Residential Development of 363 No. Dwellings

at,

Clonattin,

Gorey, Co.

Wexford.

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Building Lifecycle Report

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#### **1.0** Introduction

The Sustainable Urban Housing Design Standards for New Apartments – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (published in March 2018), introduced a requirement to include details on the management and maintenance of any apartments that may be contained within housing developments.

The Guidelines state that consideration of the long-term running costs and manner of compliance of the proposal with the Multi- Unit Developments Act, 2011 are matters which should now be considered as part of any assessment of a proposed apartment development.

Section 6.13 of the guidelines requires that apartment applications shall:

- '.... include a building lifecycle report, which in turn includes an assessment of long term running and maintenance costs as they would apply on a per residential unit basis at the time of application';
- '...demonstrate what measures have been specifically considered by the proposer to effectively manage and reduce costs for the benefit of residents.'

This Building Life Cycle Report document sets out to address the requirements of Section 6.13 of the Apartment Guidelines, and includes an assessment of long term running and maintenance costs as they would apply on a per residential unit basis at the time of this application, as well as demonstrating what measures have been specifically considered by the applicant to effectively manage and reduce costs for the benefit of residents. It is broken into two sections as follows:

Section 1: An assessment of long term running and maintenance costs as they would apply on a per residential unit basis at the time of application

Section 2: Measures specifically considered by the proposer to effectively manage and reduce costs for the benefit of residents.

#### **2.0** Proposed Development

This report relates to the apartment elements of the proposed development on the southeastern edge of Gorey. The overall development will comprise the construction of a scheme comprising 363 No. residential units (comprising 262 No. houses) and 101No. apartments and duplex units.

The development will also consist of the construction of improved pedestrian and cycle paths throughout the site and, provides a new link road and cycle path through to the Courtown Road.

The development will also include the construction of: associated car parking spaces and bicycle parking spaces, respectively; vehicular, pedestrian and cycle access and egress; provision of electric vehicle charging points; provision of boundary treatments including associated lighting; changes in levels, associated hard and soft landscaping including a number of playgrounds; new link road to Courtown Road and all other associated site excavation, and infrastructural and site development works above and below ground, including undergrounding of an existing electricity lines as necessary.

The location of the proposed apartments are shown in Appendix A and comprise;

- 10 No. two-bedroom duplex apartments with own door access;
- 10 No. one bedroom ground floor maisonettes with own door access;
- 49 No. two-bedroom apartments, accessed off a common stairwell (maximum two apartments per stairwell;
- 32 No. one-bedroom apartments, accessed off a common stairwell.

The maximum building height will be 3-storeys.

#### **SECTION 1:**

# AN ASSESSMENT OF LONG TERM RUNNING AND MAINTENANCE COSTS AS THEY WOULD APPLY ON A PER RESIDENTIAL UNIT BASIS AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION.

#### 1.1 Long-Term Running Costs

The aim of the developer is to manage and minimise potential unnecessarily high running costs on a per residential unit basis. Axis Construction have a proven track record in the delivery of high-quality homes and apartments, and have applied their experience to ensure the provision of a product which will be well managed and easily maintained.

#### 1.2 Property Management of the Common Areas of the development

A property management company will be employed at an early stage to ensure that all property management functions are dealt with and that the running and maintenance costs of the common areas are kept within the agreed Annual operational budget. The property management company will enter into a contract directly with the Owners Management Company (OMC) for the ongoing management of the built development. This contract will be for a maximum period of 3 years and in the form prescribed by the PSRA.

The Property Management Company also has the following responsibilities for the apartment development once constructed:

- Timely formation of an Owners Management Company (OMC) which will be a company limited by guarantee having no share capital. All future purchasers will be obliged to become members of this OMC.
- Preparation of annual service charge budget for the development common areas.
- Fair and equitable apportionment of the Annual operational charges in line with the Multi Units Development Act 2011 (MUD Act);
- Engagement of independent legal representation on behalf of the OMC in keeping with the MUD Act - including completion of Developer OMC Agreement and transfer of common areas;
- Transfer of documentation in line with Schedule 3 of the MUD Act;
- Estate Management;
- Third Party Contractors Procurement and management;
- OMC Reporting;
- · Accounting Services;
- Corporate Services;
- Insurance Management;
- Staff Administration;
- After Hours Services.

