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Retrofit Explained: The Right Way to Deliver Retrofit

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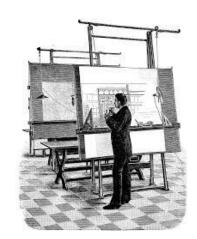
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What we're here to talk about

- 1. The construction industry.
- 2. Retrofit.
- 3. How to bring the benefits of one to the other.
- 4. Examples of where we have seen this happen.



The characters





Clients

Surveyors



Contractors & installers

The Architect & other designers.



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A system and process understood by all.

The RIBA Plan Of Works covers the full life cycle.

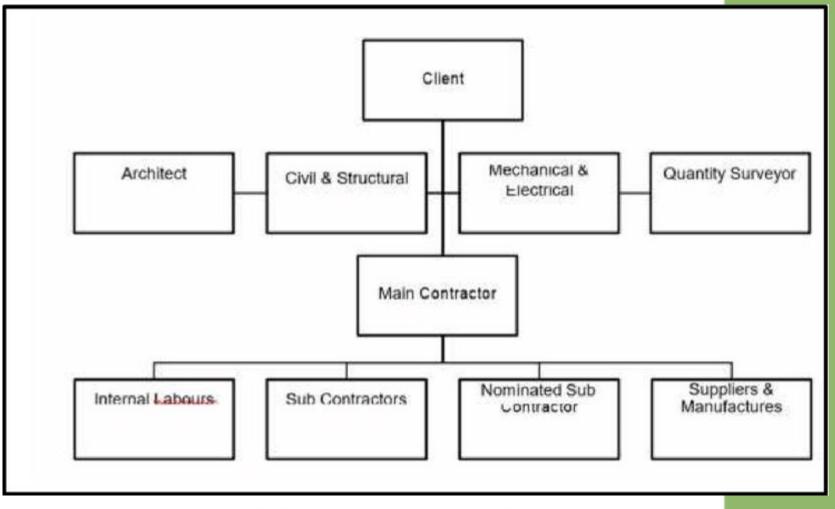
Obvious milestones and gateways, each stage builds on the last.







Everyone knows their role and how they connect together.



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Each role connected to the other.

Clear responsibilities and roles.

Interdependent liabilities.







- Not perfect.
- Delivers billions of pounds of work every year.
- Manages change to our most expensive and important assets.
- Contains structures with checks and balances appropriate for the risk it manages.
- Is full of people who understand these structures and their place in them.



Retrofit

Retrofit is the introduction of new materials, products and technologies into an existing building to reduce the energy needed to occupy that building. Retrofit is not the same as renovation or refurbishment, which often make good, repair or aesthetically enhance a building without aiming to reduce its energy use.

Residential Retrofit: 20 Case Studies, published by RIBA Publishing, November 2013.





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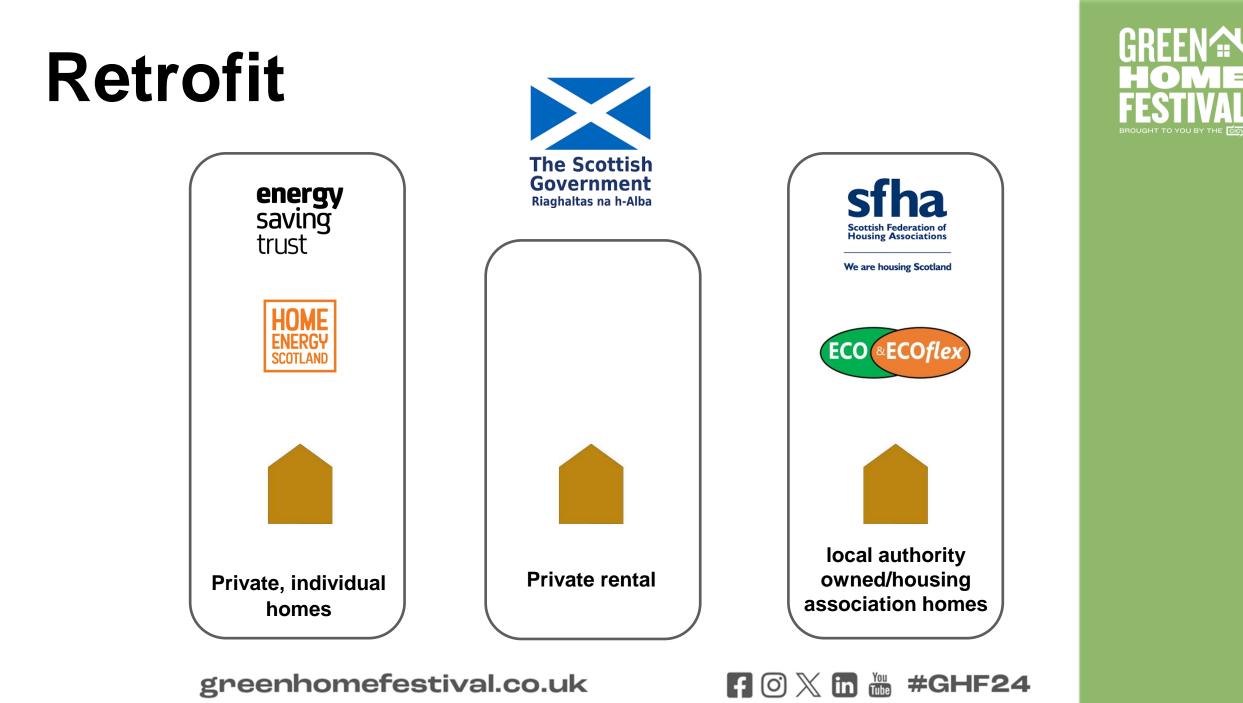
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Example works

