DESIGNING HEALTHIER, HAPPIER EXPERIENCES AND MORE PRODUCTIVE UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS



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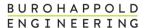
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BACKGROUND TO BUROHAPPOLD



40 YEARS OF









MAKING THE VISION VIABLE

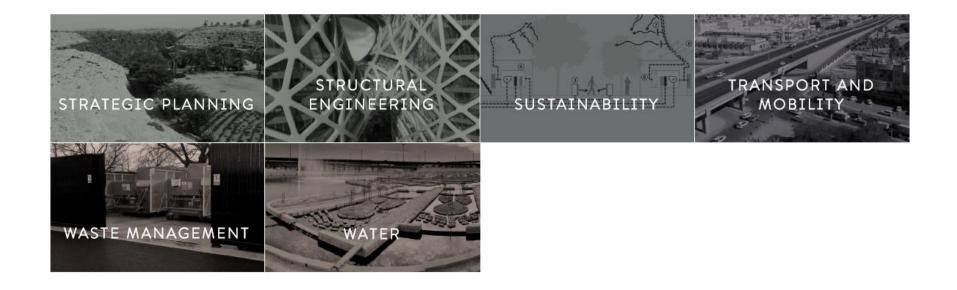
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OUR HIGHER EDUCATION CLIENTS

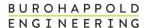
Top 10 World Universities

Over 300 projects at over 75 UK universities





BACKGROUND TO THE HEALTH, WELLBEING AND PRODUCTIVITY AGENDA



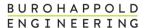
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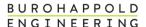


IMPACT YOUR HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND PRODUCTIVITY?

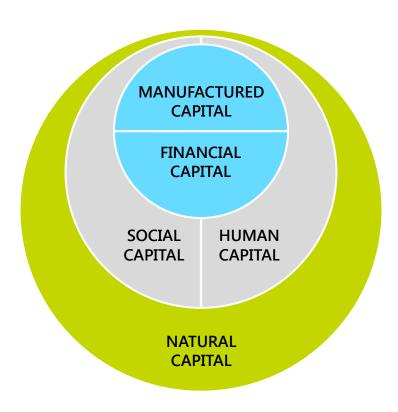


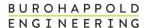
DESIGN SPACES AND PLACES WHERE PEOPLE ARE HEALTHIER, HAPPIER AND MORE PRODUCTIVE...

...AND TOUCH THE EARTH LIGHTLY



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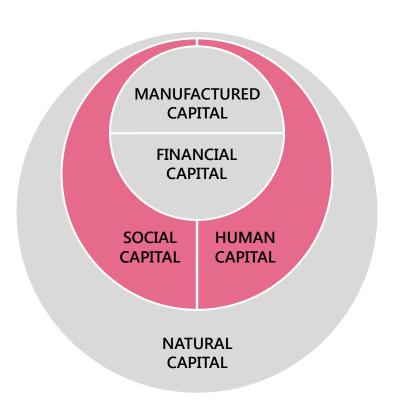




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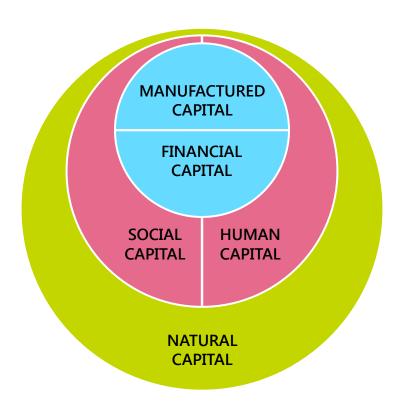
- STOCKS: Families, communities, organisations, governance systems, schools
- **FLOWS**: Security, culture, education, inclusion, justice.

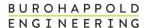


HUMAN

- STOCKS: Knowledge, skills, health, motivation, spiritual ease.
- FLOWS: Happiness, creativity, innovation, work, energy, participation.

5 CAPITALS MODEL OF SUSTAINABILITY





INDUSTRY IS ON A JOURNEY...