#### 1.3 Service Charge Budget

The property management company has a number of key responsibilities, primarily the compiling of the service charge budget for the development for agreement with the OMC. The service charge budget covers items such as cleaning, landscaping, refuse management, utility bills, insurance, maintenance of mechanical/electrical lifts/ life safety systems, security, property management fee, etc., to the development common areas in accordance with the *Multi Unit Developments Act 2011*.

This service charge budget also includes an allowance for a Sinking Fund and this allowance is determined following the review of the Building Investment Fund (BIF) report prepared for the OMC. The BIF report once adopted by the OMC, determines an adequate estimated annual cost provision requirement based on the needs of the development over a 30-year cycle period. The BIF report will identify those works which are necessary to maintain, repair, and enhance the premises over the 30-year life cycle period, as required by the *Multi Unit Development Act 2011*.

In line with the requirements of the MUD Act, the members of the OMC will determine and agree each year at a General Meeting of the members, the contribution to be made to the Sinking Fund, having regard to the BIF report produced.

A sample format of the typical BIF report is set out in Appendix B.

Note: the detail associated with each element heading i.e. specification and estimate of the costs to maintain/repair or replace, can only be determined after detailed design and the procurement/construction of the development and therefore the figures provided are estimates.

## 1.4 Sinking Fund

It is expected that a sinking fund allowance will account for future major maintenance and upgrade costs. A 10-year Planned Preventative Maintenance (PPM) strategy will determine the level of sinking fund required.

### SECTION 02

# MEASURES SPECIFICALLY CONSIDERED BY THE PROPOSER TO EFFECTIVELY MANAGE AND REDUCE COSTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF RESIDENTS.

The following are an illustration of the energy measures that are planned for the units to assist in reducing costs for the occupants.

## 2.1 Building Design

Measure	Description	Benefit
Daylighting to apartments	Where possible, as outlined in 'Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments Guidelines for Planning Authorities' to have regard for quantitative performance approaches to daylight provisions 'outlined in guides like the BRE guide 'Site Layout Planning for Daylight and Sunlight' (2nd edition) or BS 8206-2: 2008 – 'Lighting for Buildings – Part 2: Code of Practice for Daylighting' when undertaken by development proposers which offer the capability to satisfy minimum standards of daylight provision'.	Reduces the requirement, and therefore expense, for continuous artificial lighting.
Daylighting to circulation areas  External Lighting	Natural lighting provided via windows at both the front and rear elevations.  The proposed lighting scheme within the development consists of LED public lighting pole mounted fittings.  Luminaires selected are the Veelite Metro Streetlights 27w LED (51 x Street Optic S, 28 x Forward Throw Optic) mounted on 6m columns with a 5 degree tilt.  Each light fitting shall be controlled via an individual Photoelectric Control Unit (PECU). The operation of the lighting shall be on a dusk-dawn profile.	Reduces the requirement, and therefore expense, for continuous artificial lighting.  Lighting will be designed to achieve the required standards, provide a safe environment for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicular traffic, provide surveillance and limit the impact on the artificial lighting on surrounding existing flora and fauna.  Having PECU allows for the optimum operation of lighting which minimizes costs

# 2.2 Landscape

Measure	Description	Benefit
Paving and Decking Materials  Soft Landscape	Sustainable, robust materials, with high slip resistance to be used for paving. Durable and hardwearing equipment (e.g. play, exercise, fencing etc.) to be used throughout.  Planting proposals have been formulated to complement the local setting as well as being fit for purpose in respect of private and public realm uses and spatial constraints imposed by garden sizes and the width of planting strips. Native tree species have been selected in significant numbers for planting along boundaries and across open spaces while non-native species have also been selected where spatial constraints are a factor.	Robust materials and elements reduce the frequency of required repair and maintenance.  Reduction in the frequency of required soft landscape maintenance
Site Layout	High quality landscaping both hard surface (for the cycle /car parking and pavements) and soft landscaping with planting and trees. The landscaping will be fully compliant with the requirements for Part M / K of the Technical Guidance Documents and will provide level access and crossings for wheelchair users and pedestrians with limited mobility. Designated car parking including accessible & visitor car parking reduces the travel distances for visitors with reduced mobility.	Plenty of room for cycles and pedestrians along with car spaces provide a good balance between pedestrians and car users.  Wheelchair user-friendly.
Maintenance & Management	Maintenance and management requirements have been considered through the design process. Complex planting arrangements have been omitted thus avoiding onerous maintenance and management requirements	Estate maintenance costs reduced
Balconies & openable windows	Use of balconies & openable windows allow individuals to clean windows themselves	Reduces the cost and reliance on 3rd party contractors for cleaning & maintenance.

