

### **THE SMART HOUSE**

The smart house is a single storey, single frontage dwelling that is embedded into the ground. Facing due south and with a grass roof the smart house uses passive environmental systems to provide a comfortable internal environment all year round. It also uses the latest environmental technology to generate energy and hot water to cater for the requirements of the residents.

### **DESIGN ETHOS**

The design has fundamentally integrated the environmental aspects they are not bolted on as an after thought but form the basis for the design aesthetic, in part illustrating that sustainable architecture has to begin through a thoughtful understanding of environmental techniques. In principle, the scheme could be constructed as a modular system that is designed to be fairly accessible to most people.

- Almost zero energy
- Low maintenance
- Minimum visual impact
- Minimal running costs
- Interior to be constructed of Sustainable materials
- Contemporary design but with ethical values



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## SMART HOUSE, BRIGHTON

### Performance Specification for the for integration of renewable and energy efficiency technologies

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## **SMART HOUSE, BRIGHTON**

### **Performance Specification for the for integration of renewable and energy efficiency technologies**

#### **1 INTRODUCTION**

WSP Environmental were asked to outline a performance specification on the integration of renewables and energy efficiency technologies into the Smart House, Brighton. The integration of the following items is described below:

- Photovoltaics
- Solar Water Heating
- Rain Water Collection
- Natural Ventilation and Heating Systems



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**LaZer2 Advanced Solar Water Heating Systems  
&  
Photovoltaic Solar Electricity Systems**

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*The dimension of a panel is 1640 x 992 x 50mm.*

I have looked at various alternatives, and would propose to use a larger panel with higher wattage, but with a reduced number of panels.

This will give you a slightly higher wattage system, and a slightly increased annual energy yield.

#### **System Specifications**

System Size:	2.295kWp
Modules:	9 X Suntech 255w
Inverter:	1 X Sunny Boy 2000HF
Cost Including VAT:	£3,887.97

#### **2.295 kW System**

##### **Smart House Q3**

<b>Qty</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Item</b>
9	A798888	Suntech STP255S
1	A799744	SMA Sunny Boy SB2000HF
2	A799946	Mounting framework - On roof (Per kW)
1	CRN100	Generation meter 20 KW Single phase
1	A799940	DC & AC Switches and cables
3	899823	Installation

Total (excluding VAT)

**Total (invoice value inc. VAT @ 5%)**

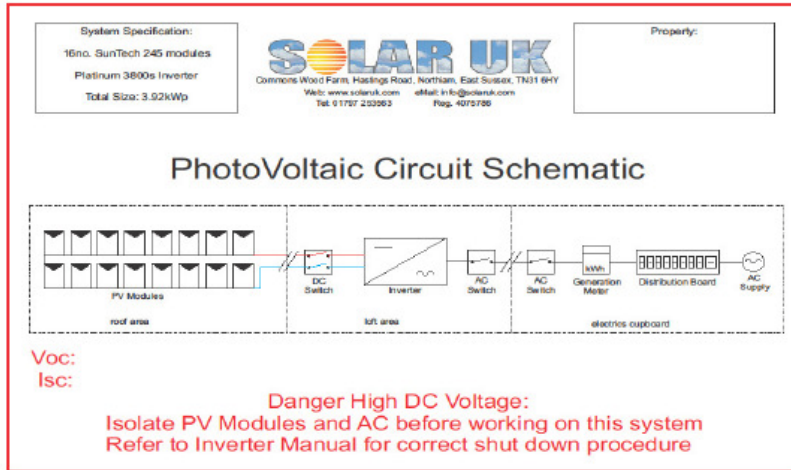
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## Typical System Schematic



To order this system please complete and return the attached order acceptance, or to discuss any aspects of this quote, please call me on 01797 253 563. We typically ask for a 50% deposit inclusive of VAT to confirm an order.

The remaining balance will be due immediately on completion of the installation. This quote is valid for 4-weeks.

**MCS Statement:**

*The performance of solar PV systems is impossible to predict with certainty due to the variability in the amount of solar radiation (sunlight) from location to location and from year to year. This estimate is based upon the Government's standard assessment procedure for energy rating of buildings (SAP) and is given as guidance only. It should not be considered as a guarantee of performance.*

*Please note that it is the customer's responsibility to obtain the relevant planning permission/consent and for informing build control of the works to be undertaken. Any remedial work on the house wiring for it to comply with the electrical regulations is outside the scope of this quotation.*

A copy of our terms and conditions are available upon request.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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### 3 SOLAR WATER HEATING

A Solar Hot Water System will be located on the roof area indicated on the annotated sketches (SK3 Appendix B). This will provide hot water to the kitchen and toilets. Hot water will be generated by:

- Option 1. 2m<sup>2</sup> Evacuated tubes Solar Collector Thermomax System or equally approved;  
Option 2. 4.12 m<sup>2</sup> Flat Plates Solar Collector AES System or equally approved.