- Energy source
- Heat source
- Insulation
- Roof insulation
- Wall insulation
- Floor insulation
- Air permeability
- Low risk, low regret







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Retrofit responses



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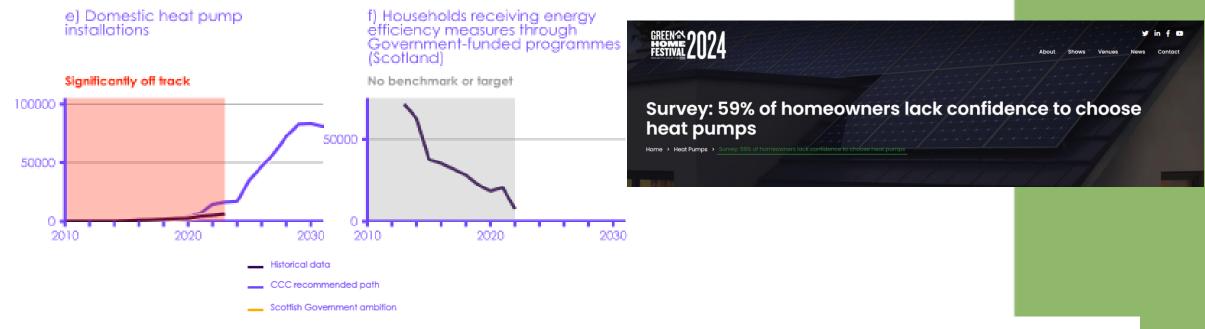
BACK AWAY: Give the funding back, move house

SUCCEED: Group together, use the RIBA Work Stages



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 Only three of the 14 key recommendations from the CCC's 2022 Scottish Progress Report scored 'good progress'. Two scored 'moderate progress', seven scored 'some but insufficient progress', and two made 'no progress' at all.

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Guidance only - No actual advice – no survey, no specifications, no consents

- No handholder no consultant, direct to contractor, design & build
- No budget for builder's work expectations
- No warranty or indemnity comfort
- No comprehensive quotes, things are missed.

"I'll just give the funding back and move house." "I'll wait until there's more funding." "My boiler is on its last legs, and I can't wait, so I'll just replace it."

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AVOID

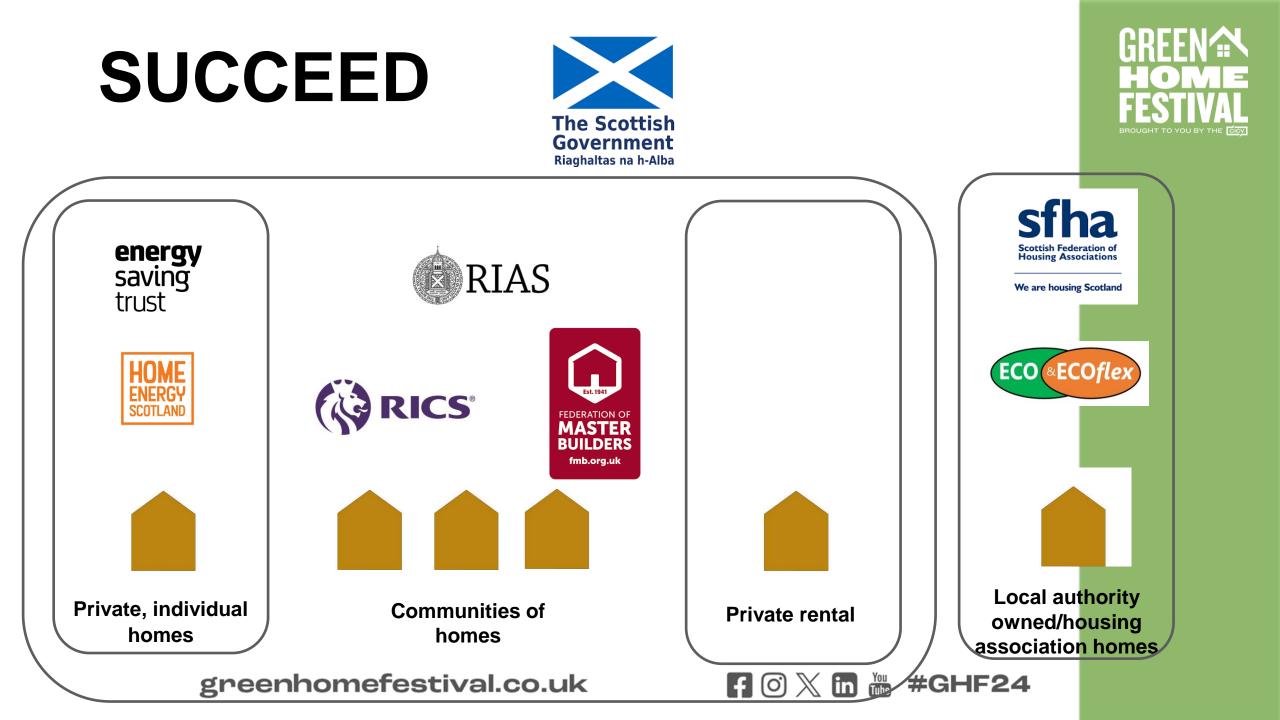
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Group together – use the Construction Industry

