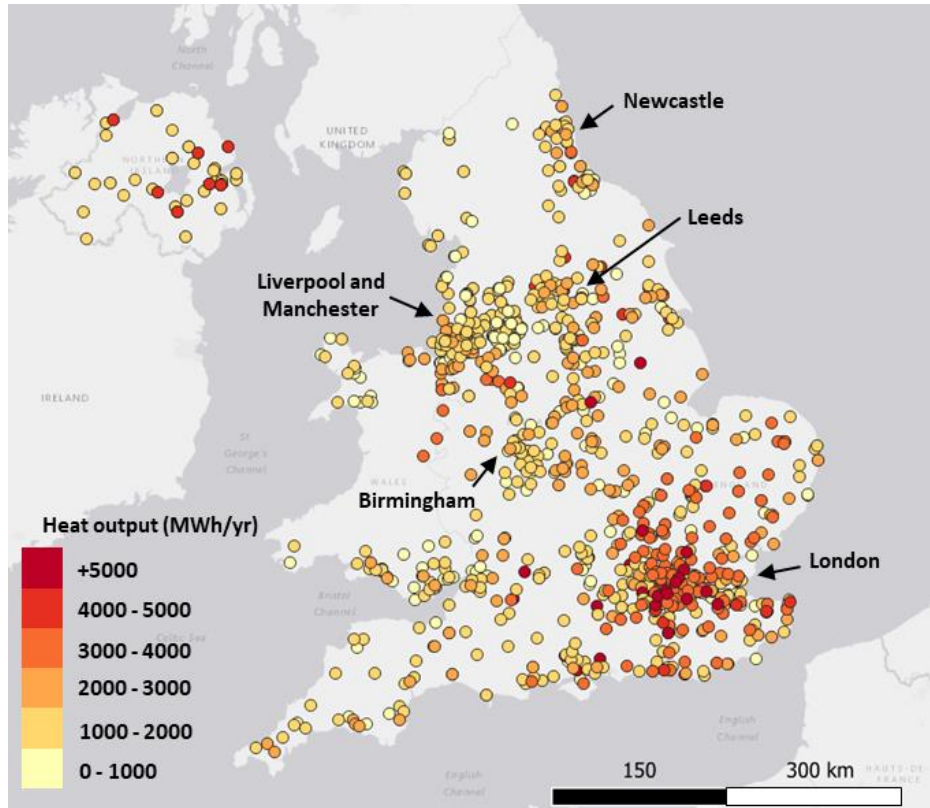
# Waste heat maps (example)



Electrical Substations

Waste heat temperature:  $\sim 40\text{-}70^\circ\text{C}$

Total thermal energy output: 4 TWh



Geographic spread of waste heat does not align with demand everywhere, but there are significant areas of overlap in some cases!



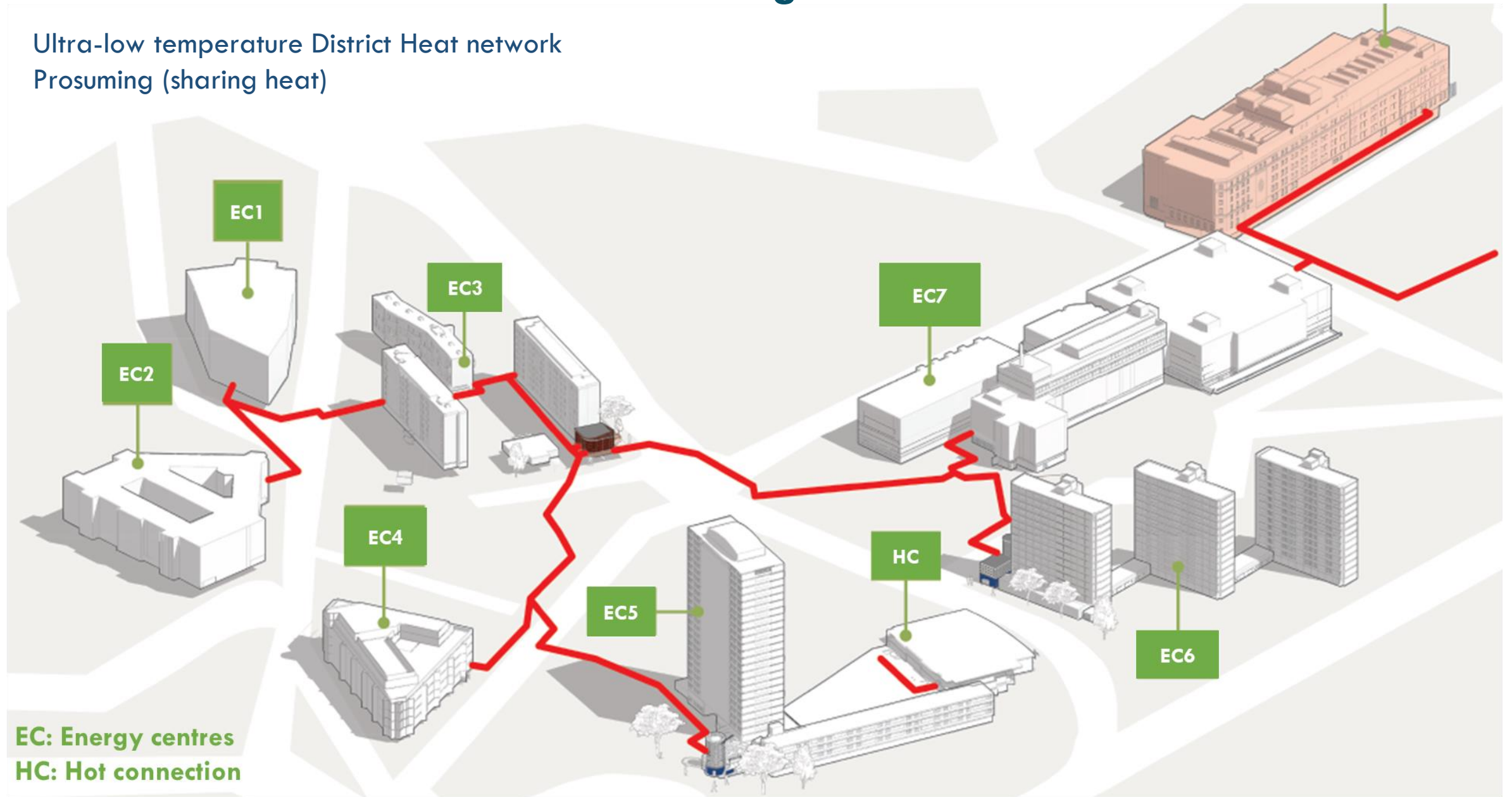
# Case study: Low grade waste heat from a data centre

## Project GreenSCIES

# GreenSCIES – New River Scheme in Islington

- Ultra-low temperature District Heat network
- Prosuming (sharing heat)

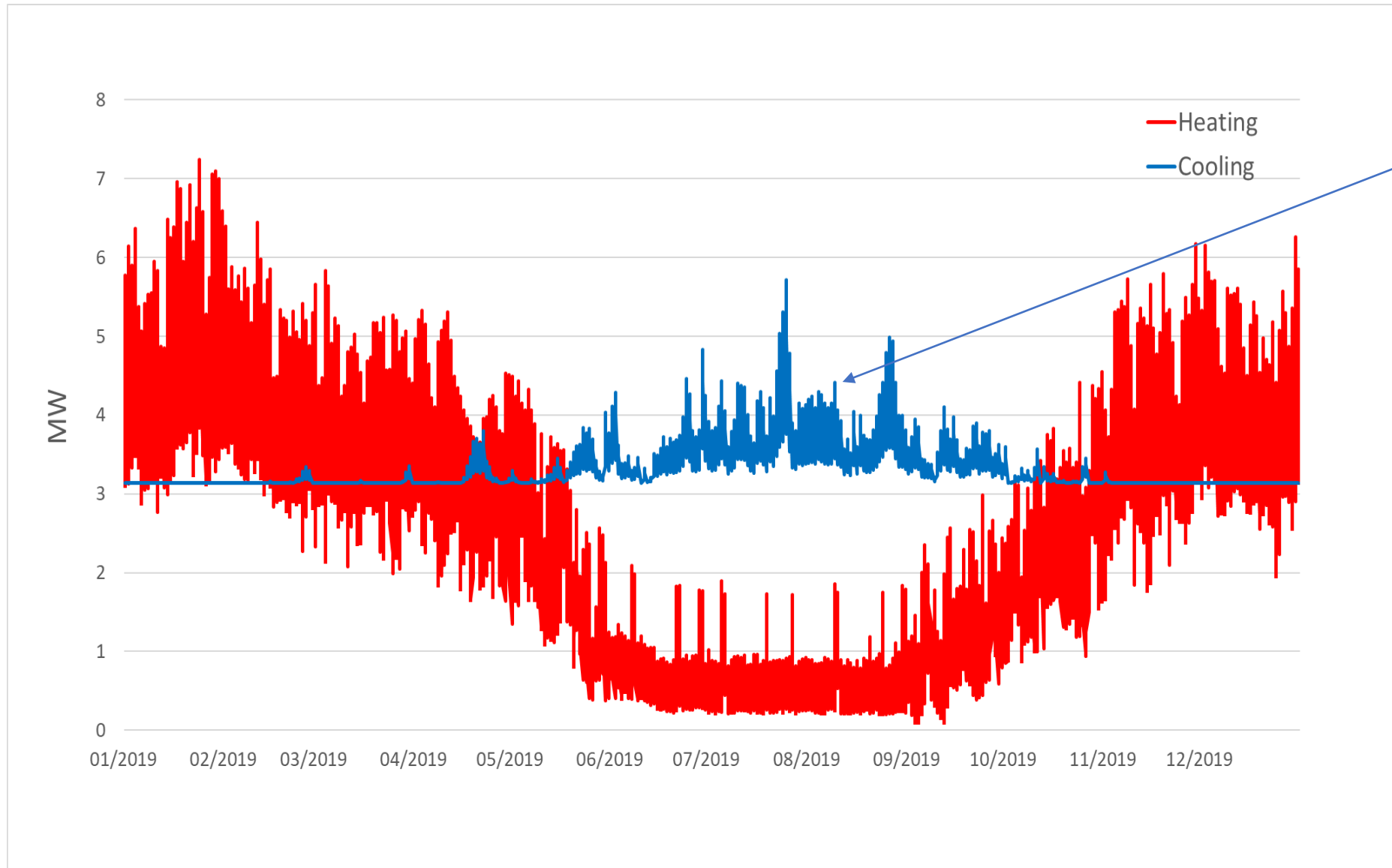
Data centre (waste heat source)