Sustainability	Sustainability aspects of the proposed development	Enhanced sustainability of
& Biodiversity	include the retention of trees and hedgerows along	long-term estate
	site boundaries and the use of native trees where	management
	possible across the site.	
	Other species have been carefully selected for	
	compatibility with the size of available spaces which	
	is an important factor in long term management of the	
	housing estate. The overall objective is to enhance	
	the biodiversity potential of the site in addition to	
	providing seasonal interest and variety.	
	Judiciously placed flowering shrub and groundcover	
	planting have been included to further promote	
	biodiversity (pollinator species attracting insects	
	and birdlife).	

# 2.3 Energy & Carbon Emissions

Measure	Description	Benefit
BER	A Building Energy Rating (BER) certificate will be	A BER rating is a reduction in
Certificates	provided for each dwelling in the proposed	energy consumption and
	development which will provide detail of the energy	running costs
	performance of the dwellings. A BER is calculated	
	through energy use for space and hot water heating,	
	ventilation, and lighting and occupancy. It is proposed	
	to target an A2/A3 rating for the apartments this will	
	equate to the following emissions:	
	<ul> <li>A2 – 25-50 kwh/m2/yr with CO2</li> </ul>	
	emissions circa 10kgCO2/m2 year	
	<ul> <li>A3 – 51-75 kwh/m2/yr with CO2</li> </ul>	
	emissions circa 12kgCO2/m2 /year	
Fabric Energy	The U-values being investigated will be in line with the	Lower U-values and improved
Efficency.	requirements set out by the current regulatory	air tightness is being considered
	requirements of the Technical Guidance Documents	to help minimise heat losses
	Part L, 'Conservation of Fuel and Energy Buildings other	through the building fabric,
	than Dwellings'.	lower of energy consumption
	All buildings will be NZEB compliant.	and thus minimise carbon
		emissions to the environment.

Thermal bridging at junctions between construction	
elements and at other locations will be minimised in	
accordance Paragraphs 1.2.4.2 and 1.2.4.3 within the	
Technical Guidance Documents Part L. See below	
Table 1 of Part L, Building Regulations.	

# 2.4 Low Energy Technologies Considered.

Measure	Description	Benefit
Exhaust air	An exhaust air heat pump system is under	Heat pumps operate with
heat pump	consideration for heating, hot water and	efficiencies >400%. Exhaust air
	ventilation of the apartment units.	heat pumps utilise extract air as
		the air source for the heat pump.
		This will re-cycle the heat from
		the dwelling's ventilation
		system. These machines are
		ideal for apartments and more
		compact air-tight low energy or
		passive homes. Air is drawn
		through ducts to the heat pump
		from the bathrooms, utility and
		kitchen areas. The cold waste
		air is discharged to outside
		through another duct, and
		condensation to a drain.
		Additional heat generated
		internally from lighting, people
		and domestic appliances is also
		utilised through heat recovery
		from outgoing exhaust air.
Low energy	Shall be designed and specified in accordance with the	Lower consumption of energy
LED Lighting	BER requirements in each unit and in the	and therefore lower
	landlord areas in accordance with Part L.	carbon emissions.