Option 1 shall comprise:

- 20 evacuated heat-pipe solar collector tubes with insulated stainless steel manifolds;
- Active pack including digital read-out controller
- Pipe work and insulation
- Twin-coil (10M head) cylinder (48"x18")

Option 2 shall comprise:

- 4.12 m<sup>2</sup> collectors (see Appendix B);
- 1 x mains pressure AquaSol Duo unit;
- 1 x 140 litre unvented cylinder;
- pipes, fittings and electrics.

### 4 RAIN WATER HARVESTING

Rainwater drained from the roof of the Smart House will be employed for normal household use such as bathrooms, toilet flushing and washing appliances, etc.

The proposed rainwater system shall comprise:

- 1 x 1,500 litre ECO-VAT GRP (Glass reinforced plastic) tank supplied by Polypipe Civils Ltd or similar approved. The tank shall be located in the storage room as shown in sketch 4 in Appendix C.
- Rainwater collection systems will be fitted with ECO-VAT system ECVT1.5GG comprising gravity components and leaf filter supplied by Polypipe Civils Ltd or similar approved.
- Installation will be in accordance with manufacturers recommendations, taking into full account the structural implications of the rainwater storage tanks.



- Pumping systems will be installed where necessary to ensure the tank can be filled to maximum capacity.
- Overflow systems are to be installed to remove excess drainage water in the event of the tank becoming full. Overflow water will be disposed of as per the rest of the non-harvested roofwater.

## 5 PASSIVE VENTILATION AND HEATING SYSTEMS

A Natural Ventilation Strategy has been developed to provide adequate ventilation and remove part or the whole of the cooling loads in the different spaces. Underfloor heating shall be provided in winter to meet the house's heating loads. Provisions to achieve the required indoor environmental conditions shall be made in providing the following systems:

- **Natural Ventilation System;**
- **Control System;**
- **Underfloor Heating System.**

### Natural Ventilation System

A description of the Natural Ventilation Strategy and related system follows for each room.

#### Buffer Zone

- External Solar Shadings (depth 1800mm) as Colt Louvers or equally approved;
- Double glazing unit to the external openable glass doors as Pilkington clear glass or eq. appr.;
- Motorised high level louvers on the external glass doors (see sketch 5 and picture – Appendix D) to provide 0.35m<sup>2</sup> max net free opening area, as colt Eurolam or equally approved; in winter minimum fresh air will be provided by crack opening the louvres.
- Motorised low level louvers on the external glass doors (see sketch 5 and picture – Appendix D) to provide 0.35m<sup>2</sup> net free opening area as Colt Eurolam or equally approved; in winter minimum fresh air will be provided by crack opening the louvres.
- Low emissivity double glazing unit (6-12-6mm) to the internal openable glass doors as Pilkington Kappafloat/Clear or eq. appr.;
- Motorised floor dampers under DG doors to provide 0.025m<sup>2</sup> net free opening area (see SK5 – Appendix D);
- Insulated shutters to the bedroom's DG doors (U-value 1.6W/m<sup>2</sup>).

#### Lounge and dining areas

- Low emissivity double glazing unit (6-12-6mm) to the internal openable glass doors as Pilkington Kappafloat/Clear or eq. appr.;
- Motorised dampers and floor grill under DG doors to provide 0.05m<sup>2</sup> total net free opening area for trickle ventilation from the buffer zone (see sketch 5 – Appendix D);
- Motorised dampers and floor grill to provide 0.26m<sup>2</sup> net free opening area. This applies only if a underfloor ventilation system is adopted (see sketch 6, 7 – Appendix D);
- The concrete soffit shall be left exposed to increase the thermal mass of the room.

### **Bedrooms**

- Low emissivity double glazing unit (6-12-6mm) to the internal openable glass doors as Pilkington Kappafloat/Clear or eq. appr.;
- Motorised dampers and floor grill under DG doors to provide 0.025m<sup>2</sup> net free opening area in each bedroom for trickle ventilation from the buffer zone (see sketch 5 – Appendix D);
- Motorised dampers and floor grill to provide 0.13m<sup>2</sup> net free opening area for each room. This applies only if an underfloor ventilation system is adopted (see sketch 6, 7 – Appendix D);
- Cross ventiaition in summer will be enhanced by opening the doors.
- The concrete soffit shall be left exposed to increase the thermal mass of the room.

