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Solar Photovoltaic Proposal

Photovoltaic Structural Report

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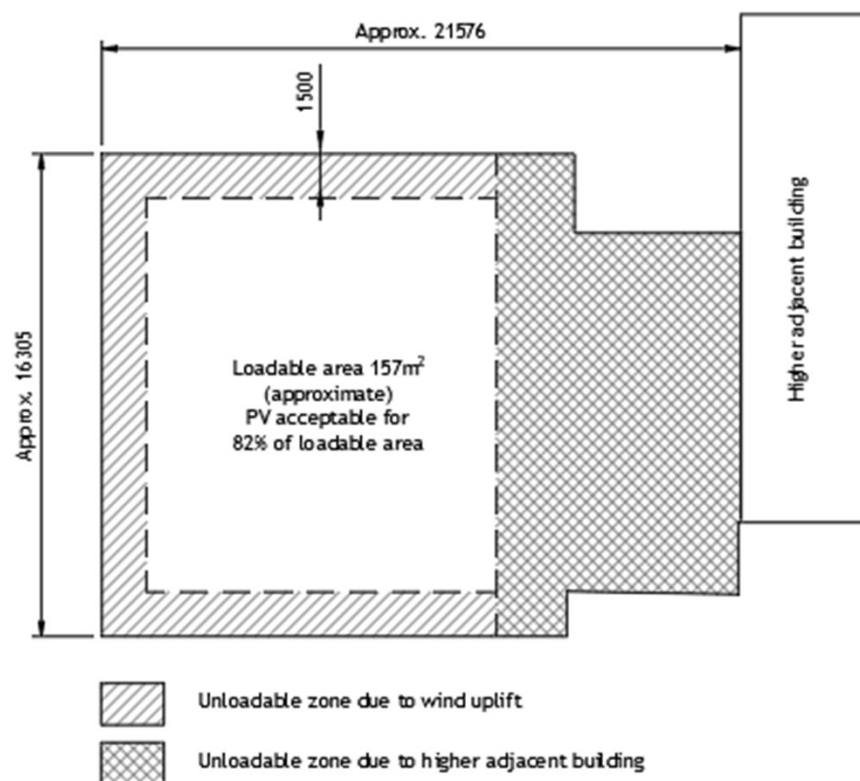


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St. Crispin's Secondary School Roof 1



Panels Proposed XXNo. = XXXm² = less than area allowed (XXXm²)
Therefore OK

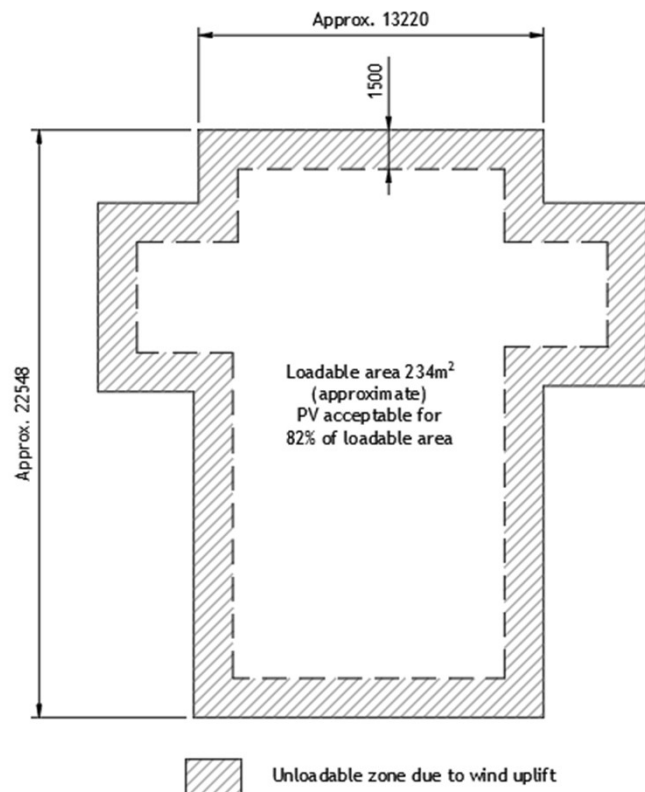


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St. Crispin's Secondary School Roof 2