WHAT THIS MEANS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

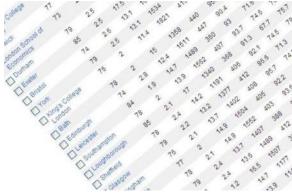


THE DRIVERS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Inter-connected drivers for Healthy, Happy and Productive Higher Education Buildings



HEALTHY: Reduced absenteeism, improved mental health and ability to concentrate



HAPPY: Improved Student Experience, Reduced drop-out rate & improved League Tables Performance

Success as a Knowledge Economy:

Teaching Excellence, Social Mobility and Student Choice

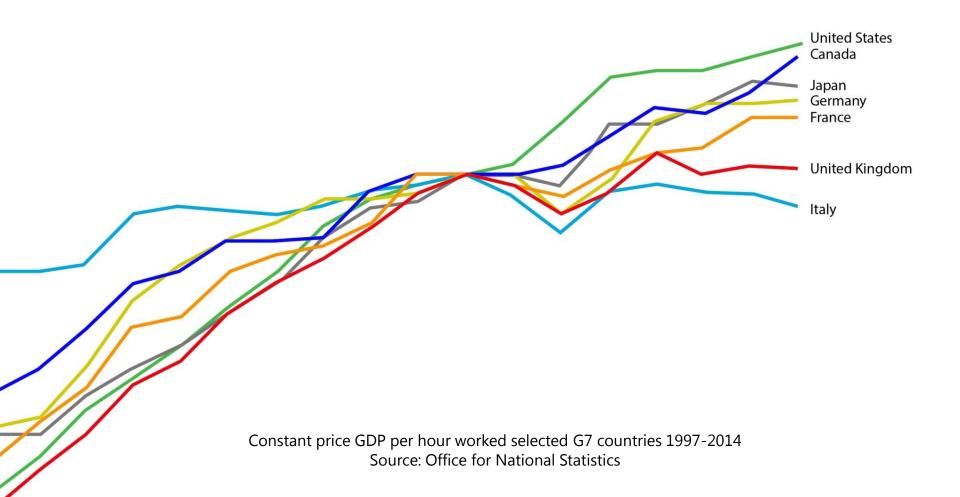
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PRODUCTIVE: Improved students outcomes, improved exam results, increased competitiveness of UK plc

