POLICY

The Masterplan attempts to be a flexible framework. Consultation will be on-going throughout the regeneration process.

This section explores ways in which energy can be saved. The Ballymun Regeneration Energy Policy will pursue the following objectives:

- New Buildings will cost tenants no more to heat
- The maximum benefits from energy use will be sought through increased energy efficiency in boilers, heating equipment and domestic appliances
- Waste of energy will be eliminated through good control of heating systems and insulation
- The impact of energy consumption on the environment will be minimised through choice of clean fuels, such as gas, which have lower emissions of the greenhouse gas CO2 and
- New Approaches on energy will be followed and changes which are driven by the European community will be monitored

other polluting gases

- Alternative sources of renewable energy will be pursued, at least in a percentage of the new buildings
- Energy efficiency in transport will seek to minimise transport demand and maximise the use of public transport facilities
- This energy policy will contribute to the sustainable development of the new Ballymun through promoting training and employment opportunities in the energy sector
- The health of the people living and working in Ballymun will be given priority through good thermal comfort in the home, reduction of environmental pollution and choice of building materials
- This energy policy embodies the key energy elements of sustainability as set out by Local Agenda 21. It is progressive and dynamic in response to an ever changing set of demands and targets.

STRATEGY

100 % Best Practice

1 % Experimental

4 % Innovative



Infra red thermogram of the existing towers showing very large heat loss (red) through the non-insulated walls.



Infra red thermogram showing cold bridging in existing flats causing heat loss.

BEST PRACTICE - ALL HOUSES

Specification

- · Prohibit ozone depleting chemicals
- Reduce PVC
- Low embodied energy material such as timber
- All timber from sustainable source
- Ensure quality construction

COSTS FOR HEATING

two bedroom dwelling per year

overall cost

£250

Planned

cost

£600

£275

Current cost

 Use waste or recycled material wherever possible

Design

- Compact form to minimise heat loss.
- Orientation to optimise solar gain.
- · Design for long life.
- Minimise the use of hazardous materials (e.g. formaldehyde)
- Minimise maintenance

Job Creation

- Installing heating system
- Servicing and maintenance of boilers

Training

• Instructors will be trained to run programmes aimed at advising tenants on how to maximse benefit from their heating system, making full use of controls





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Education

 Producing a small booklet, in a graphical illustration format, with instructions for handy reference in order to achieve maximum comfort and low fuel bills in practice