EC: Energy centres  
HC: Hot connection



# Combined heating cooling demand

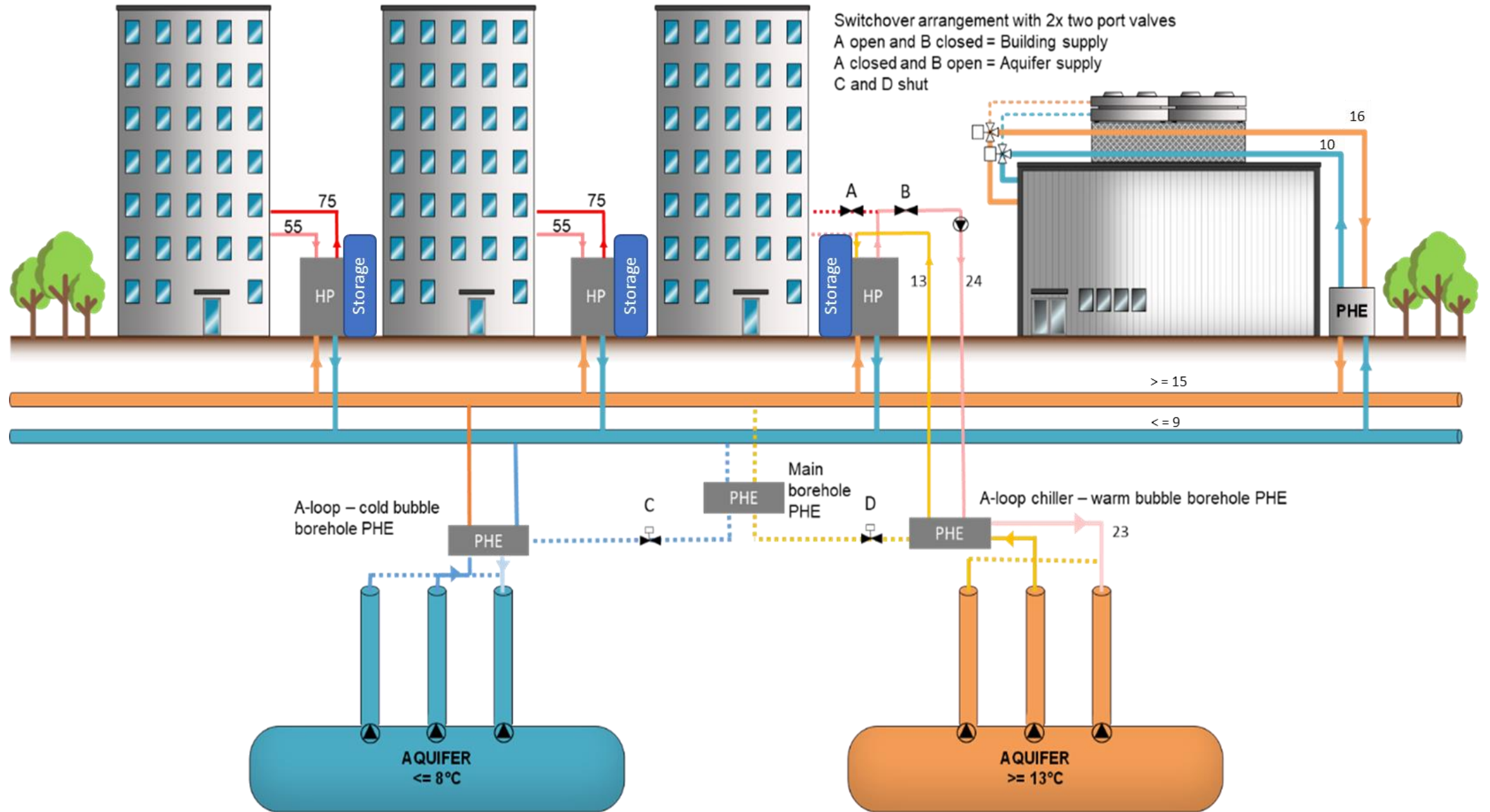


The data centre has approximately 3MW of constant cooling demand across the year (topped up with some of the buildings cooling demand in the summer period)

Balancing heating and cooling load was important to achieve cost and carbon benefits

# Waste heat recovery from chiller plant





# Some learnings from the Islington scheme

## REVENUE & CARBON

- Significant carbon savings
- Cost effectiveness is key!
- **Flexibility:** Picking the cheapest price periods
- **Prosuming:** Cooling as the by-product of heating
- **Storage** is a key element to save costs and carbon

## CHALLENGES & RISKS

- Heat offtake capacity - now and in the future
- Supply resilience and security considerations
- Demarcations of ownership and operation
- Technical & commercial interfaces – design, construction, operation phases
- **Early stakeholder engagement is key!**

## BENEFITS FOR THE WASTE HEAT PRODUCER

- Lower emissions
- **Helps businesses meet their net zero targets**
- Improved cooling plant efficiency
- Improved energy metrics (e.g. PUE for data centres)
- Lower exposure to carbon prices
- Less chiller maintenance

## BARRIERS

- High spark gaps (policy costs make elect expensive!)
- High lifetime costs (loss of RHI)
- **Lack of technical and commercial knowledge** around waste heat utilisation in DHNs!
- Need more successful demonstrators

# Thank you for joining



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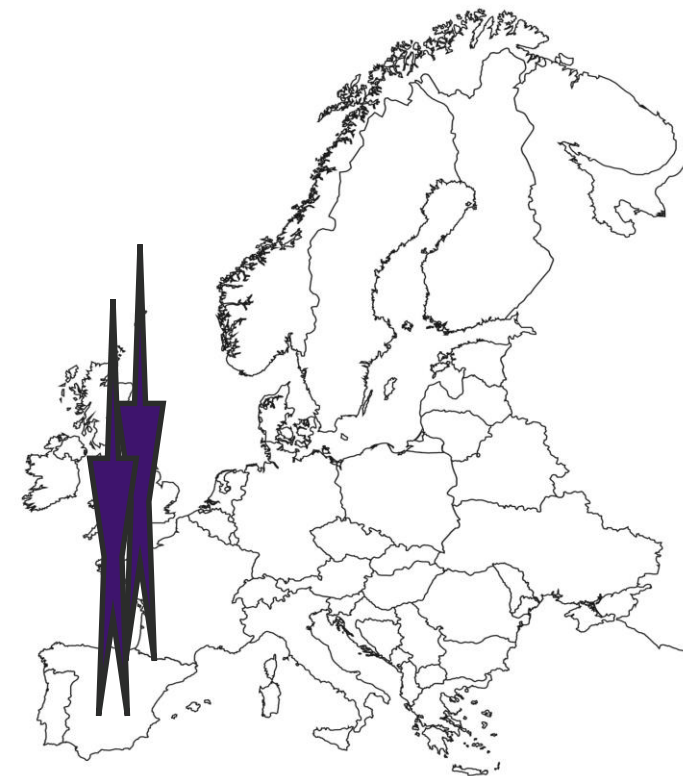
# CLADE

LEADING THE TRANSFORMATION IN  
GREEN HEATING AND COOLING



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# INTRODUCTION TO CLADE //



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## TODAY //



- The climate emergency is extremely acute and urgent
- District heating is a key technology for decarbonising cities
- Heat pumps are the only viable (climatically, technically and commercially) technology
- There has to be a robust commercial model – selling heat is not enough
- We must not create a climate damaging legacy by using chemical refrigerants
- Natural refrigerant heat pumps support all these requirements





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REFRIGERANTS //

**HFC**

**HFO**




**Naturals**

**F-gas contributes ~3% to global emissions, more than aviation**

**PFAS and TFA pollution is already above the safe limits for humanity**



# WHY NATURAL REFRIGERANTS

	Low GWP	 Toxic	 Environmental Hazard	High temp	 Flammable	High efficiency	Notes
CO2	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	Low return temperature required
Hydrocarbon	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	Special safety systems required
Ammonia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Special approvals required
HFO	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	Too many compressors in large systems
HFC	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	Failed to work, being phased out



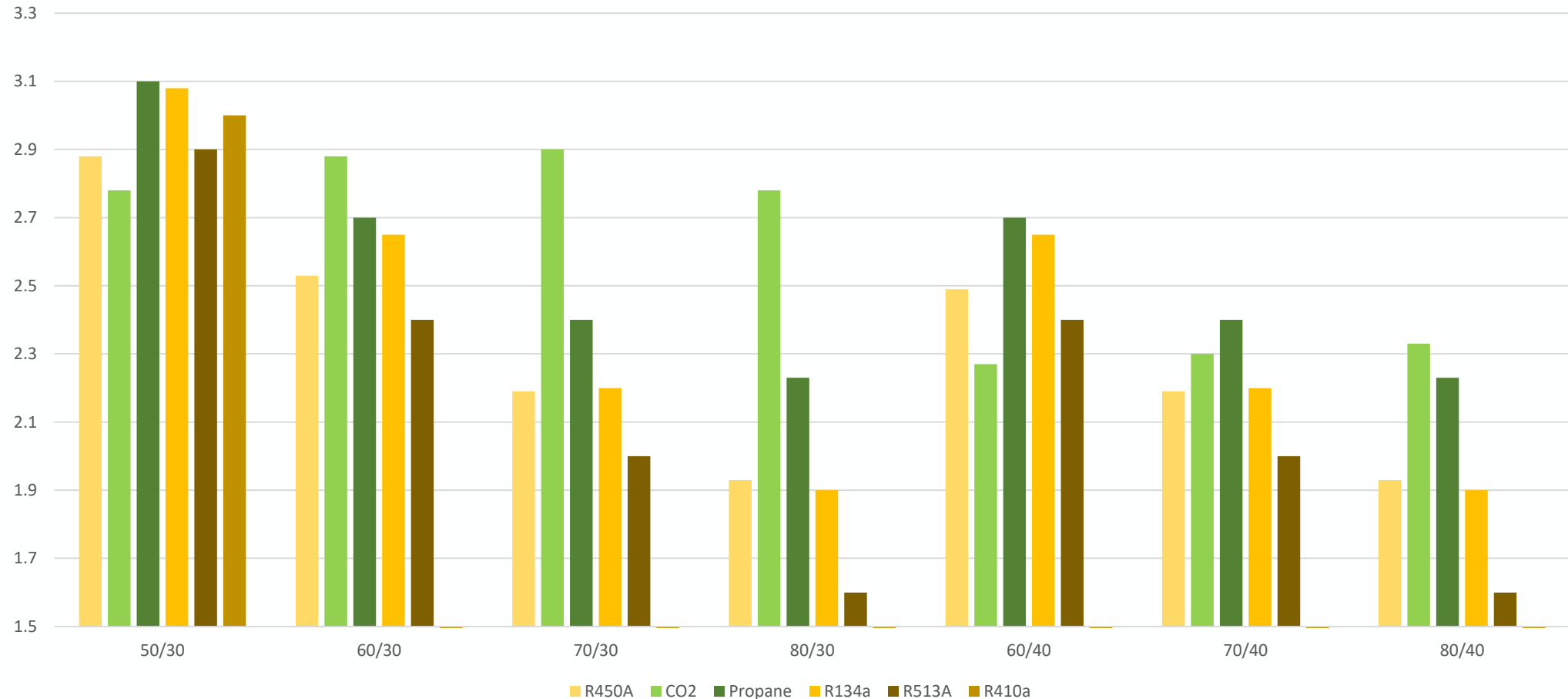
MOVE TO NATURAL REFRIGERANTS IS WELL UNDERWAY //

- Gas suppliers shift business model to recovery and disposal
- Carbon reporting includes the reporting of F-gas loss
- Environmental lobby increases pressure in EU
- Manufacturing increasing globally – CO2 identified as the most important refrigerant for the future
- Price

Gas	Relative price
CO2	1
R32	409%
R1270	502%
R290	502%
R134A	548%
R410A	635%
R407C	833%
R407A	885%
R407F	1004%
R448A	1024%
R449A	1024%
R404A	1302%
R513A	1650%
R404AR	1687%
R452A	1766%



COP comparison ASHP @ 5 °C ambient



*“An R32-based ASHP won’t deliver 51 °C at lower than 4 °C ambient temperature, therefore is not suitable to meet the demand in many geographical locations.”*



- Perform better
- Lower impact
- Will not become islanded assets
- Total cost of ownership is lower