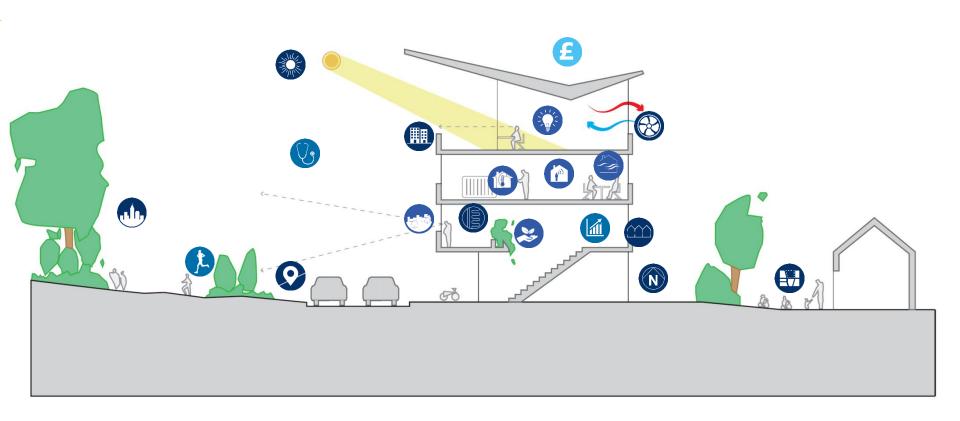


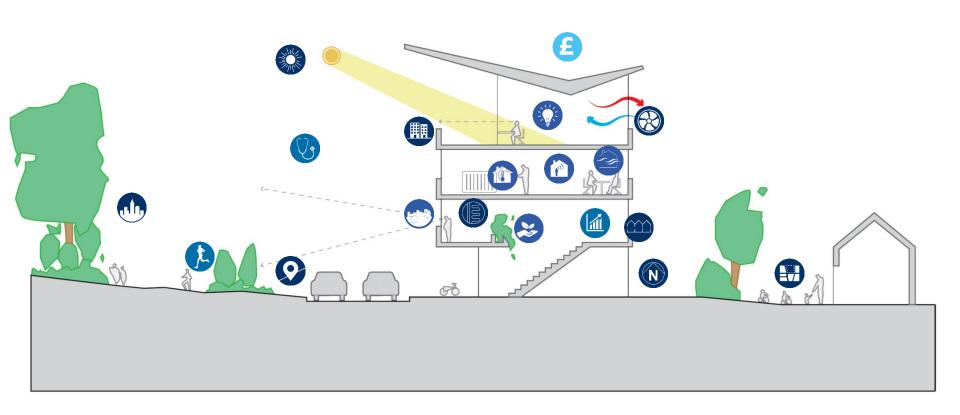
PRODUCTIVITY: A NATIONAL PROBLEM UNIVERSITIES CAN PLAY A STRONG ROLE IN ADDRESSING THIS



DESIGNING FOR HEALTH, WELLBEING AND PRODUCTIVITY







ELEMENT

ENVIRONMENT

EXPERIENCE

ECONOMICS

Economics



Massing

Air Quality



Facade

Thermal Comfort



Light





Wellbeing



Noise/Acoustics



Views

Biophilia





Room Proportions



Constructions



Lighting

Health



Productivity

HOLISTIC THINKING IS NECESSARY

AIR QUALITY

ELEMENTS



Natural ventilation, air conditioning, and mixed mode strategies impact health and wellbeing and must be balanced against thermal comfort.

ENVIRONMENT



For high indoor air quality (IAQ) the optimum ventilation rate is between 20 and 30 l/s to renew oxygen and dilute pollutants.

EXPERIENCE



Short term sick leave is 35% lower in offices ventilated by an outdoor air supply rate of 24 l/s compared to 12 l/s.

(Milton et al, 2000)

ECONOMICS



Better air quality can result in 8-11% overall improvement in overall productivity. (Loftness et al, 2003)

THERMAL COMFORT

ELEMENTS



HVAC, thermal insulation, solar gain and heat from people and equipment influence thermal comfort. ENVIRONMENT



Recommended operative temperatures to achieve thermal comfort vary with season and environment type, but the zone of thermal comfort is typically achieved above 15°C and below 30°C.

EXPERIENCE



Occupants who remain within their thermal comfort zone have lower heart rate, respiratory ventilation and higher oxygen saturation, which improves task performance.

ECONOMICS



3% gains in overall productivity as a result of personal control of workspace temperature. (Loftness et al, 2003)

LIGHTING AND DAYLIGHTING

ELEMENTS



Access to windows, facade design, dynamic lighting, quantity of light, quality of light, and glare impact occupant health and wellbeing.

ENVIRONMENT



Optimum quality of light can be achieved with a Colour Rendering Index of 90 or above. EXPERIENCE



A study showed office workers with windows receive 173% more white light and slept an average of 46 minutes more per night. (Chueng, 2013) ECONOMICS

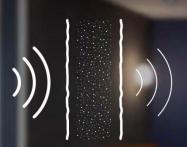


A study showed increasing the amount of daylight in retail environments can increase sales by up to 40% (Heschong Mahone Group, 1999)

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ACOUSTICS

ELEMENTS



Acoustic comfort considerations include acoustic insulation, absorptive surfaces, workspace variety and flexibility, and background noise levels.

ENVIRONMENT



Optimum background noise levels vary for different environments. 45dBA is recommended for open plan offices but cellular offices can reduce this to 40dBA.

EXPERIENCE



Acoustic comfort improves worker satisfaction, reduces stress and increases productivity.

ECONOMICS



Noise reduction in the workplace can increase productivity by 27.8% (Oseland and Burton, 2012).

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VIEWS AND BIOPHILIA

ELEMENTS



Biophilia considerations include site location, orientation, building form, materials, interior layout, and landscape design.