- Give actual advice. Think holistically. Plan long term.
- Provide a handholder a consultant, not a contractor.
- Budget for **everything** required.
- Have a structure to provide real quality assurance.
- Structured quotes, enabling like for like comparison.
- Employ professional main contractors.







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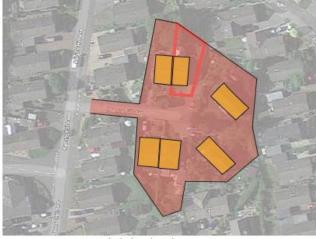
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perimeter block



Flatted street



semi detached



terraced street



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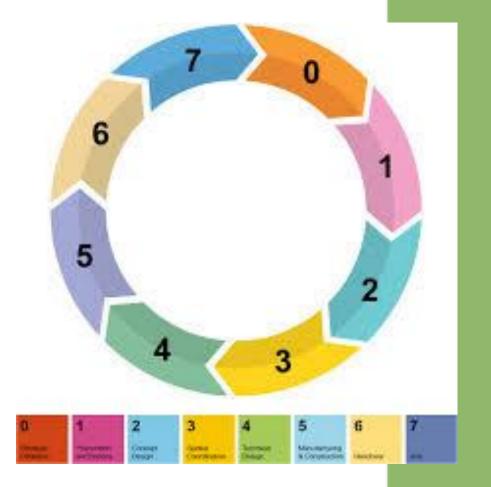
Survey – understand what is there.

Assessment and design – based on holistic knowledge of the situation and phased over years.

Specification – before going to a contractor.

Contractual oversight during the works.

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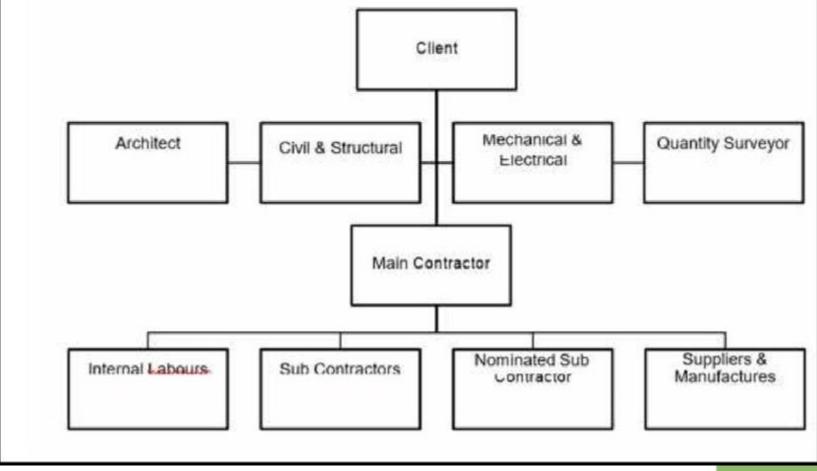
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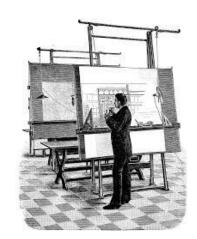
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Examples

Portobello

Newhaven

Viewforth





Challenges

- 1. I just want it done.
- 2. This seems too expensive
- 3. No one will fund these steps
- 4. This is too complex
- 5. There's too many questions
- 6. I just want PVs and a heat pump
- 7. Some retrofit contractors give a guarantee.