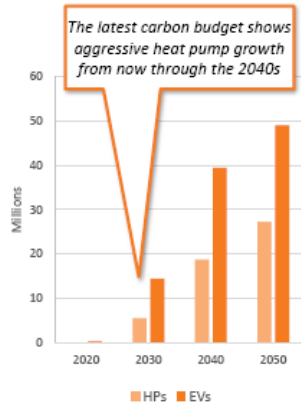
# GRID FLEXIBILITY //



Making a positive difference for energy consumers

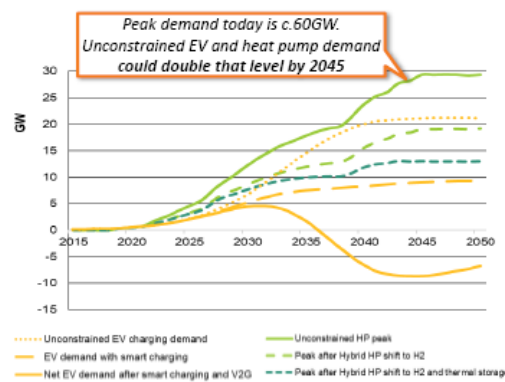
### Electrification of heat and transport could drive a doubling of system peak demand by 2050...Innovation can to reduce costs by harnessing flexibility

#### Heat Pump & EV uptake will accelerate rapidly from 2020s...



Source: CCC 6th Carbon Budget, Balanced Scenario

#### ... both could significantly increase peak demand without smart controls



Source: FES 2020. Note: These demand implications are likely underestimates, as they are from 2020 and not based on the latest Carbon Budget numbers (shown on the left)

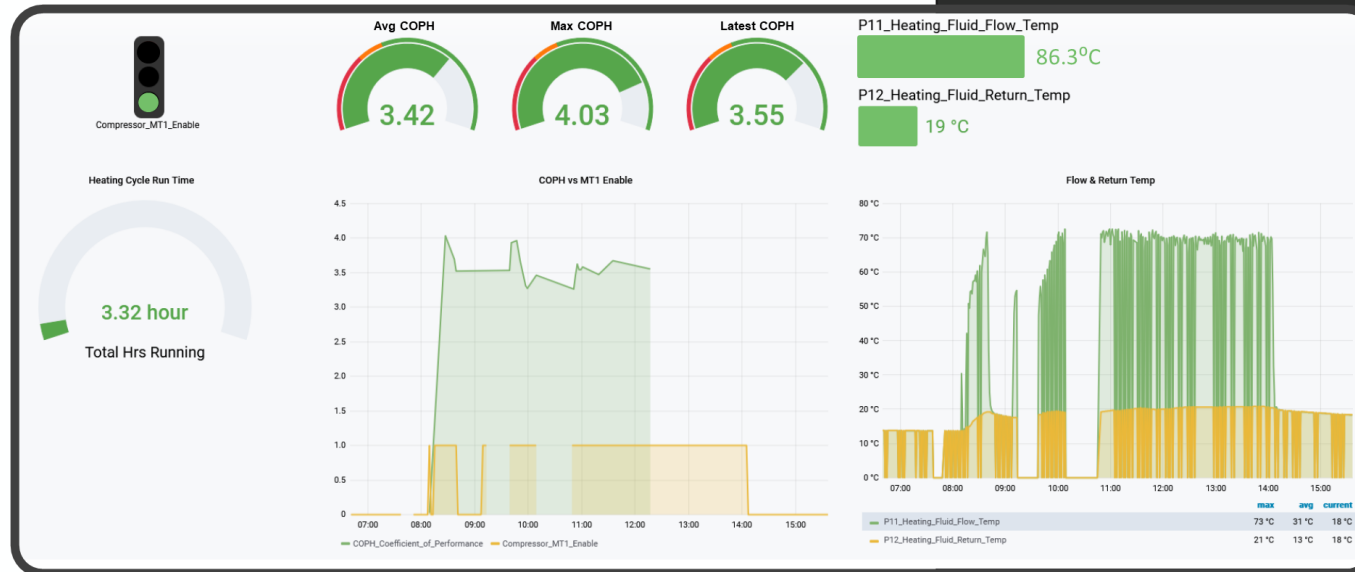
#### Key implications for the system

- The potential impact of unconstrained heat pump and EV demand on the system is significant: **these two sources alone could double peak demand by 2050**, requiring massively more generation and transmission capacity.
- There could also be significant impacts at the distribution level, where these devices could drive up local peak flows, requiring reinforcement.
- Alternatively, **smart and flexible operation** of these devices could **limit these costs** and deliver net benefits to the system.

# HEAT PUMPS + THERMAL STORAGE + FLEX = ££££



# LIVE COP CALCULATION //



Demonstrating world leading IIOT application of analytics Clade have a live COP calculation available for connected heat pumps.

This near-real time technology enables end users to analyse performance in detail, generating insights that lead to operation efficiency improvements.



HEAT SOURCE //







# CLADE OAK RANGE //

100-500kW of heating capacity, full Siemens PLC controls with Clade Cloud integration

Removable panels for access to individual evaporator expansion devices.

Supplied with one fan per evaporator coil section, reducing noise levels and enabling advanced defrost adaptive control, whilst simplifying the overall control process.

Integrated electrical control panel to work seamlessly alongside client selected BMS system.

Compressor inverter drive to control compressor speed, enabling smoother running in low load conditions, whilst minimising electrical input.

Condenser plates - transferring heat from refrigerant to water.

Plug and Play - Close coupled V block evaporator up to 250KW, eradicates the requirement for on-site inter connections between the heat pump and heat source.

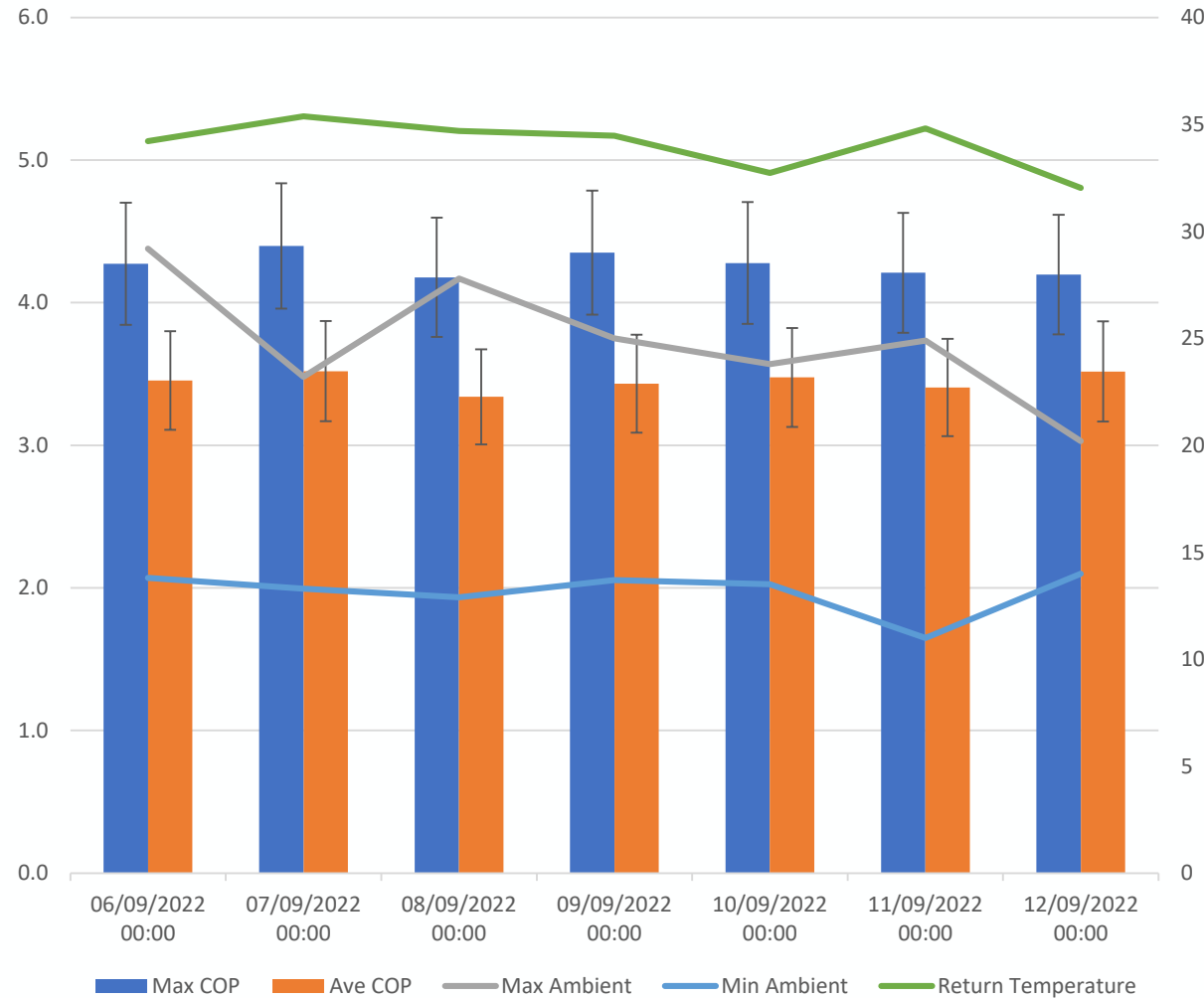
Specialist Compressors provide a greater operating temperature range and increased COP.

Full mechanical service integration, incorporating VSD pumps for simplified installation.

Low noise, weather proof housing ensures low noise levels, as expected by local Environmental Health Authorities.



## OAK CASE STUDY //



This heat pump provides heat for a leisure centre.

COP varies considerably over the day as the demand and environmental conditions change.

This heat pump has a flow temp of 65C, the return is slightly above where it should be because of the control on the system.

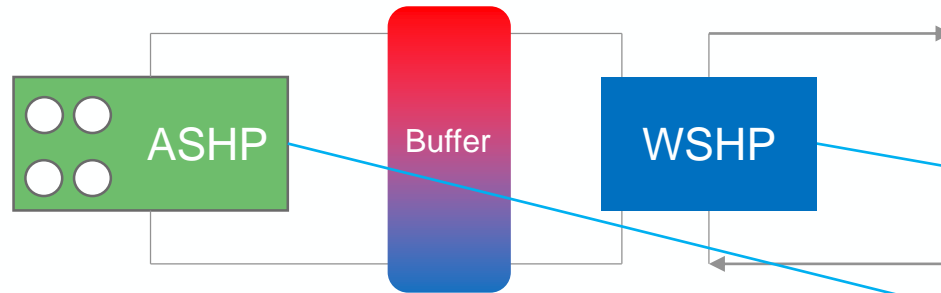


## CLADE LARCH CASCADE RANGE //

For some installations a straight boiler replacement is required at normal boiler temperatures of around 80/70C flow and return.

Heat pumps are amazing and can achieve this but require two stages to do so. Clade use two hydrocarbon refrigerants, r290 and r600a in an ASHP and WSHP respectively.

These are in fact versions of our Aspen and Willow heat pumps with buffer tanks between to make operation as efficient as it can be.



The low temperature air source heat pump generates 45C water with a small delta T

The high temperature water source heat pump generates 80C and can accept 70C in the return

Intermediate thermal stores act to smooth operation of each HP by stopping feedback loops, these can also be used to time generation for efficiency



## LARCH CASE STUDY //

This is an example installation to demonstrate the characteristics of a cascade heat pump system. In this instance the system is designed to deliver the full duty of 560KW at 80/70°C. In other systems the cascade may only supply part of the duty.

