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Question 1: Ref 'Detail how your design proposal (5.12) is energy efficient and exceeds the minimum building regulations.

What do you mean by the minimum building regulations? Is this intended to be better than home building regulations? Or do you have specific thermal values you need this to better?

Answer: The intended use is for a commercial office so the regulations obtained need to reflect this use.

If approved for funding, this will come from the European Structural & Investment Fund. It is a requirement of this funding that, for projects of less than £150,000, the development will need to consider and include a number of environmental enhancements to demonstrate good and best practices.

Applicants must demonstrate a proactive approach, maximising energy efficiency and minimising water consumption and drainage off site where appropriate. For example (this list is not exhaustive):

Positive environmental impacts could include:

- improvements in energy efficiency, including insulation;
- reduction of carbon emissions;
- using renewable energy;
- incorporating water efficiency measures;
- enhancing natural habitats;
- reducing waste generation;
- using recycled materials.

Negative environmental impacts requiring adequate consideration and mitigation measures, where relevant and practicable, could include:

- negative impacts on wildlife habitats – these might be short-term impacts (for example, whilst the project is being constructed), or longer-term impacts from the ongoing presence and use of a facility;
- significant increases in traffic and/or congestion;
- pollution (including noise and dust);
- waste generation (during construction and in use);
- increased flood risk;
- visual impact.

Applicants will be expected to consider environmental enhancements above the legal baseline, and associated mitigation measures appropriate to their scheme.