Central	Central extract and demand-controlled ventilation will	Central extract ventilation
extract/	be considered to provide ventilation with low energy	provides continuous
demand-	usage.	ventilation with low energy
controlled		usage.
ventilation		Central extract operates at a
		low trickle speed constantly and
		ramp up in response to an
		increase in humidity from wet
		areas.
		Demand control ventilation
		incorporates automated wall
		vents which open/close
		dependent on internal
		humidity conditions.
PV Solar	PV Solar Panels are being considered which	PV Solar Panels offer the
Panels	converts the electricity produced by the PV	benefit of reducing fossil fuel
	system (which is DC) into AC electricity	consumption and carbon
	The panels are typically placed on the South facing	emissions to the environment.
	side of the building for maximum heat gain and in some	They also reduce the overall
	instances, can also be used to assist the heating	requirement to purchase
	system.	electricity from the grid.
ECAR Charging	Ducting shall be provided from a local landlord	Providing the option of E-car
Points	distribution board to designated E-car charging car	charging points will allow
T OILLS	park spaces. This will enable the management	occupants to avail of the ever-
	company the option to install E-car charging points	improving efficient electric car
	within the carpark to cater for E-car demand of the	technologies.
	residence. This system operates on a single charge	technologies.
	point access card. A full re- charge can take from one	
	to eight hours using a standard charge point.	
	to eight hours dainig a standard charge point.	
Combined	Combined Heat and Power, (CHP), is a technology	CHP can achieve energy
Heat and	being evaluated in the event a number of apartments	efficiencies by reusing waste
Power	remain in a single ownership. This technology	heat from the unit to generate
	generates electricity and captures the waste heat from	heat required for space heating
	the generation unit that can be used within the	& domestic hot water services
	development.	in the apartment developments.
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### 2.5 Materials / Material Specification.

The practical implementation of the Design and Material principles has informed design of building facades, internal layouts and detailing of the proposed apartment buildings.

The proposed envelope of the building is a mix of stone, brick and durable render finish, with high-performance double or triple-glazed aluminium / uPVC windows. These materials are considered durable and would not require regular replacement or maintenance.

It is expected that a sinking fund allowance will account for future major maintenance and upgrade costs. A 10-year Planned Preventative Maintenance (PPM) strategy will determine the level of sinking fund required.

The Apartment Buildings are designed in accordance with the Building Regulations, in particular Part D 'Materials and Workmanship', which includes all elements of the construction. The Design Principles and Specification are applied to both the apartment units and the common parts of the building and specific measures taken include:

Description	Benefit
Materials have been selected with a view to	Longevity, durability and low
longevity, durability and low maintenance with	maintenance of materials.
Consideration given to Building Regulations and	
include reference to BS 7543:2015 'Guide to	
Durability of Buildings and Building elements,	
Products and Components'.	
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, ,	Requires minimal
	maintenance and does not
•	require regular replacement
•	
for the lifetime of the buildings.	
Fenestration has been designed with optimum	Requires minimal maintenance
thermal and daylighting factors considered. The	and does not require regular
necessity for thermally efficient windows and doors	replacement
to meet a dwellings' energy requirements is	
essential for a whole-envelope approach to building	
fabric design. Frame colours have been proposed	
to compliment overall building / location character.	
Apartment buildings are provided with private	Security and protection are
amenity spaces in the form of balconies and ground	paramount while ease and
floor terraces. The balustrading and finish to these	access to maintenance are
elements is designed for strength and protection in	achieved.
the first instance, while detailed design will ensure	
that these elevational elements provide a pleasing	
aesthetic.	
	Materials have been selected with a view to longevity, durability and low maintenance with Consideration given to Building Regulations and include reference to BS 7543:2015 'Guide to Durability of Buildings and Building elements, Products and Components'.  A range of complimentary brickwork and metal cladding has been selected to enhance the public realm through the creation of distinctive character areas. The robust materials have been chosen for their longevity and solid characteristics, to endure for the lifetime of the buildings.  Fenestration has been designed with optimum thermal and daylighting factors considered. The necessity for thermally efficient windows and doors to meet a dwellings' energy requirements is essential for a whole-envelope approach to building fabric design. Frame colours have been proposed to compliment overall building / location character.  Apartment buildings are provided with private amenity spaces in the form of balconies and ground floor terraces. The balustrading and finish to these elements is designed for strength and protection in the first instance, while detailed design will ensure that these elevational elements provide a pleasing