The advantage of this arrangement is the direct replacement of boiler technology without affecting the wider heating system.

The disadvantage is the increased electrical load (two sets of compressors) which will require a larger supply and the space taken. The complexity of the system can also increase the operational and maintenance costs.

The system consists of two ASHP and two WSHPs sized to match each other. Intermediate buffers smooth the operation by disconnecting the two heat pumps.

- 2 x 280kw r600a high temperature WSHP with a COP of 3.89
- 2 x 160kw r290 low temperature ASHP with COP of 2.81

System **COP of 2.1** ( $=280/(72+57)$ )





# CLADE WILLOW RANGE //

Up to 500 KW of heating capacity for water source heat pump applications

Inverter controlled compressors for maximum control and a turn down ratio of 30% of lead compressor capacity

Heat exchangers specifically selected for the application temperatures to ensure maximum efficiency



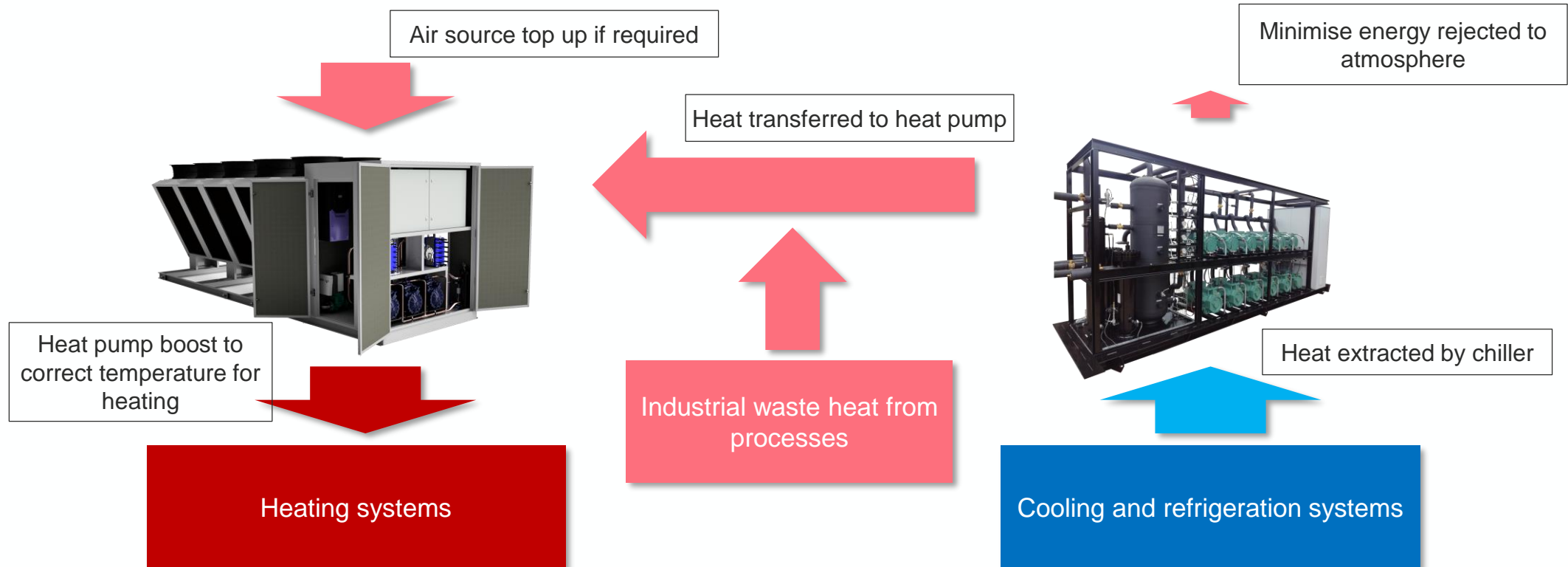
Temperatures up to 80 DegC, can be used with Clade Aspen in a cascade arrangement.

Available in acoustic housing or bare rack as required.





# HEAT RECLAIM AND INTEGRATION WITH COOLING INCREASES EFFICIENCY SIGNIFICANTLY //



Rejected heat or heat from the cooling system is used to boost the heat pump, even allowing for seasonal variations this improves COP to over 4.5

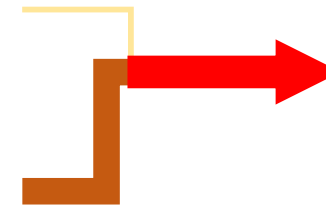
# ATES: unique performance

Highest efficiency of all available HVAC technologies on the market today.

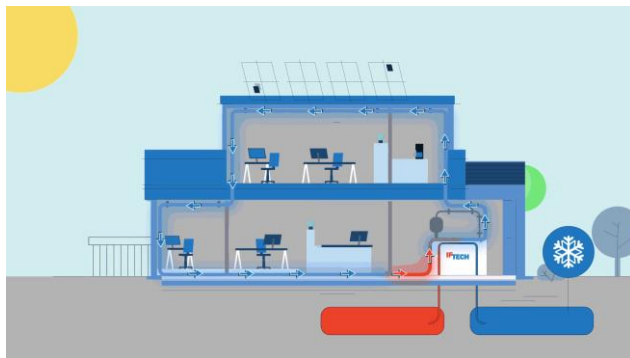


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4.5 groundside energy

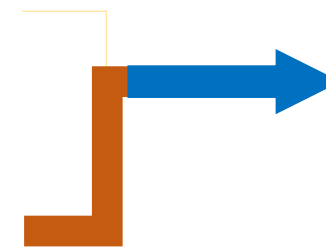


Heating demand  
building



1 electrical energy

24 groundside energy



Cooling demand  
building

# Wandsworth Riverside Quarter

## **LOCATION:**

London, UK

## **CLIENT :**

Frasers Property

## **PROJECT:**

Newly built neighbourhood with mixture of residential apartments, commercial spaces and sport facilities.

## **VALUECREATION:**

- CO<sub>2</sub>-reduction = 450 ton/y

## **DETAILS:**

- Heating power: 1.80 MW
- Cooling power: 2.75 MW







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## HEAT PUMP AFTERCARE //

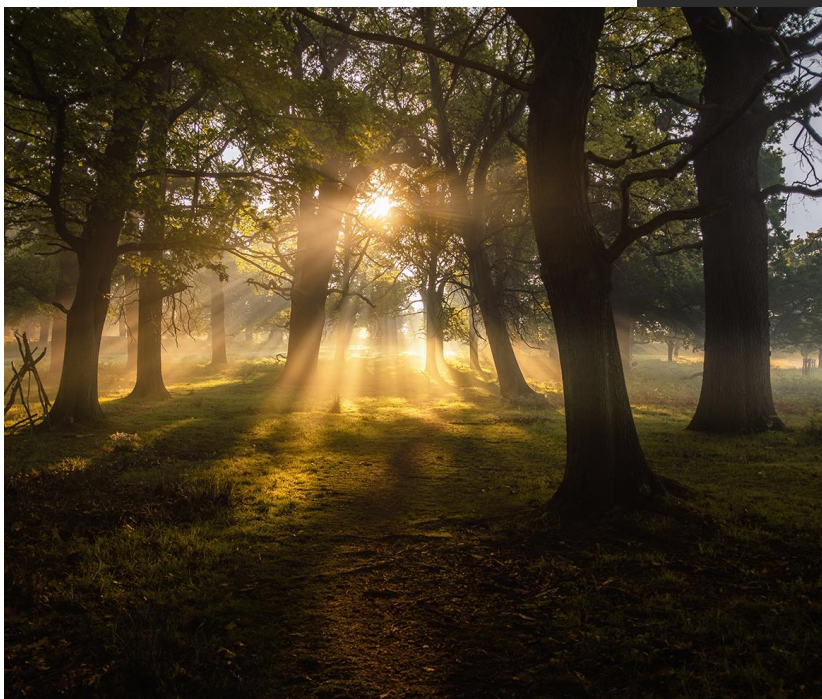
The skills to optimise, operate and maintain systems are vital to long term commercial success



## SUMMARY POINTS //



- Heat pumps are a very flexible technology
- Full life engineering support is critical
- Natural refrigerants are the only choice
- Think systems not components



THANK YOU //

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# Coffee break



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# White paper on Heat Network Pipework

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# REHAU - Your specialist DH partner



**Specialist sales & technical  
teams based in the UK**

**Only UK manufacturer of PE-  
Xa district heating pipe**

**Largest UK stock of DH  
pipework**

# REHAU polymer district heating pipes

## RAUTHERMEX

PE-Xa pipe with bonded  
PU foam



25-160mm = 3MW\*

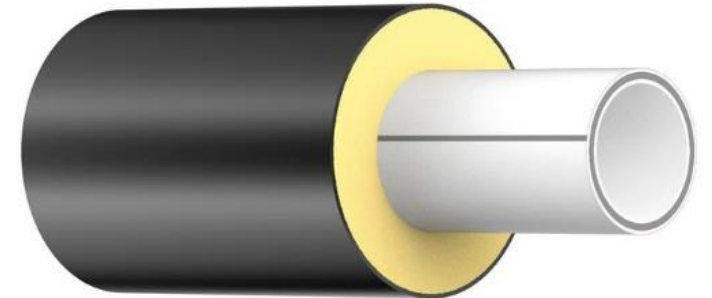
## RAUVITHERM

PE-Xa pipe with PEX foam  
(non-bonded)



25-160mm = 3MW\*

PP-R with PU foam  
(bonded)



160-315\*\*mm = 13 MW\*

\*Based on  $\Delta 30K$

\*\* Larger sizes available on request

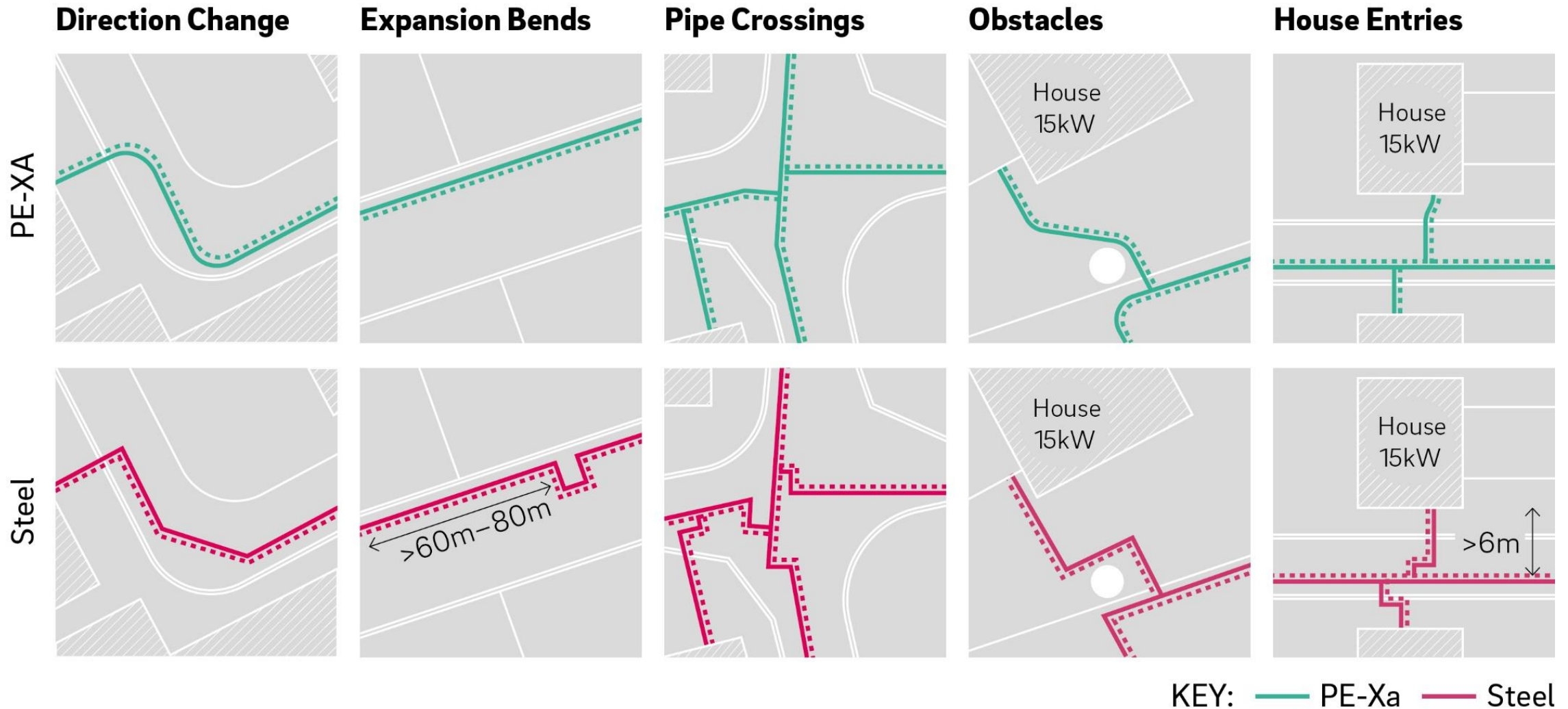
# Why did we write a white paper?

