

The draft consultation version of the template has been updated as follows:

Template tab	Details
Pre-app information	Principle 1 expanded to require further details on pre-construction demolition and options explored for retaining existing buildings/structures. Removal of Y/N option next to each WLC reduction principle.
Outline and Detailed planning Stage & Post-construction result	Confirmation of operational modelling process used Confirmation relating to proportion of material quantities included relating to cost Confirmation of third party mechanisms Confirmation that the assessment has or can be submitted to the Built Environment Carbon Database Updated assessment summary results to align with new WLC benchmarks Addition of selection of most comparable WLC benchmark selection Addition of details relating to retention of existing structures and buildings Updated note/example text for module B assumptions and end of life scenarios in the 'Material Quantity and End of Life Scenarios' table Addition of details relating to refrigerants to 'Material Quantity and End of Life Scenarios' table Addition of option in assessment table to report A5 emissions as a single number or A5 emissions not related to a building element category Removal of assessment 2 Colour coding to reflect cells that require inputs and cells which are updated automatically
Post-construction result	Addition of confirmation relating to post-construction evidence submission Addition of list of product specific EPDs from products installed in the building

# Greater London Authority - Whole Life-Cycle Carbon (WLC) Assessment template

## HOW TO USE THIS SPREADSHEET

This template should be used by planning applicants to fulfil the requirements of the Mayor's Whole Life-Cycle Carbon (WLC) Assessment policy set out in London Plan Policy SI 2. Before completing and submitting this spreadsheet to the GLA, applicants should read the Whole Life-Cycle Carbon Assessment guidance:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning/implementing-london-plan/london-plan-guidance/whole-life-cycle-carbon-assessments-guidance>

Applicants are required to submit a WLC assessment to the GLA at the following three stages: pre-application, outline/detailed planning submission and post-construction. Separate tabs are provided in this spreadsheet for each stage. An outline of the information required at each stage and how to submit it is provided below.

### 1. Pre-application stage

At pre-application stage, applicants are required to complete the pre-application information tab of this template to confirm various details about the site and to provide details of the WLC principles which are informing the development of the site. This should be submitted to the GLA along with all other pre-application material.

### 2. Outline/detailed planning submission stage

At this stage, applicants are required to complete the outline or detailed planning stage tab of this template (whichever is relevant) and submit it to the GLA along with their planning application. This stage of the process requires a baseline WLC assessment against each life-cycle module to be undertaken.

### 3. Post-construction stage

At the final stage of the WLC assessment process, applicants should complete the post-construction result tab of this template and submit it to the GLA prior to occupation of the development. This will require an update of the information provided at planning submission stage and for the actual WLC carbon emission figures to be reported using actual material quantities and site emissions during construction. Information should be submitted to:

[ZeroCarbonPlanning@london.gov.uk](mailto:ZeroCarbonPlanning@london.gov.uk)

## QUERIES

Any queries or feedback on this template should be submitted to:

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<b>Project details</b>	
Project name	14 Blackburn Road
Planning application reference number (if applicable)	
Use Type	Eg
Brief description of the project	Full planning permission sought for the following description of development:
GIA (m <sup>2</sup> )	9126
Authors (organisation or individuals)	IN2 Engineering
Date of assessment	22.03.2023