ENVIRONMENT



Biophilia can be enabled through direct access to natural spaces, visual connection, natural elements or symbols, and place-based design. EXPERIENCE



Nature views allow eye re-focusing, which reduces fatigue, headaches and eye strain. Biophilia lowers stress, improves cognitive function and enhances creativity.

ECONOMICS



Workers were found to process calls 7-12% faster if provided with an improved external view (Heschong Mahone Group, 2003)

COMMUNITY

ELEMENTS



The relationship of the building users with the local community has wellbeing implications.

ENVIRONMENT



Engaging with the local community to understand and respond to their needs can deliver mutual benefits to the community and building users.

EXPERIENCE



Beneficial health and wellbeing outcomes are associated with acts of generosity and charity. ECONOMICS

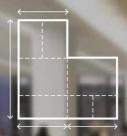


Community engagement and provision of community activities increased footfall by 5% and retailer sales by 10% (Milton, 2014)

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INTERIOR AND LAYOUT

ELEMENTS



Interior layout
considerations that
influence health and
wellbeing include legibility,
density, flexibility, types of
working spaces, provision
of social spaces.

ENVIRONMENT



Interior planning that considers legibility, density, workspace diversity, flexible working, and social spaces has beneficial wellbeing outcomes.

EXPERIENCE



Optimising interior layout reduced absenteeism at one organisation from 12.7% to 3.5% (Beauregard, 2011)

ECONOMICS



Improved workplace cohesion led to a drastic reduction in employee turnover from 40% to 12% (Waber, 2013)



AMENITIES

ELEMENTS









Agglomeration, transport and related facilities, the provision of open space, exercise facilities and the quality of the public realm impact health and wellbeing.

ENVIRONMENT









Occupant health and wellbeing can be increased by providing access to reliable public transport, facilities for cyclists, high quality public realm, access to recreation, and social space.

EXPERIENCE



Improving amenities access can reduce stress, improve physical and mental health, and increase convenience for occupants thereby improving productivity.

ECONOMICS



Making places more walkable can boost footfall and trading by up to 40% and raise retail rents by 20% (Designed to Move: Active Cities, 2015)

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LOOK AND FEEL

ELEMENTS



Colour treatment, texture, shapes, artwork, ergonomics, proportion, and contours impact occupant wellbeing. ENVIRONMENT



Appropriate use of colour, textural variety, generous proportions, ergonomically designed furniture, and inclusion of artwork can improve occupant wellbeing.

EXPERIENCE



Textural variety can improve cognitive ability to access knowledge, helping the brain to stay alert and engaged. (Helen Hamlyn Centre for Design, 2005)

ECONOMICS



Research shows the visual appeal of the workplace is a major factor in employee recruitment and retention and therefore an organisations economic profitability.

(American Society of Interior Designers, 1999)

ACTIVE / INCLUSIVE DESIGN

ELEMENTS



Placement and treatment of vertical circulation, facade and massing, workstation design and provision of facilities for exercise impact occupant health.

ENVIRONMENT



Active design features such as accessible, appealing, prominent staircases stimulate movement to improve health and wellbeing.

EXPERIENCE



Consistent stair use is linked to 12 -20% reduction in all-cause mortality including cardiovascular disease. (Designed to Move: Active Cities, 2015) **ECONOMICS**



Encouraging physical activity improves health and reduces economic costs associated with inactivity.



SUMMARY



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- 1. Green is great, but healthy, happy, productive and green is even better
- 2. Many aspects of design can influence factors that impact on health, wellbeing & productivity
- 3. Intelligent design can have a measurable impacts on performance
- 4. Research can help inform a business case for better places for people
- 5. There is no one size fits all solution
- To achieve productive and aspirational spaces that impact on student and staff experience an integrated project team is key
- 7. We need to consider and challenge the standards where they do not go far enough



MORE INFORMATION

TOMORROW'S SESSION

Research into, "If students were in charge of their estate, what would they do?"

Workshop 19 (11:10 – 12:00), Itchen Room

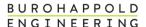
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