1. DH route considerations
2. Carbon emissions from freight
3. Heat losses & shrouds
4. Pipe sizing
5. Summary of 4<sup>th</sup> generation pipe materials

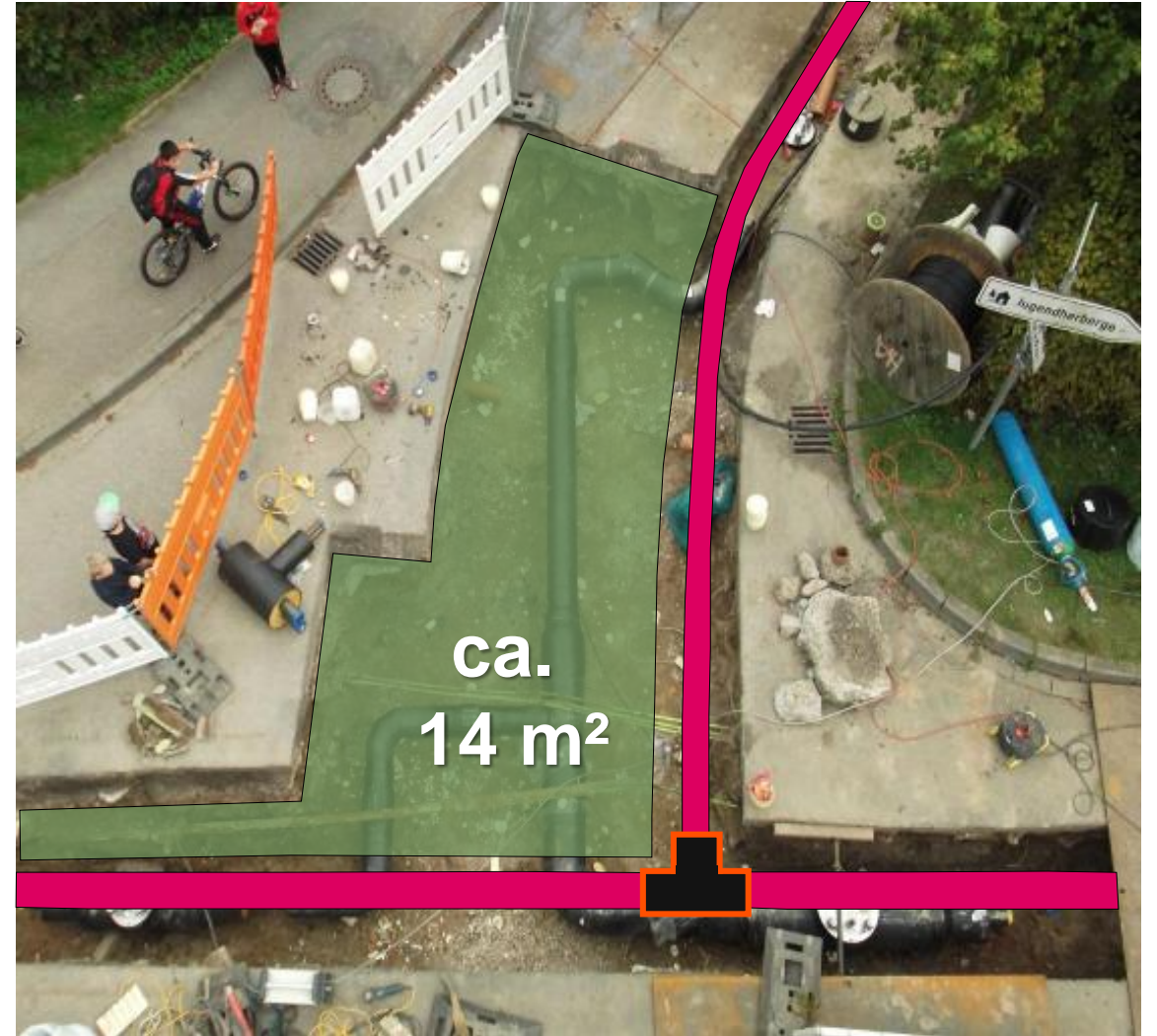




# Steel vs PE-Xa - route considerations



# Steel vs PE-Xa – space required on site

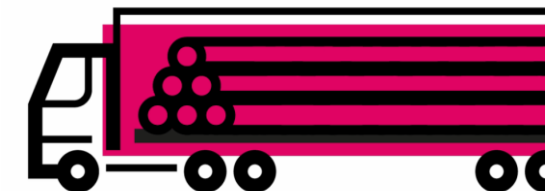
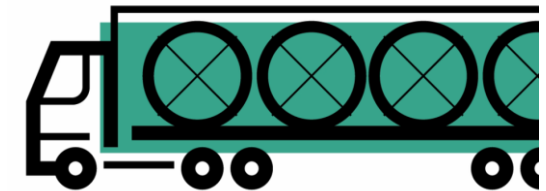


# Steel vs PE-Xa – carbon emissions from freight

Carbon emissions for vehicle for lorry journey from London to Manchester.

Emissions calculated using [www.carboncare.org](http://www.carboncare.org) calculator according to EN 16258.

	<b>Example 1: 1,500m of DN25</b>	<b>Example 2: 1,000m of DN100</b>
PE-Xa	43kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	97kg CO <sub>2</sub> e
Steel	131kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	181kg CO <sub>2</sub> e
<b>% carbon saving</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>46%</b>



# Heat losses in DH pipework

2x UNO 25 = 8.19 W/m    DUO 25 = 5.81 W/m

Heat loss reduction with DUO    → 29%

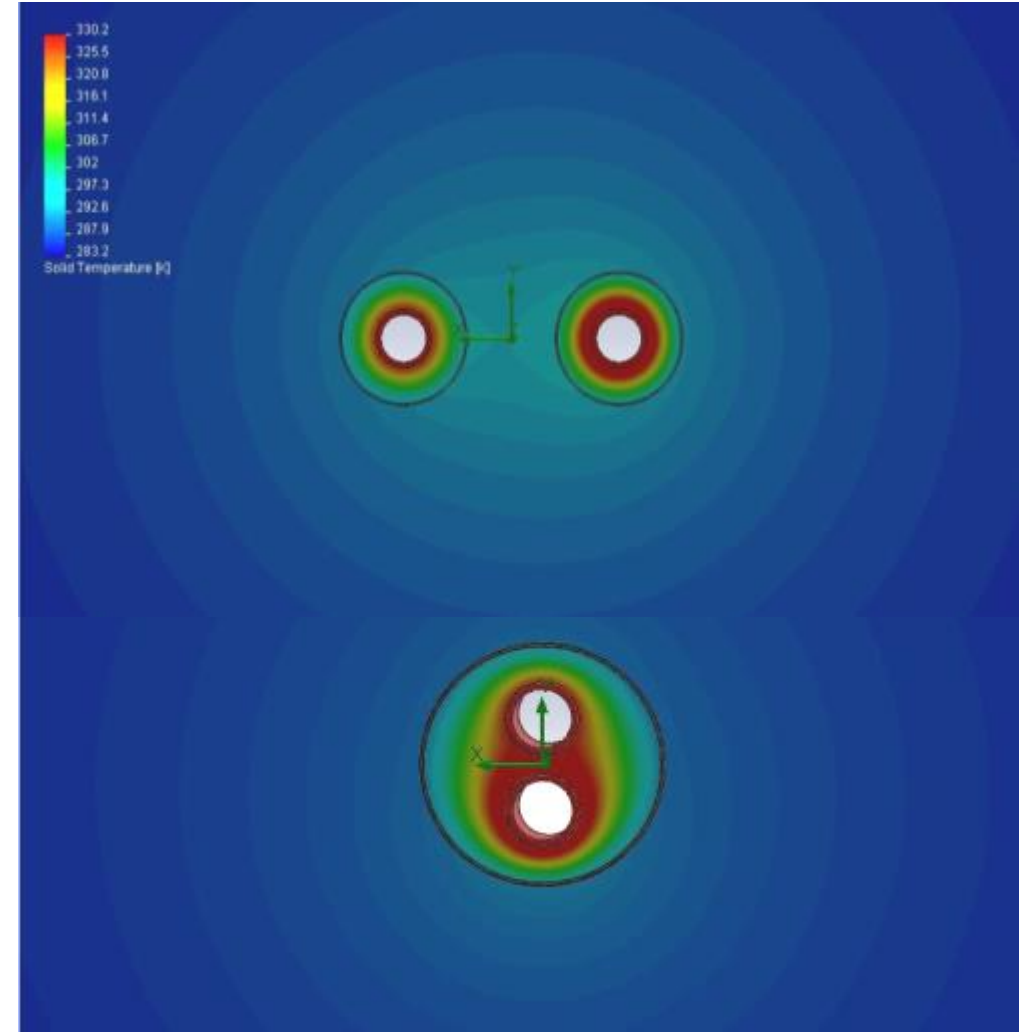
2x UNO 40 = 12.42 W/m    DUO 40 = 8.60 W/m

Heat loss reduction with DUO    → 31%

2x UNO 63 = 14.58 W/m    DUO 63 = 9.59 W/m

Heat loss reduction with DUO    → 34%

*Data taken at 70/40°C using RAUTHERMEX pipe.*



# Design heat loss comparison

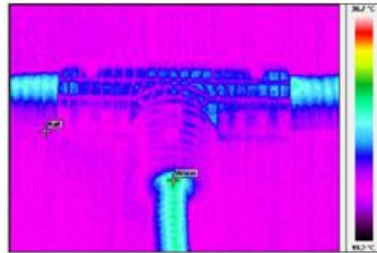
## Total Heat Loss Savings (%) for RAUTHERMEX relative to average steel Series 1 pipe at 70/40°C



### Parameters:

- Using average heat losses across range of minimum 3 x Series 1 steel pipes
- Soil depth 0.8m at 10°C
- Does not include additional pipework needed for steel expansion loops
- Calculation is based on new pipes