### **Toilets**

- Manually or automatically operated horizontal pivoted vents on the N facing perimeter wall to provide 0.5m<sup>2</sup> max net free opening area, as Colt Eurolam or equally approved. The vents shall use translucent glass blades to provide privacy and maximise daylighting.
- The concrete soffit shall be left exposed to increase the thermal mass of the room.

### **Kitchen**

- Manually or automatically operated horizontal pivoted vents on the N facing perimeter wall to provide 0.5m<sup>2</sup> total net free opening area.

### **Controls**

The openings shall be manually controlled and automatically operated using:

- Motorised louvers, vents and dampers;
- Automatic opening gear and motors.

A list of manufacturers and suppliers of automated opening devices is appended (App. E).

### **Underfloor Heating**



The new area is to be heated by means of a tubular, under floor system, which will comprise:

- A system of pipework suitable for solid or suspended floors as may be specified by the Architect. The material shall be cross-linked polyethylene pipe with integral oxygen diffusion barrier and outer protection barrier.
- Any necessary bend supports.
- Manifolds and heat emission plates.
- Pump(s)
- Controls.
- Insulation.
- Valves etc.

The whole shall be designed and installed by a specialist company (Wirsbo, Tel 01293 548512 or similar approved) and be provided to the Architect at an early stage to ensure that provisions such as edge insulation and Polythene protection barriers shall be included in the overall design.

The system shall carry a British Board of Agre'ment certificate.

The system sensible heat load to suit the application for a total of 3.2kW (to be re-calculated by the contractor). This figure does not account for the boiler's efficiency and applies if the underfloor ventilation system is adopted (Case 4).

## 6 BUILDING ENVELOPE

The table below shows the proposed building envelope's U – values.

Proposed U-Values

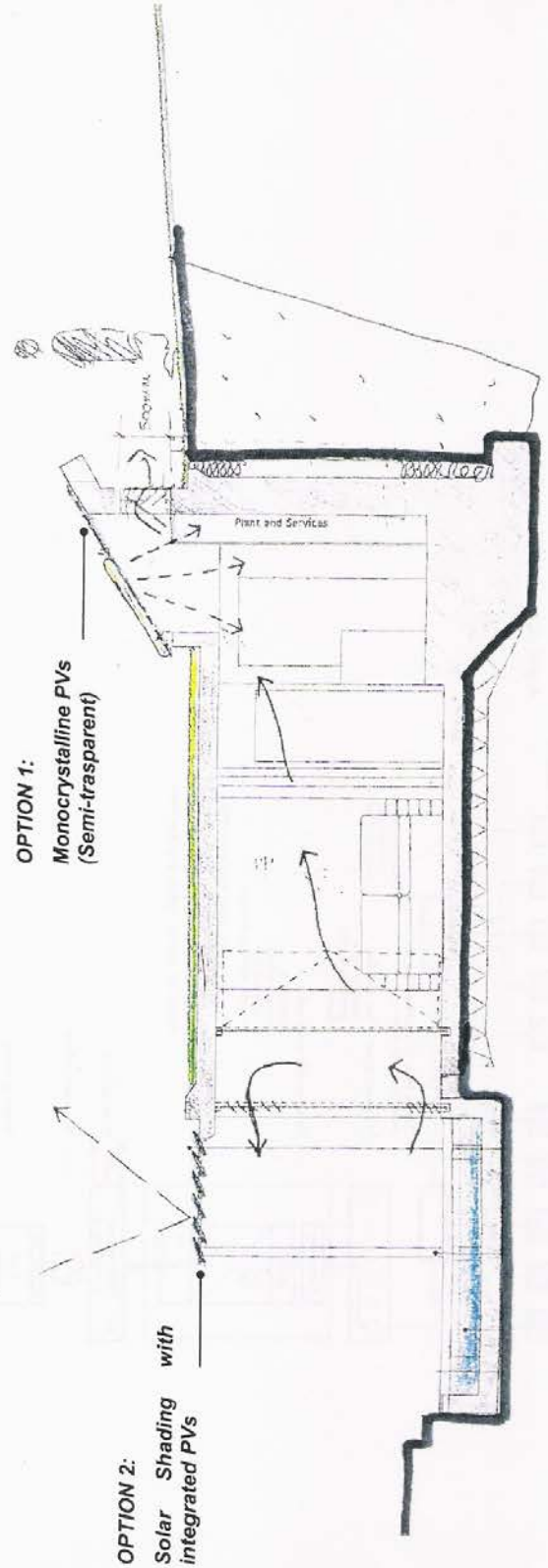
Building Element	U-Value (W/m <sup>2</sup> K)	Description
Roof	0.2	Grass, 200mm soil, 20mm asphalt mastic, 110mm Polyurethane board, 200mm Dense concrete
PV Slope Roof	0.2	Monocrystalline PV panel 120mm Polyurethane board, 15mm plasterboard, foil backed
SC Slope Roof	0.2	Solar collector panel 120mm Polyurethane board, 15mm plasterboard, foil backed
External Wall	0.3	15mm render, 105mm Brick, 75mm Mineral Wool, 50mm Air Cavity, 100mm Concrete block, 15mm Plaster.
External / internal side Walls	0.2	soils, 500mm gravel aggregate, waterproof membrane, 50mm mineral wool 300mm dense concrete
External / internal Back Walls	0.2	soils, 500mm gravel aggregate, waterproof membrane, 50mm mineral wool 400mm dense concrete
Window	2.2	6mm Double Glazing with 12mm Cavity Low E with internal blinds 7% solar Transmittance.
Ground floor/services	0.135	soils, 750mm crushed brick aggregate, 1000mm concrete, waterproof membrane, 50mm mineral board, 50mm screed, 25mm tiles
General Ground floor/Rooms	0.15	soils, 750mm crushed brick aggregate, 200mm concrete, waterproof membrane, 75mm mineral board, 50mm screed, 25mm tiles
Internal Partitions		Various, 1) Plastered double block; 2) Plastered single brick.
Internal Partitions Store		Opaque 10mm single glass.