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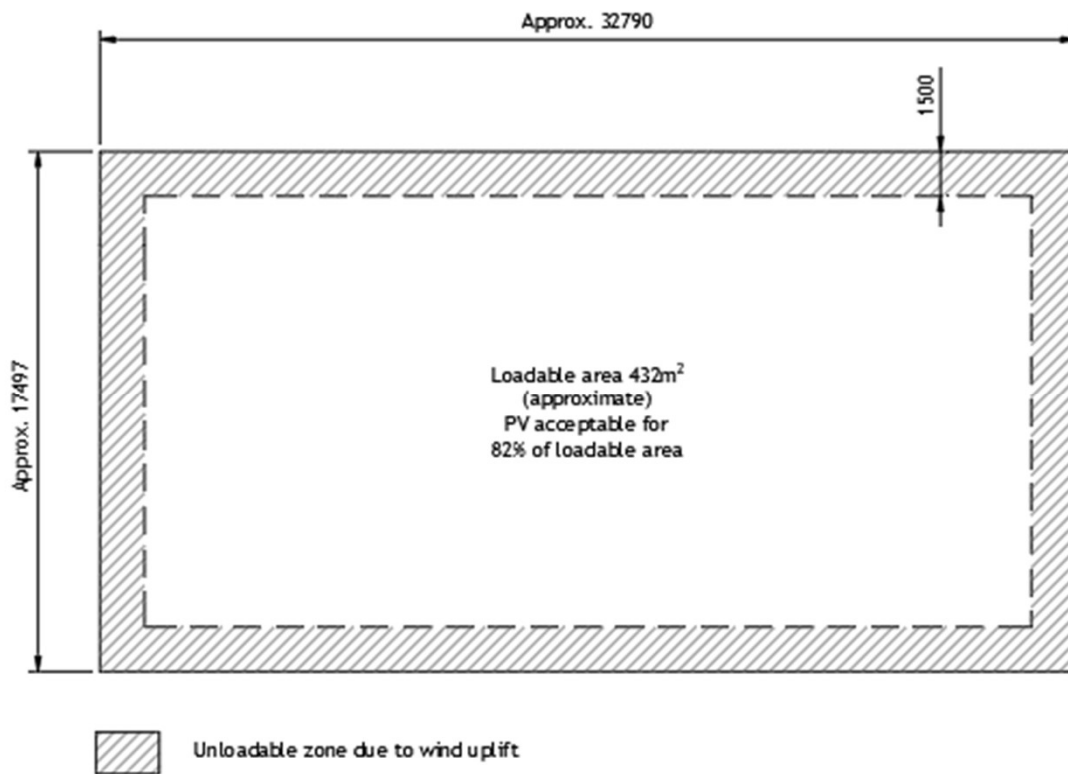


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St. Crispin's Secondary School Roof 3



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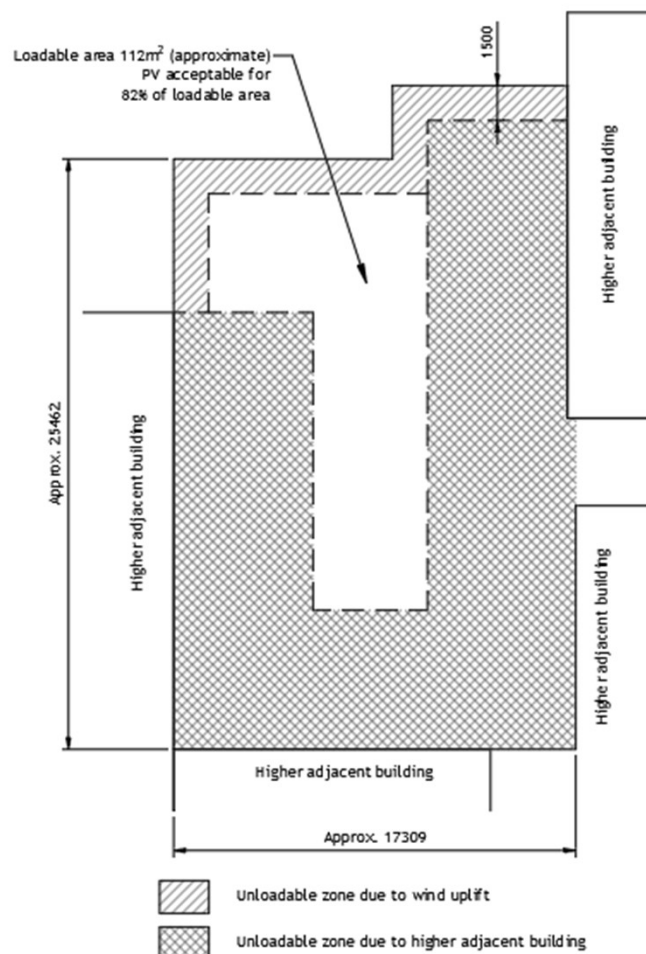