## 2.6 Waste Management

Measure	Description	Benefit
Construction &	This application is accompanied by a Construction	The report demonstrates how
Operational	Waste Management Plan.	the scheme has been designed
Waste		to comply with best practice.
Management	A Construction and Operational Waste	
Plan	Management Plan will be prepared by Axis	
	Construction and submitted to Wexford County	
	Council prior to commencement of the	
	development.	
Storage of non-	Inclusion of a number of covered & locked bin	Easily accessible by all
recyclable	storage areas for each apartment.	residents and minimises
waste and	storage areas for each apartment.	potential littering of the
recyclable	Domestic waste management strategy: Grey,	scheme
household	Brown and Green bin distinction. Competitive	Scheme
	tender for waste management collection.	
Waste	-	
Composting	Addition of organic waste bins to be provided	Helps to reduce waste
	throughout the development	charges and the amount of
		waste going to landfill.
Additional	Additional recycling centre to be provided within the	Helps to reduce waste
Recycling	associated housing scheme.	charges and the amount of
Centre		waste going to landfill.

# 2.7 Human Health and Well Being.

Measure	Description	Benefit
Natural	The design, separation distances and layout of the	Reduces reliance on artificial
Daylight	apartments have been optimised for the ingress of	lighting thereby reducing costs.
	natural daylight/sunlight to the proposed	
	dwellings to provide good levels of natural light.	
A a a a a i b i i i tr	All waits including account and areas will spend with	Deduces the level of
Accessibility	All units, including access and egress, will comply with	Reduces the level of
	the requirements of Part M / K	adaptation, and associated
		costs, potentially
		necessitated by residents'
		future circumstances.
Private	Provision of private amenity spaces in the form of	Facilitates interaction with
Amenity	gardens, balconies and communal areas for apartment buildings provide compliant areas for the external	outdoors, increasing health
Space	enjoyment of dwellings and also allow a space for play / interaction.	benefits.

Security	The scheme is designed to incorporate good	Access to all residents to
	passive surveillance with the following security	reduce the risk of crime,
	strategies likely to be adopted:	littering within the scheme
	Secure bicycle storage areas for each	and reduction of potential
	apartment;	waste charges.
	CCTV for common areas;	
	Routine access fob audits	
Natural	A number of green spaces proposed throughout	Facilitates community
Amenity	the scheme, connecting to a large active and	interaction, socialising and
	passive area along the southern / eastern boundary.	play – resulting in improved
		Well-being.

# 2.8 Transport and Accessibility

Measure	Description	Benefit
Access to Public Transport.	Rail Services Gorey Train Station is located on the main Dublin – Rosslare rail service and is approximately a 25 minute walk from the site.  Bus Services Bus stops on Gorey Main Street are situated within a 20-minute walk of the subject development with 6no. routes operated by Local Link Wexford, Bus Éireann, Wexford Bus and other private operators.  A TFI Local Link operates two types of local bus services; Door-to-Door and Regular Rural Services with the 389 Service a 20 minute walk from the site.	The availability, proximity and ease of access to public transport services contributes to reducing the reliance on the private motor vehicle for all journey types.
Permeable Connections	There is provision of dedicated pedestrian and cycle infrastructure within the site. The upgrading and provision of new high quality pedestrian and cyclist facilities form part of the works within the development site. These connect with existing paths on the wider urban network, subsequently providing convenient access to local services including shops, schools, restaurants and medical facilities.	Ensures long-term attractiveness of walking, and cycling to a range of local facilities.  This strong infrastructure ensures that there will be a balance of transport modes used by future residents of the proposed development.

Cycle	There is currently no cycle infrastructure in the	Accommodates the uptake of
Links	immediate vicinity of the site. It is proposed that	cycling and reducing the
	this development will provide cycle lanes linking	reliance on the private motor
	the development to Clonattin Village and the	vehicle.
	Courtown Road. The provision of private secure	
	& covered bicycle parking facilities for each	
	apartment, together with quality short term and	
	long-term parking requirements.	

# 2.9 Management

Measure	Description	Benefit
Resident	Once a purchaser completes their sale, a	Residents will be as
Information	homeowner box will be provided which	informed as possible so that
Packs	will include:	any issues can be
	Homeowner manual – this will provide	addressed in a timely and
	important information for the purchaser	efficient manner.
	on details of their new property. It	
	typically includes details of the property	
	such as MPRN and GPRN, Information	
	in relation to connect with utilities and	
	communication providers, contact	
	details for all relevant suppliers and	
	User Instructions for appliances and	
	devices in the property.	
	A Residents Pack prepared by the	
	Developer which will typically provide	
	information on contact details for the	
	Managing agent, emergency contact	
	information, transport links in the area	
	and a clear set of rules	
	and regulations.	