Note: The underfloor ventilation Option (case 4) uses the arrangement below (Labyrinth height 500mm).

Labyrinth Ground floor	0.28	soils, 750mm crushed brick aggregate, 200mm concrete
Labyrinth ceiling-Ground floor/Rooms	0.29	200mm concrete, waterproof membrane, 75mm mineral board, 50mm screed, 25mm tiles







**OPTION 1:**  
Monocrystalline PVs  
(Semi-transparent)

**OPTION 2:**  
Solar Shading with  
integrated PVs

SK1 – Photovoltaic modules

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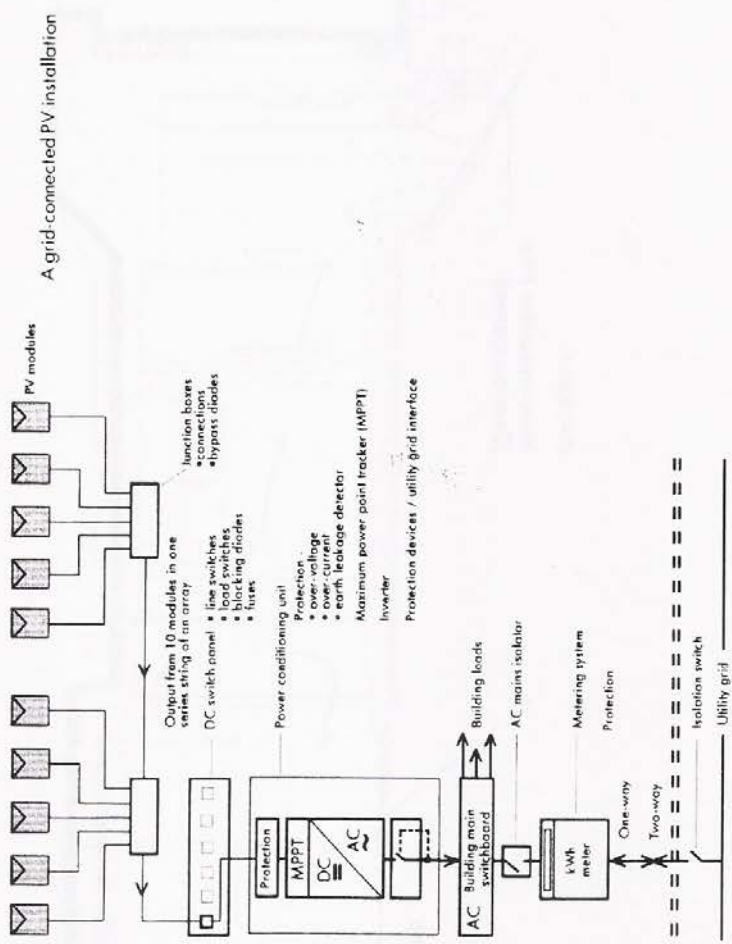
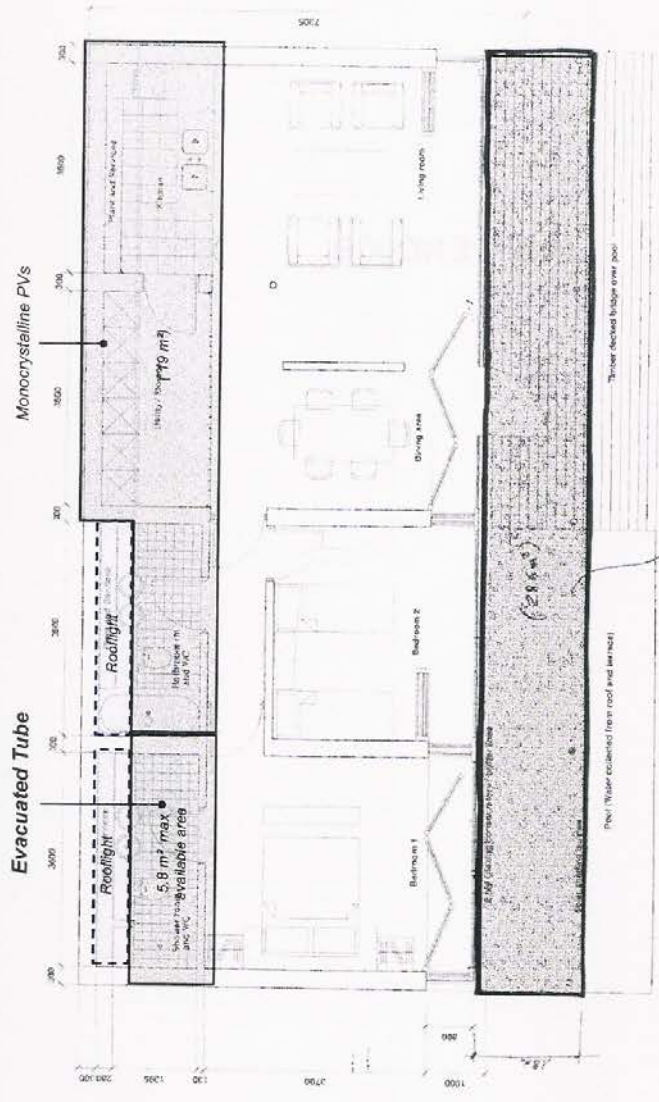