WLC reduction principles		Key benefits	Provide examples of how reduction principle has been used, or give reasons why it cannot be used.
1	Reuse and retrofit of existing buildings	Significant retention and reuse of structures is carbon efficient and reduces construction costs.	Confirmation that options for retaining existing buildings and structures have been fully explored before considering substantial demolition
			Carbon emissions associated with pre-construction demolition (kgCO <sub>2</sub> e)
			Estimate of the percentage of the new build development which will be made up of existing elements
2	Use repurposed or recycled materials	Reduces waste and carbon emissions.	A pre demolition audit will be undertaken to consider the feasibility of reusing any demolition or excavation waste. The design will consider new materials with recycled content for example cement with 50% GGBS content where feasible. These options will be further explored at the next design stage and the assessment will be carried out in line with GBA and the guidance to optimise the design and ensure low carbon materials are specified. The contractor will be responsible for sourcing materials and will give priority to products with EPDs. Low carbon materials will be used unless cost is prohibitive or there is extreme difficulty in sourcing the materials. All materials will be specified where possible in line with the expected 60 year life span recommended by the GLA and RICS and if this is not possible the material should be easily replaced with the old material being recycled.
3	Material selection	Appropriate material choices are key to carbon reduction. Ensuring that materials are selected with consideration of the planned life expectancy of the building reduces waste, the need for replacements and the in-use costs.	GLA energy guidance will be followed including the energy hierarchy. Energy demand will first be reduced through lean measures (taking a fabric first approach) before then looking at renewable to reduce carbon impact. All dwellings and the non domestic unit will have improved fabric in comparison to
4	Minimise operational energy use	A 'fabric first' approach should be prioritised to minimise energy demand and reduce carbon and in-use costs.	Design will incorporate low flow flowing fixtures where feasible to minimise water use on site. Water will be distributed around the site in highly insulated pipes to reduce heat loss. Any buried pipework will be specified to have high corrosion resistance to minimise leaks. Green and blue roofs are being considered to provide at source water storage.
5	Minimise the carbon emissions associated with operational water use	Choice of materials and durability of systems, which help to avoid leakage and subsequent building damage, contribute to reducing the carbon emissions of water use.	Where possible constructions will be designed to be dismantled as constructed for potential reuse. M+E services will be designed for easy maintenance to avoid the need for replacement of whole systems.
6	Disassembly and reuse	Designing for future disassembly ensures that products do not become future waste and that they maintain their environmental and economic value.	Design has been carefully considered to maximise useable floor space for occupants and minimising unneeded back of house spaces. Design allows the best use of exterior walls for habitable rooms.
7	Building shape and form	Compact efficient shapes help minimise both operational and embodied carbon emissions from repair and replacement for a given floor area. This leads to a more efficient building overall resulting in lower construction and in-use costs.	The use of green roof can be considered by the design team at the next design stage along with unfinished concrete in external areas. A podium garden has been proposed as the entrance to residential units, the site is currently an industrial unit so this would be an uplift in green space for the development.
8	Regenerative design	Removing carbon emissions from the atmosphere through materials and systems absorbing it makes a direct contribution to carbon reduction.	The site will be designed for longevity with minimal maintenance where possible likely through the use of brick or concrete facades. The site has flexibility as the industrial unit on the ground floor could be easily changed to a new use and it will be investigated as to the impact reconfiguration of apartments would have i.e forming two apartments into one larger one or changing an apartment into an amenity space.
9	Designing for durability and flexibility	Durability means that repair and replacement is reduced which in turn helps reduce life-time building costs. A building designed for flexibility can respond with minimum environmental impact to future changing requirements and a changing climate, thus avoiding obsolescence which also underwrites future building value.	GLA energy hierarchy will be adopted to ensure a fabric first approach is taken to design and to ensure lean measures are implemented, where possible materials which perform well in terms of embodied carbon will be specified to achieve the desired fabric performance. Glazing ratios are to be carefully balanced so that useful winter gains are admitted and excessive summer gains are prevented.
10	Optimisation of the relationship between operational and embodied carbon	Optimising the relationship between operational and embodied carbon contributes directly to resource efficiency and overall cost reduction.	LCA will be carried out against a 60 year life expectancy. All services and materials will be designed to meet this life expectancy where feasible.
11	Building life expectancy	Defining building life expectancy gives guidance to project teams as to the most efficient choices for materials and products. This aids overall resource efficiency, including cost efficiency and helps future proof asset value.	Where possible materials will be sourced locally to minimise CO2 emissions from transport especially for materials with a large total mass for the building. The main contractor will be expected to have a sustainable procurement plan to ensure local sourcing is carried out where feasible.
12	Local sourcing	Sourcing local materials reduces transport distances and supply chain lengths and has associated local social and economic benefits.	Where possible prefabricated materials will be specified to minimise onsite waste. The main contractor will be expected to have a waste management plan in place to minimise landfilling of materials and have systems in place on site for the segregation of waste streams. All waste will be reused/recycled where possible with a target of 95% diversion from landfill in line with the CE statement. Larger pack sizes for deliveries to be used to reduce quantities of waste coming onto the construction site and service providers are to be made responsible for their own waste to promote reusable packaging.
13	Minimising waste	Waste represents unnecessary and avoidable carbon emissions. Buildings should be designed to minimise construction waste, and to ease repair and replacement with minimum waste, which helps reduce initial and in-use costs.	Where possible prefabricated elements will be specified to help contribute to better build quality and minimise the snagging phase this will be the contractor's responsibility. Consideration will be given to unitted bathroom and kitchen assemblies.
14	Efficient construction	Efficient construction methods (e.g. modular systems, precision manufacturing and modern methods of construction) can contribute to better build quality, reduce construction phase waste and reduce the need for repairs in the post completion and the defects period (snagging).	Lightweight facades will be considered where appropriate as this will limit the quantity of material to be sourced and transported. It is noted that this should not affect the buildings fabric first approach. An optioneering exercise will be carried out to consider the material and embodied carbon potential savings from a lightweight facade.
15	Lightweight construction	Lightweight construction uses less material which reduces the carbon emissions of the building as there is less material to source, fabricate and deliver to site.	Where possible materials will be specified with an end of life scenario which allows for reuse/recycling. Materials should also be specified with a high degree of reused materials where possible for example cement with up to 50% GGBS. This will align with points raised in circular economy statement.
16	Circular economy	The circular economy principle focusses on a more efficient use of materials which in turn leads to carbon and financial efficiencies.	

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Offices
Residential
Schools, Universities etc.
Retail

WLC benchmark	A1-A5	B-C (excl B6 & B7)	A-C (excl B6 & B7)
Offices	<950	<450	<1400
Residential	<850	<350	<1200
Schools, Universities etc.	<750	<250	<1000
Retail	<850	<200	<1050

Aspirational WLC benchmark	A1-A5	B-C (excl B6 & B7)	A-C (excl B6 & B7)
Offices	<600	<370	<970
Residential	<500	<300	<800
Schools, Universities etc.	<500	<175	<675
Retail	<550	<140	<690