# Shroud comparison



## Clip shrouds

- T, L and I versions
- No hot works
- Up to 20° angle of pipe insertion
- Uses PU foam
- Externally tested to 0.3 bar watertightness



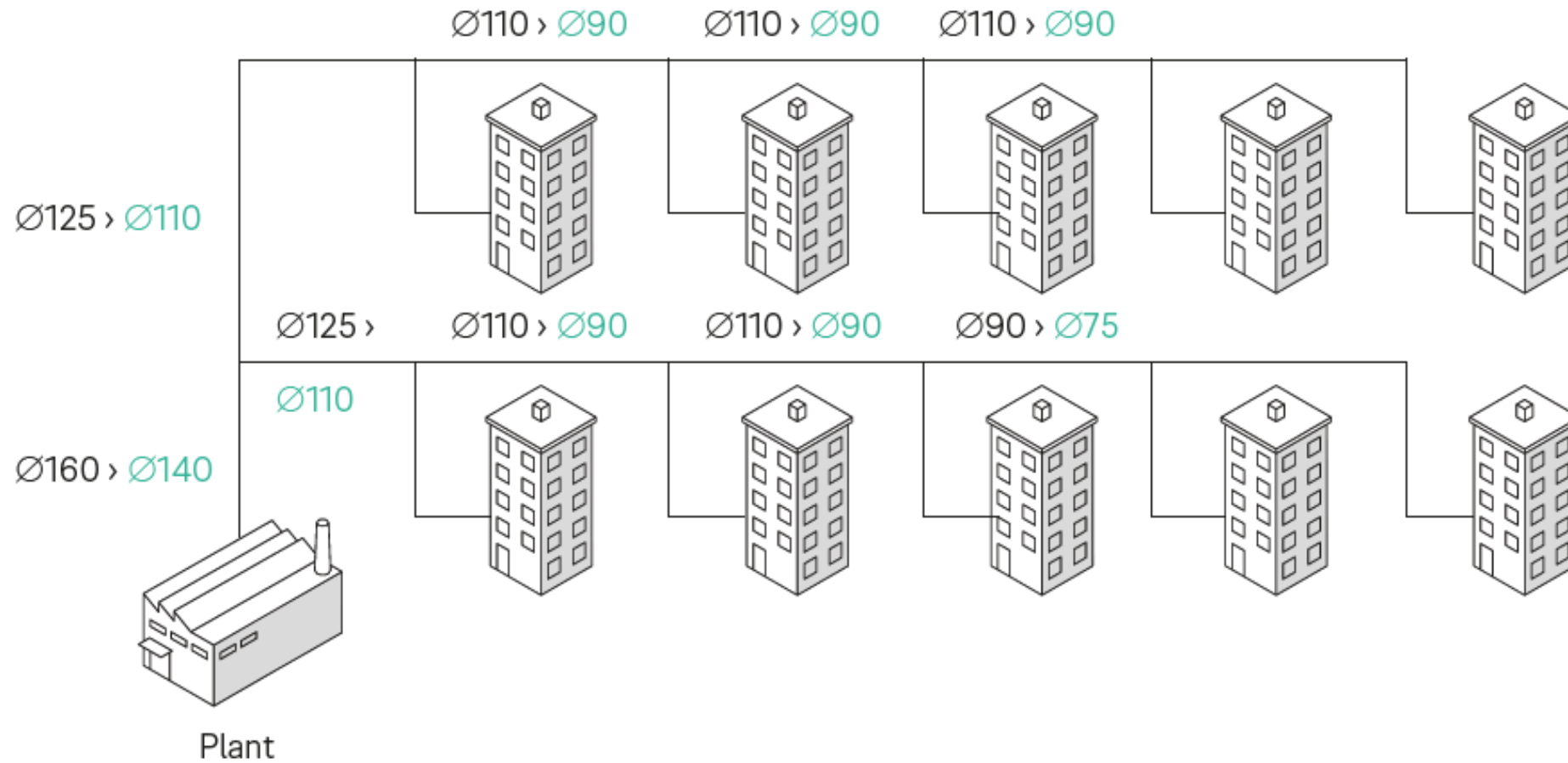
## Heat shrink

- Only I-shrouds for steel / PP-R
- T, L and I shrouds for PE-Xa pipe version
- Requires hot works on site
- Uses high performance PU foam

# Heat network pipe sizing

$\Delta T$  scenarios

$\Delta 20K > \Delta 30K$



# CAPEX savings from increasing $\Delta K$

## CAPEX required

Flow / return temperature (°C)	Network material cost (£)	% Cost saving to 80/60°C or $\Delta 20K$ network
$\Delta 20K$ 80/60 60/40	£226K	
$\Delta 30K$ 70/40 65/35	£174K	23%
$\Delta 40K$ 70/30	£142K	37%



# OPEX savings from increasing $\Delta K$

## Operating costs

Flow / return temperature (°C)	Total heat losses (kW)	Saving on additional electricity demand @ 0.30 £/kWh HP COP 3	% saving to 80/60°C network
$\Delta 20K$ 80/60 60/40	36.63 kW 24.42 kW	£10,695 /a	33%
$\Delta 30K$ 70/40 65/35	24.48 kW 21.76 kW	£10,641 /a £13,026 /a	33% 41%
$\Delta 40K$ 70/30	16.26 kW	£17,844 /a	56%

# 4<sup>th</sup> Generation Network - Pipe Material Comparison



	Steel	PP-R	PE-Xa
Max pipe size	>DN1000	DN350 (400mm)	DN130 (160mm)
Pipe lifespan at 4G temps	>50 years	>50 years	>50 years
Coils / sticks	Sticks	Sticks	Coils / sticks
Complexity of install	Specialist steel welder	Civil contractor	Civil or mechanical contractor
Expansion loops needed	Yes	No	No
Leak detection required	Yes	No	No

  
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# Thank you for your attention

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Presentation

# Challenges in designing Secondary Heat Networks in Residential Buildings

AECOM Building Engineering

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4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> GENERATION HEAT  
NETWORKS

## Mid to High Density Residential



Gascoigne West Phase 1

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Gascoigne West Phase 2

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Lots Road

HUTCHISON WHAMPOA | LONDON



Eastwick and Sweetwater

BALFOUR BEATTY | LONDON



Milton Road

HARROW COUNCIL | LONDON



Byron Quarter

HARROW COUNCIL | LONDON



# Heat Losses

## GOAL



### Restrict heat losses

- Less than 876kWh / dwelling / year; i.e. 100 W/Dwelling)
- 55kWh / dwelling / year best practise; i.e. 50W/Dwelling)

## STRATEGY



### Reduce LTHW temperatures

- $>70^{\circ}\text{C} \rightarrow <60^{\circ}\text{C}$

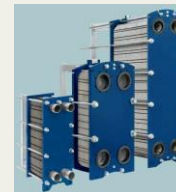
## CHALLENGES



### DHW Generation temperatures

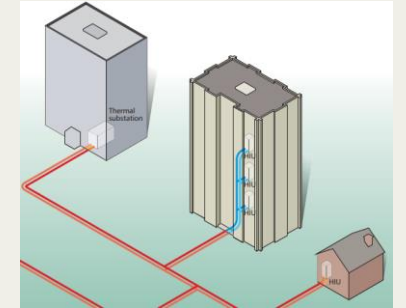
#### TMV Selection / Operation

- Minimum temperature (Shut off)  $>52^{\circ}\text{C}$  (or  $>55^{\circ}\text{C}$  ?)
- Minimum Delta T =  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$



### Hydraulic Separation

- Inevitable Temperature Degradation
- Is it really needed?
- High / Low pressure loops



# Heat Losses

## GOAL



### Restrict heat losses

- Less than 876kWh / dwelling / year; i.e. 100 W/Dwelling)
- 550kWh / dwelling / year best practise; i.e. 50W/Dwelling)

## STRATEGY



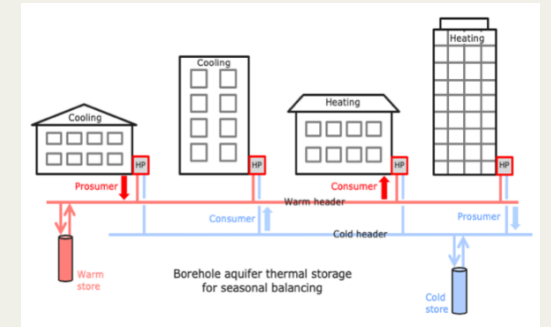
### Introduce Ambient Loop

- <math><30^{\circ}\text{C}</math>

## CHALLENGES



- **Capital Cost & Maintenance Cost**
- **Is there a cooling demand on site?**
- **Embodied Carbon Higher / Lifecycle lower**
- **Limited manufacturer availability**
- **Future connection to DH networks, may require local heat rejection plant**



# Heat Losses

## GOAL



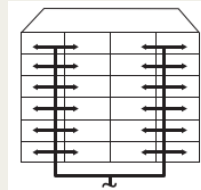
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## STRATEGY



- **Minimise pipework length**
- **Minimise pipework Size**
- **Increase Insulation**



## CHALLENGES



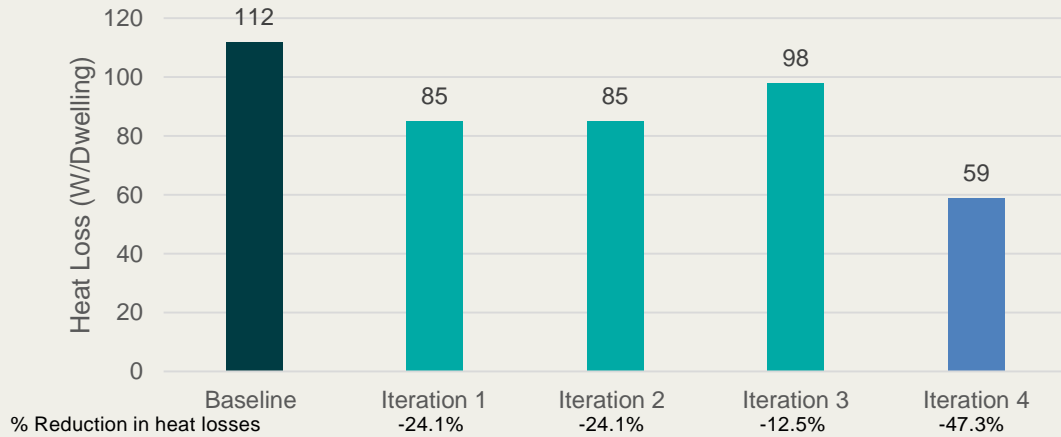
- **Riser Space allowance requirement**
- **Coordination with architecture**
- **MEP Involvement in early design**
- **Increase cost**