Fig. 2 Diagram showing a grid connected Pv installation

## APPENDIX B



Glazed Louvers with Laminated Monocrystalline cells

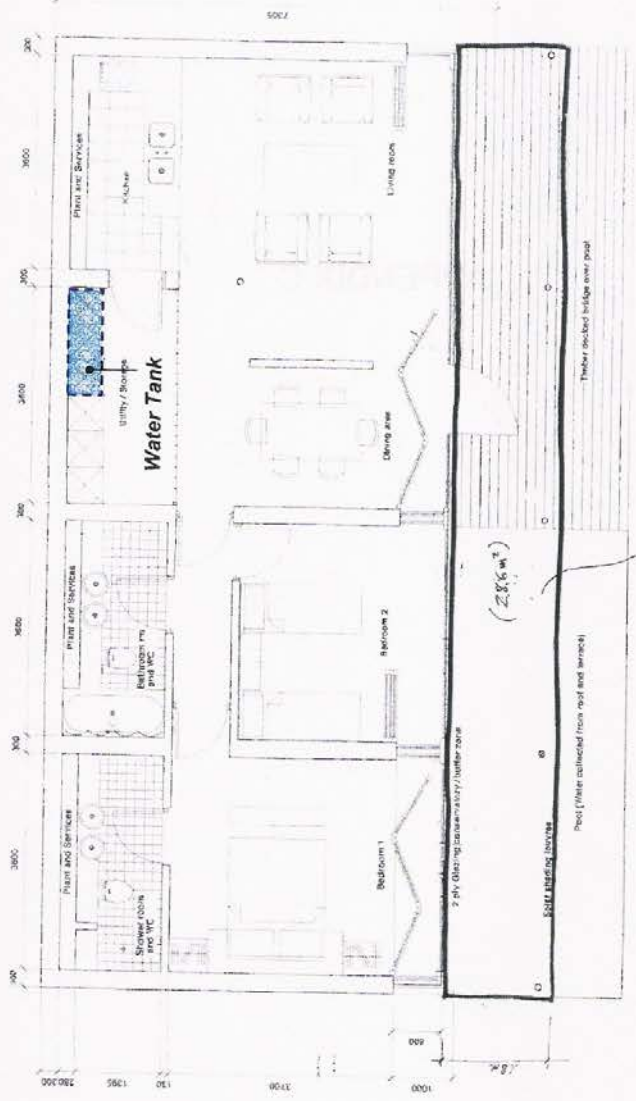