## APPENDIX A – APARTMENT / DUPLEX LOCATIONS WITHIN PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT





## APPENDIX B - ITEMS INCLUDED IN A TYPCIAL BIF

# Items Included in a Typical BIF

The BIF table below illustrates what would be incorporated for the calculation of a Sinking Fund.

Ref	Element	Life Expectancy (Years)	Cost
1.0	Roofs		
		00	
1.1	Replacement of flat roof covering	20	
	including insulation to warm roof build	(40 for tiled roofs)	
	ups.		
1.2	Replacement parapet details	20	
1.3	Replacement/ repairs to facias	20	
2.0	Elevations		
2.1	Repairs & preparation for decorations of	20	
	rendered areas		
2.2	Replace exit/ entrance doors	25	
2.3	Replace rainwater goods	25	
2.4	Recoat powder coated finishes to	15	
	balconies		
2.5	Periodic replacement and overhauling of	5	
	external fixings		
2.6	Replace balcony floor finishes	25	
3.0	Stair Cores and Lobbies		
3.1	Decorate ceilings & walls (stairwells &	2	
	lobbies)		
3.2	Decorate Joinery (stairwells & lobbies)	2	
3.3	Replace fire doors (stairwells & lobbies)	25	
3.4	Replace carpets (stairwells & lobbies)	10	
3.5	Replace entrance mats (stairwells &	10	
	lobbies)		
3.6	Replace nosings (stairwells)	10	
3.7	Replace ceramic floors tiles (stairwells &	20	
	lobbies)		
3.8	Fixed Furniture & Equipment	18	
	(Provisional Sum)		

	M&E Services		
4.1	General - Internal re-lamping (stairwells	5	
	& lobbies)		
4.2	Replace Internal light fittings (stairwells	15	
	& lobbies)		
4.3	Replace external light fittings (at	15	
	entrance lobbies)		
4.4	Replace smoke detector heads	18	
4.5	Replace manual break glass units/	18	
	disabled refuge call points		
4.6	Replace fire alarm panel	18	
4.7	Replace AOV's	25	
4.8	Replace security access control	15	
	installation		
4.9	External mains water connection	20	
4.10	Electrical mains and sub mains	20	
	distribution.		
4.11	Emergency lighting	20	
4.12	Overhaul and/or replace waste pipes,	20	
	stacks & vents		
5.0	Exterior		
5.1	External boundary treatments - recoat	40	
	powder coated finishes to railings		
5.2	Replace external signage	15	
5.3	Replace cobble-lock areas	20	
5.4	15-year cutback & thinning of trees &	15	
	general overhaul of the landscaping		
5.5	Replace CCTV provision	10	
5.6	External handrails and balustrade	15	
5.7	Replace Bicycle Stands	25	

#### APPENDIX C - FABRIC REQUIREMENTS - BUILDING REGULATIONS PART L

Table 1 Maximum elemental U-value (W/m²K) <sup>1, 2</sup>			
Column 1 Fabric Elements	Column 2 Area-weighted Average Elemental U-Value (Um)	Column 3 Average Elemental U-value – individual element or section of element	
Roofs			
Pitched roof - Insulation at ceiling - Insulation on slope Flat roof	0.16 0.16 0.20	0.3	
Walls	0.21	0.6	
Ground floors <sup>3</sup>	0.21	0.6	
Other exposed floors	0.21	0.6	
External doors, windows and rooflights	1.6⁴	3.0	

#### Notes:

- 1. The U-value includes the effect of unheated voids or other spaces.
- 2. For alternative method of showing compliance see paragraph 1.3.2.3.
  3. For insulation of ground floors and exposed floors
- incorporating underfloor heating, see paragraph 1.3.2.2.
- 4. Windows, doors and rooflights should have a maximum U-value of 1.6 W/m<sup>2</sup>K when their combined area is 25% of floor area. However areas and U-values may be varied as set out in Table 2.

#### APPENDIX D - PHASES OF THE LIFE CYCLE BS7543:2015