# Heat Losses

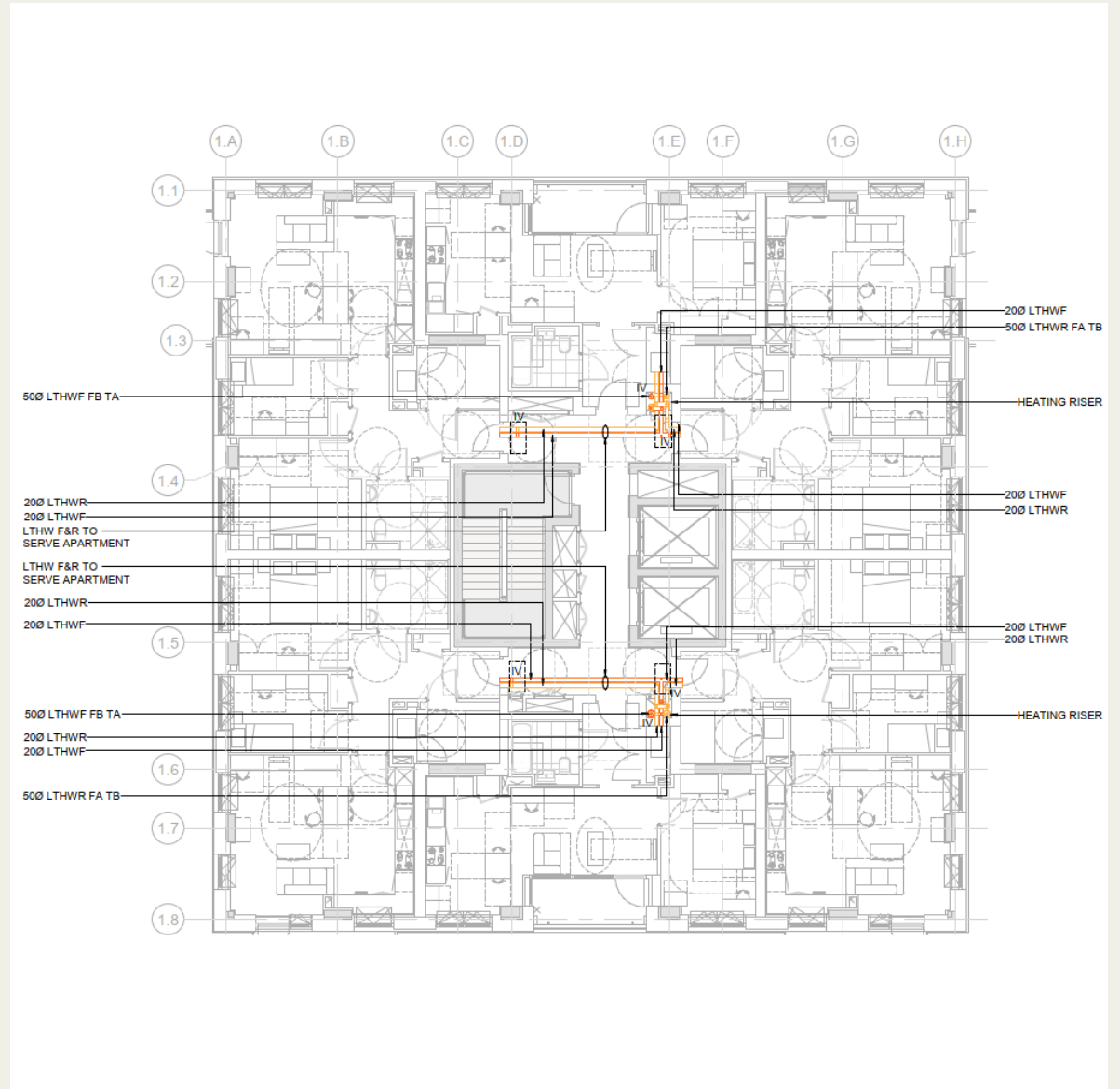
## Sample Development

- Type – Residential
- Number of Buildings - 5
- Number of Apartments – 386

### Heat Loss Reduction Strategy Comparison

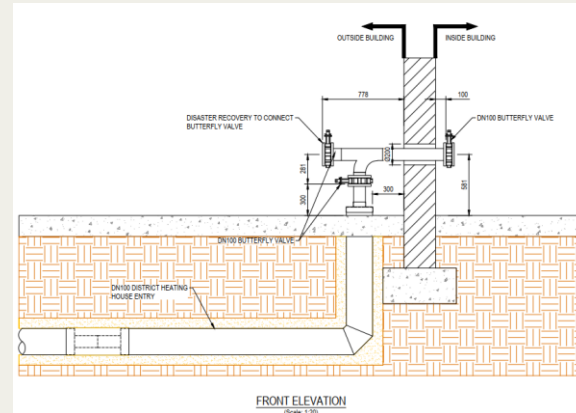
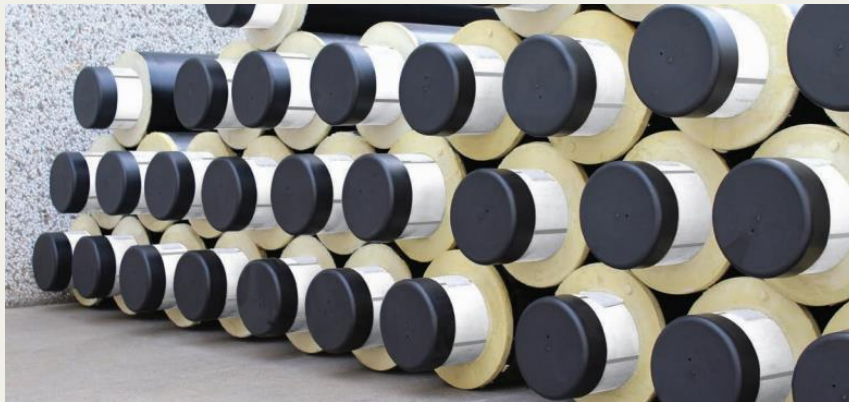
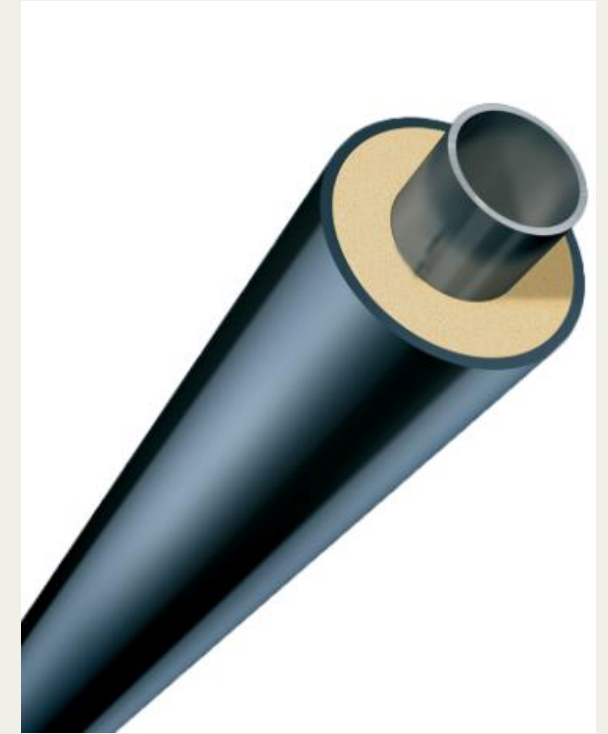
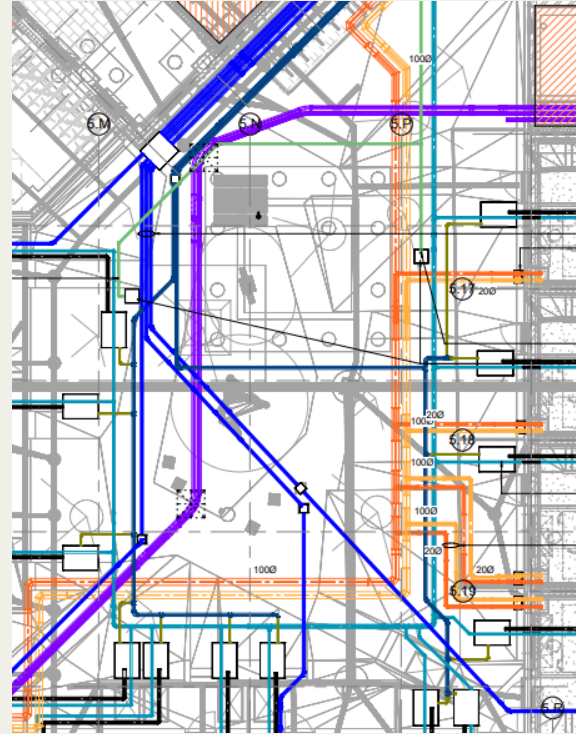


Iteration	% Loss to Annual Average Demand	Heat Loss (W) / Apartment
Baseline Scenario – Flow 70°C / Return 40°C, Ins. Thickness 25mm	29.70%	112
Iteration 1 – Flow 70°C / Return 40°C, Ins Thickness 50mm	22.60%	85
Iteration 2 - Flow 60°C / Return 30°, Ins. Thickness 25mm	22.50%	85
Iteration 3 - Flow 70°C / Return 40°, Ins. Thickness 25mm, 20% reduction in lateral pipe length (HIU Closer to corridor)	26.10%	98
Iteration 4 - Flow 60°C / Return 30°, Ins. Thickness 50mm, 20% reduction in lateral pipe length (HIU Closer to corridor)	15.80%	59



## Other Design Considerations

- ➔ Avoid buried pipework below slab
- ➔ Pipework Design Life Vs. Operating temperature and pressure
- ➔ Site coordination / congested below ground services
- ➔ Avoid for requirement for air Venting
- ➔ Disaster Recovery design





# Designing Network Heat Pump Solutions for Low Density Housing

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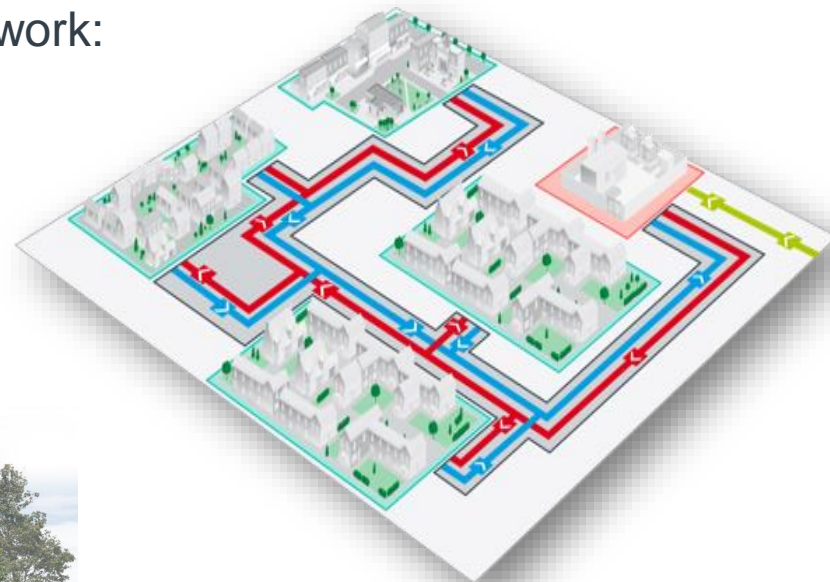
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# Designing Network Heat Pump Solutions for Low Density Housing

## Agenda

- Why are we implementing District Heating in Low Density Housing.
- How are we implementing it.
- Design challenges of a low density network:
  - Heat network losses.
  - Temperature drop in the network.
  - Differential pressure in the network.