SK3 – Solar Hot Water System

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## APPENDIX C

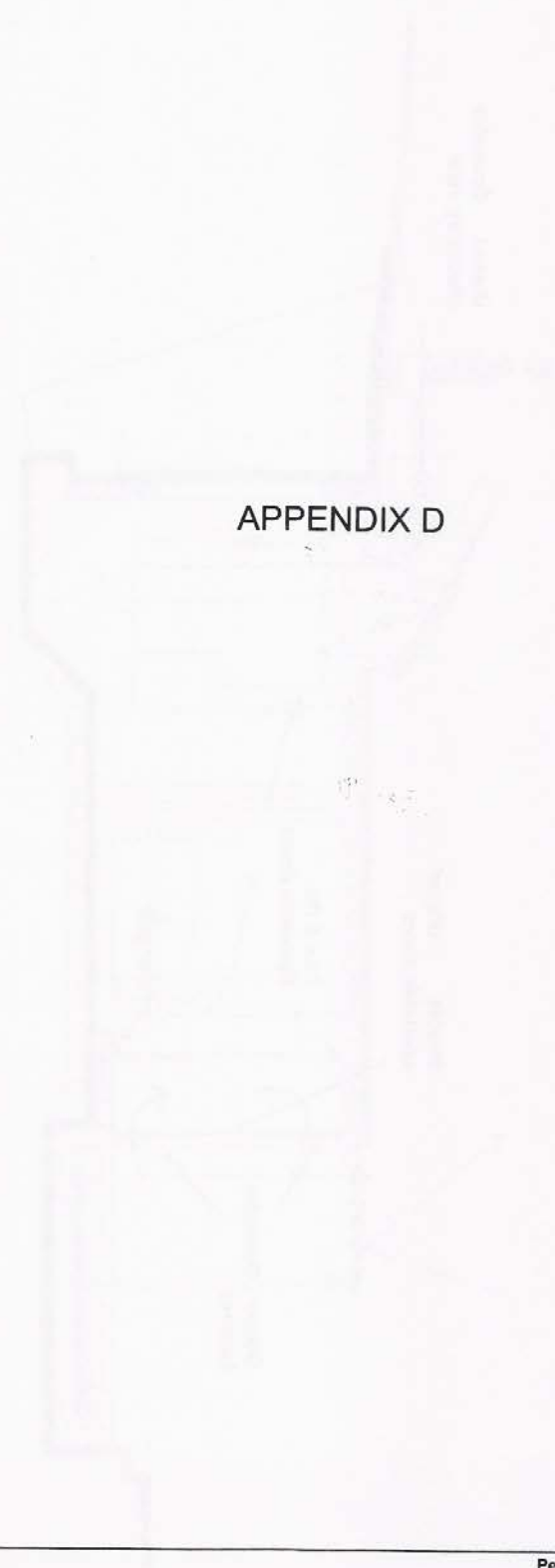




SK4 – Rainwater System

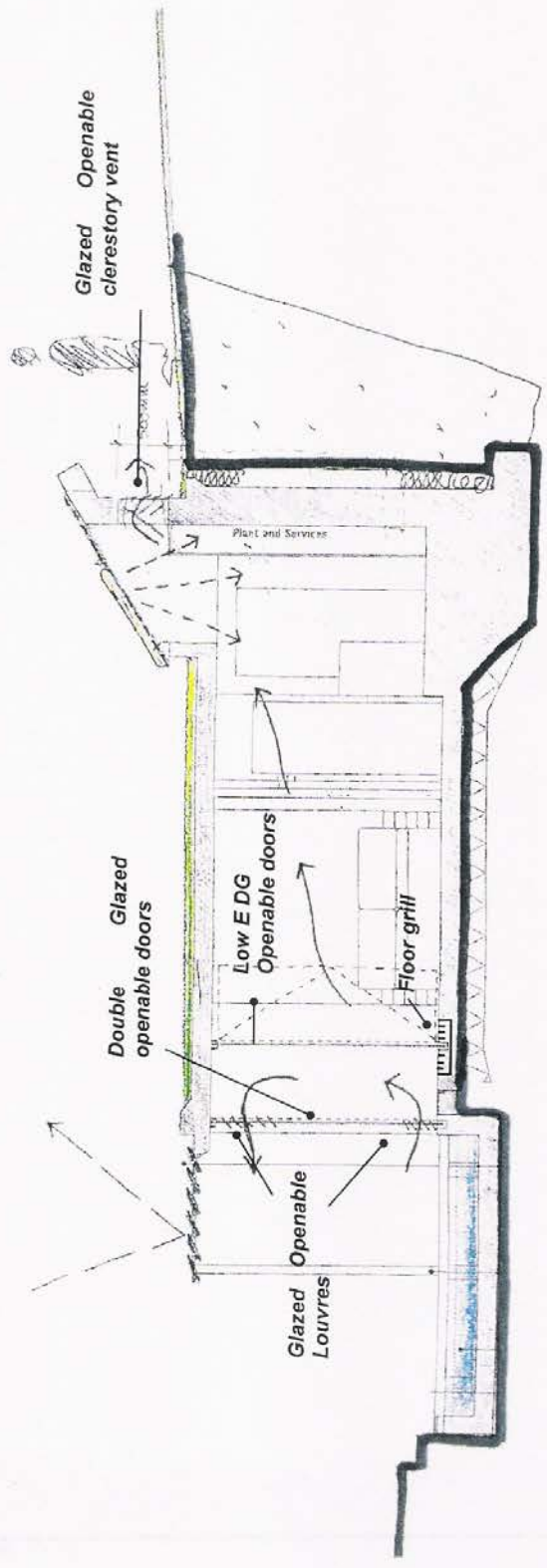