## Why are we implementing District Heating in Low Density Housing

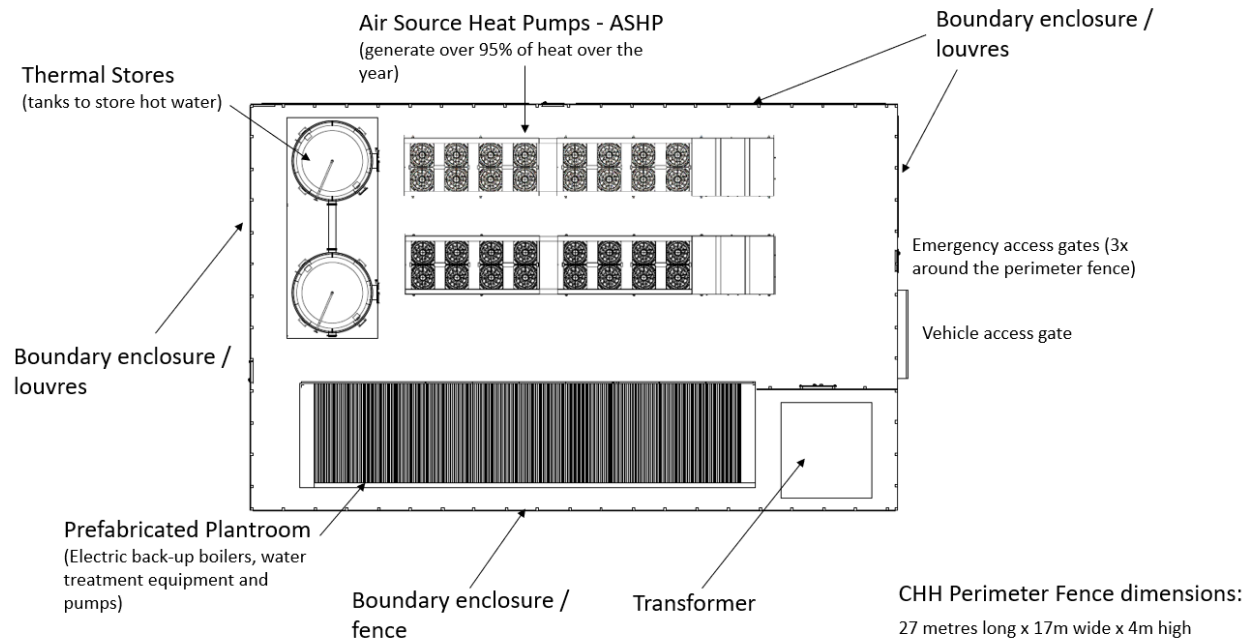
- Phasing out of natural gas connections in new build beyond 2025 (Future Home Standards).
- District heating in low density developments provides a new opportunity for BUUK (Metropolitan's umbrella company) to construct long-term assets which provide heat from sustainable sources.
- Provides developers with a robust option to replace gas connections with heat network connections.
- Significant carbon savings estimated at greater than 70% compared to a gas combi boiler.
- Future Net Zero heat solution as the electricity grid decarbonises so does the district heating network.



## How are we implementing it

- Centralised Energy Centre (Community Heat Hub)
- Providing greater than 95% of annual heat demand from heat pumps.

What does the Community Heat Hub (CHH) contain?



## Designing Network Heat Pump Solutions for Low Density Housing

### How are we implementing it

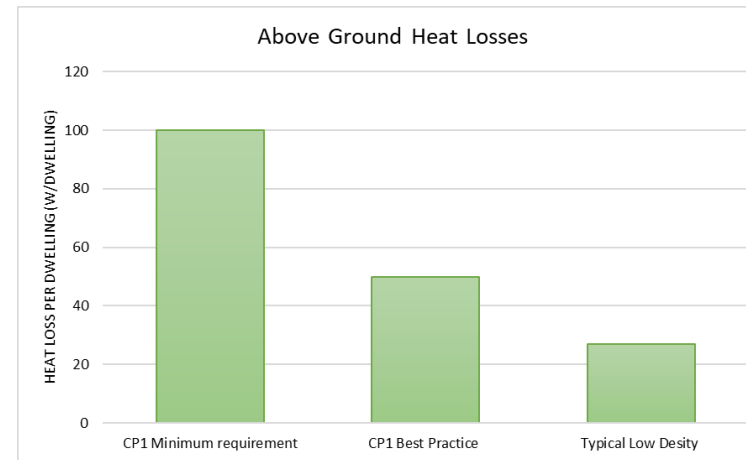
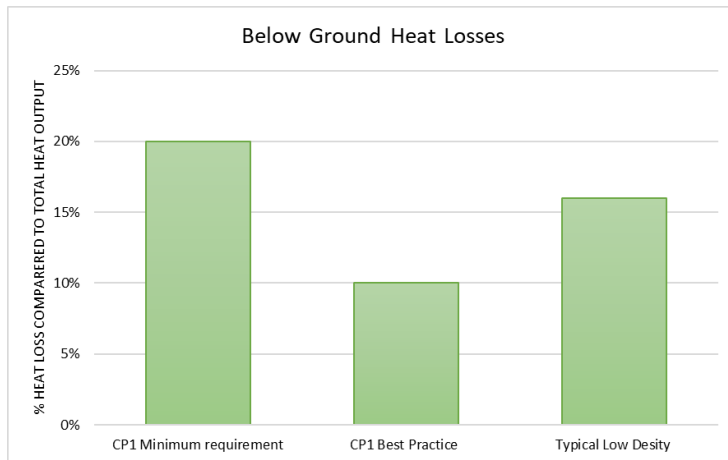
- Pre-insulated plastic pipe network.
- Disaster Recovery Valves and isolation valves at key locations.
- HIU selection for low network operating temperatures.



## Design Challenges

### Heat Network Losses

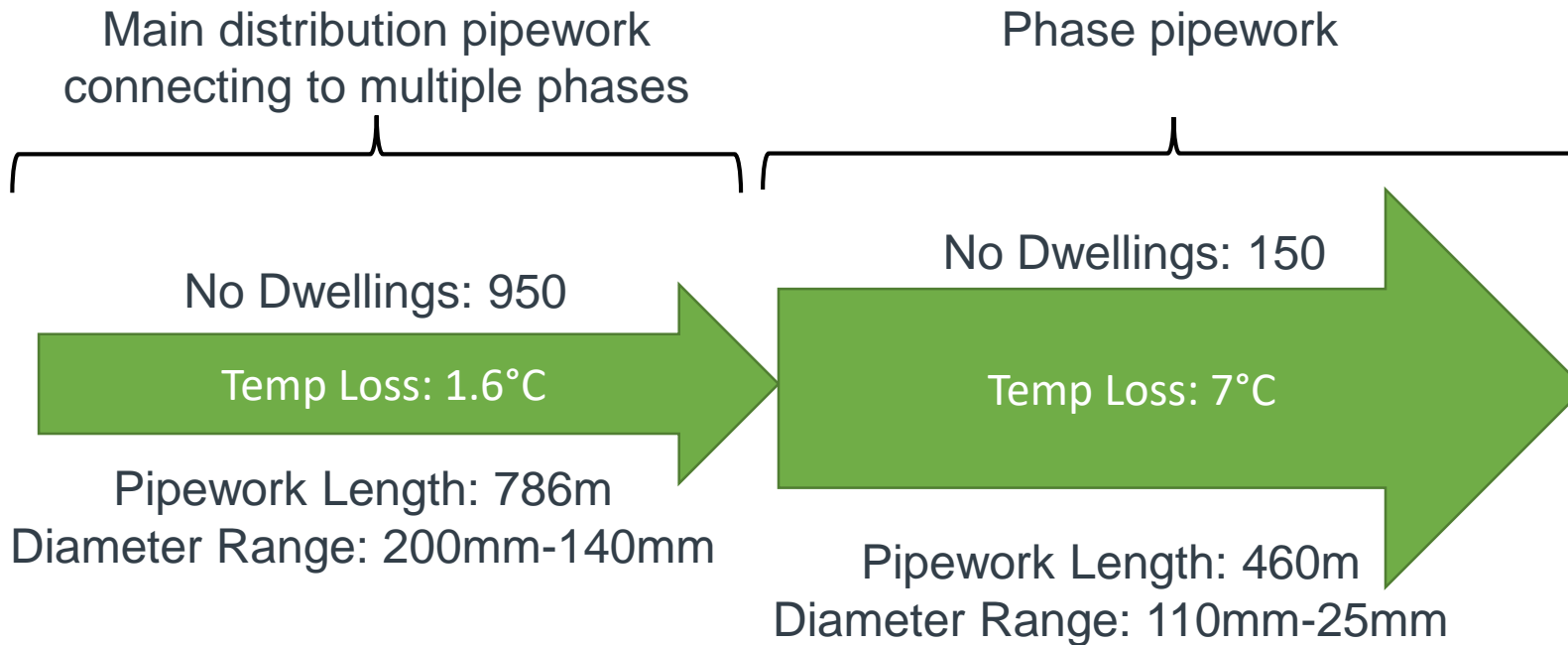
- Calculated below ground heat network losses are typically 16%-18%.
- Calculated above ground losses are typically 3-5%.
- Low density network losses are proportioned differently from guidance in CIBSE CP1.
- Achieving approximately 20% total heat network losses is achievable for low density networks.
- Designing for low network temperatures is fundamental in achieving 20% network losses.



## Design Challenges

### Temperature drop in the network

- During low load conditions, the final flow temperature that reaches the index HIU can be below the minimum required temperature for the HIU to deliver design loads.
- Highest temperature drop occurs in smaller diameter pipework in a cluster of properties (phase layout).

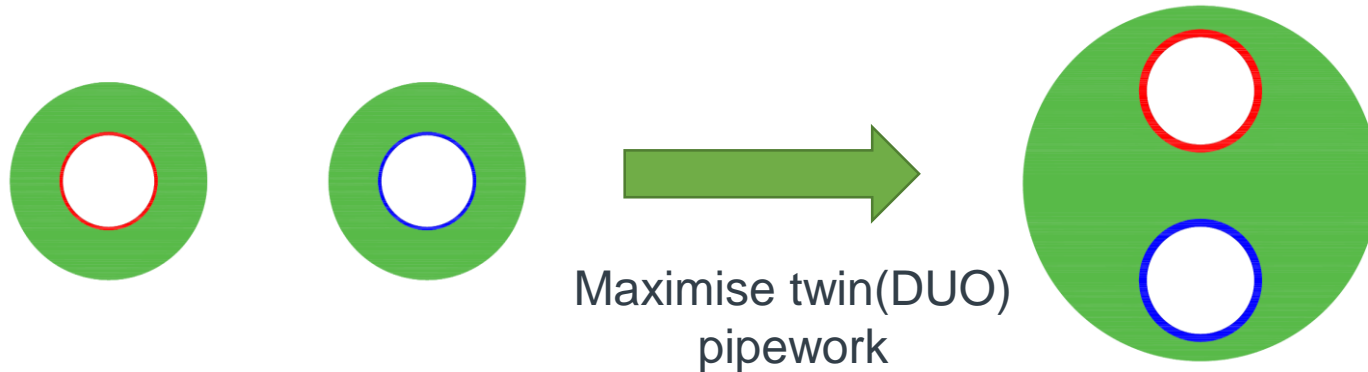


## Design Challenges

### Temperature drop in the network

Temperature drop can be reduced and managed by:

- Optimising pipework sizing within phases (reduce diameter where possible).
- Optimise pipework layout within phases.
- Increase flow temperature during low load conditions.
- Increase thermal insulation (although this will have CAPEX increases).



## Design Challenges

### ○ Differential pressure in the network

- Due to the network length the differential pressure at energy centre can be relatively high during peak load conditions.
- HIUs can only work against a certain differential pressure, typically a maximum of 6 bar, therefore properties closer to the energy centre can be at risk.

### ○ Ways to mitigate against differential pressure

- Place the energy centre central to the development.
- Increase diameter of main distribution pipework (balancing exercise between pressure and temperature drop).
- Install pumping stations along the main distribution pipework.
- Install differential pressure control valves at branches off the main distribution pipework.
- Install additional pipework to supply properties close to the energy centre separately.



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