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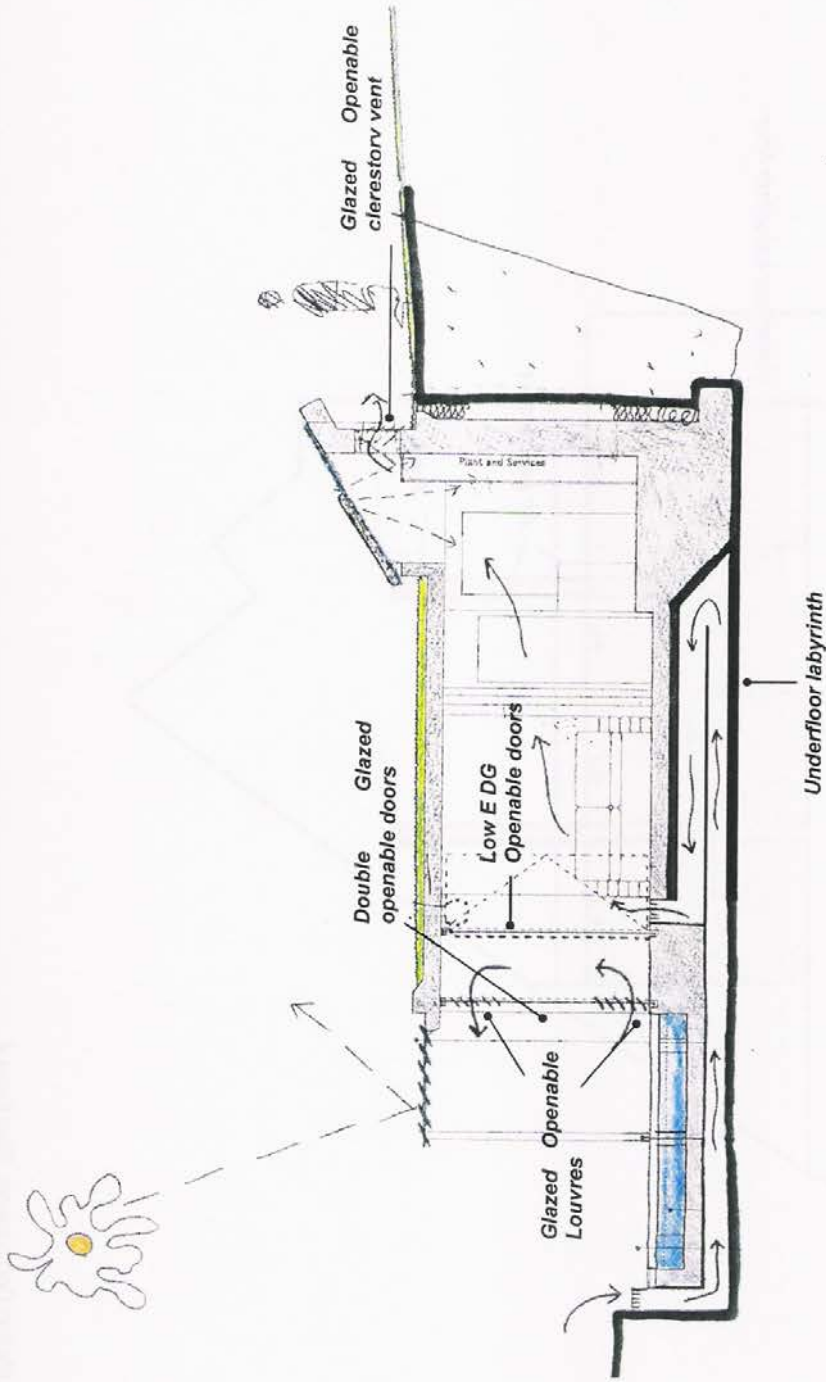
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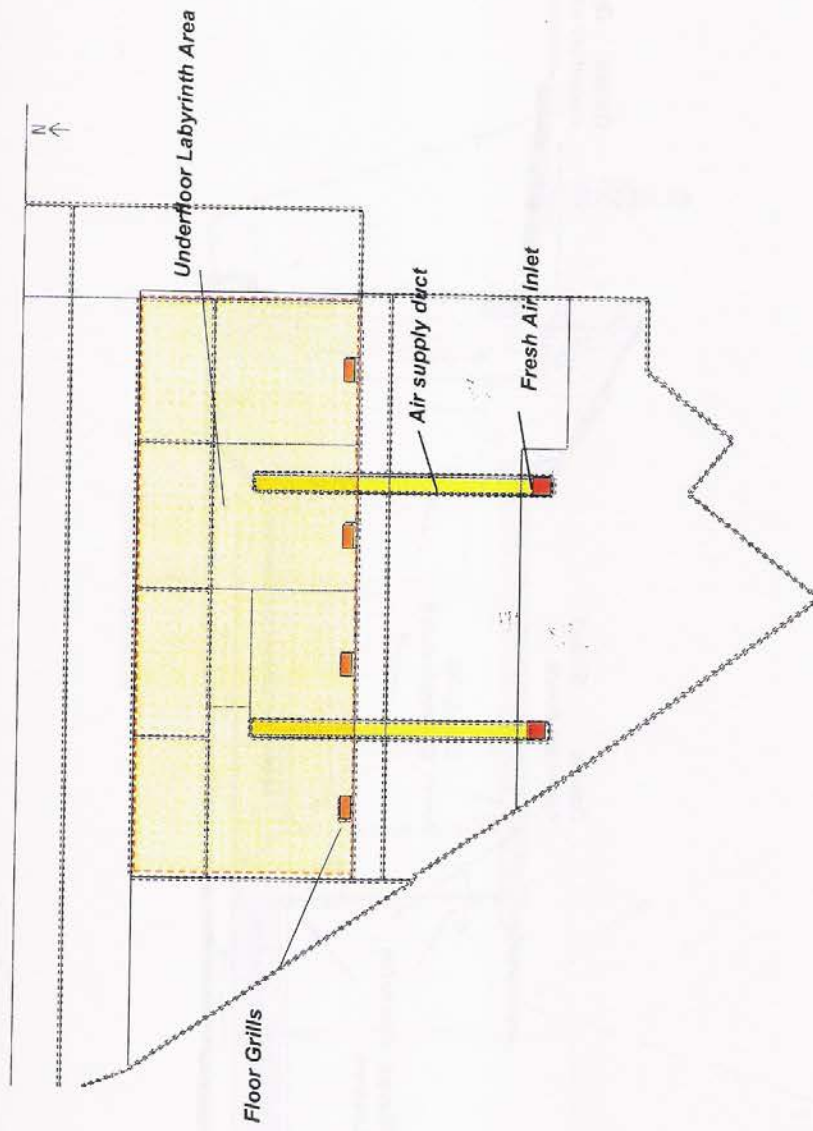
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SK6- Ventilation Components, Section Case 4



SK7 – Ventilation Components, Plan Case 4



APPENDIX E