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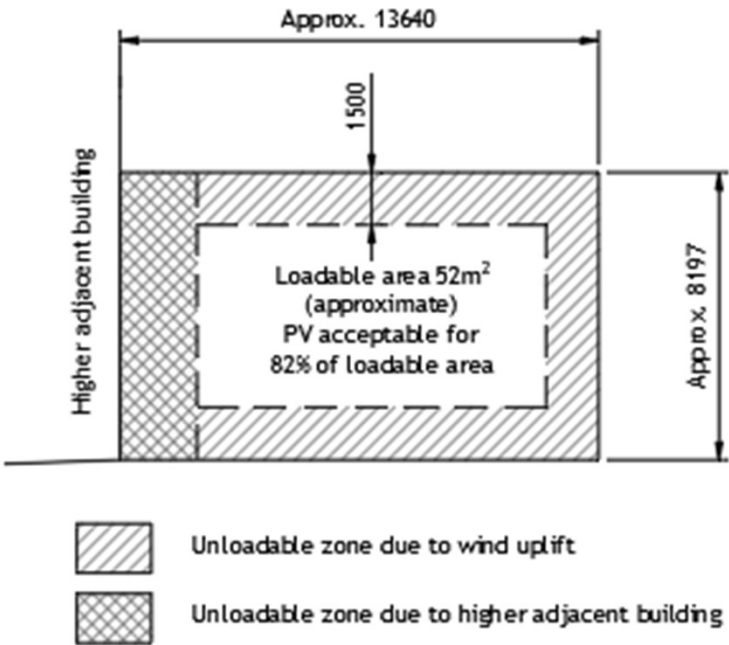


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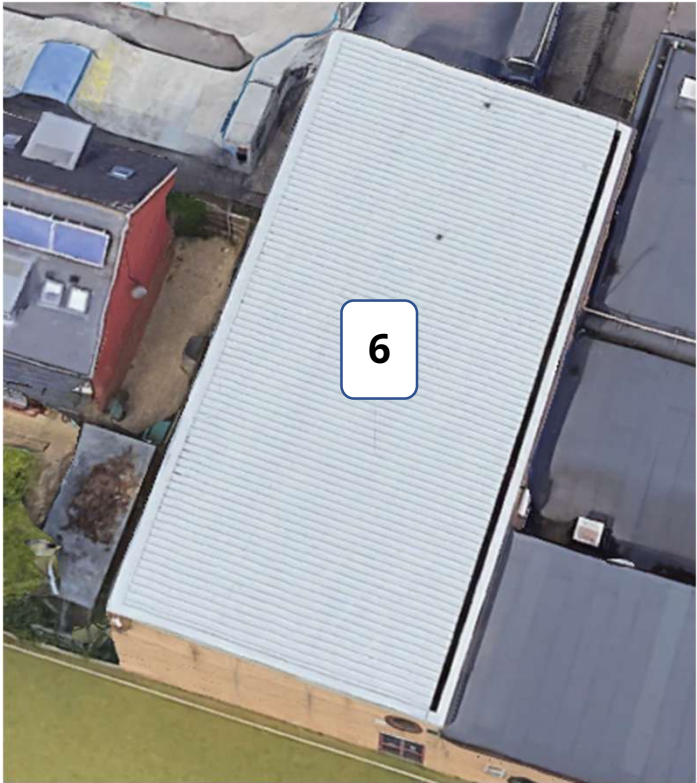


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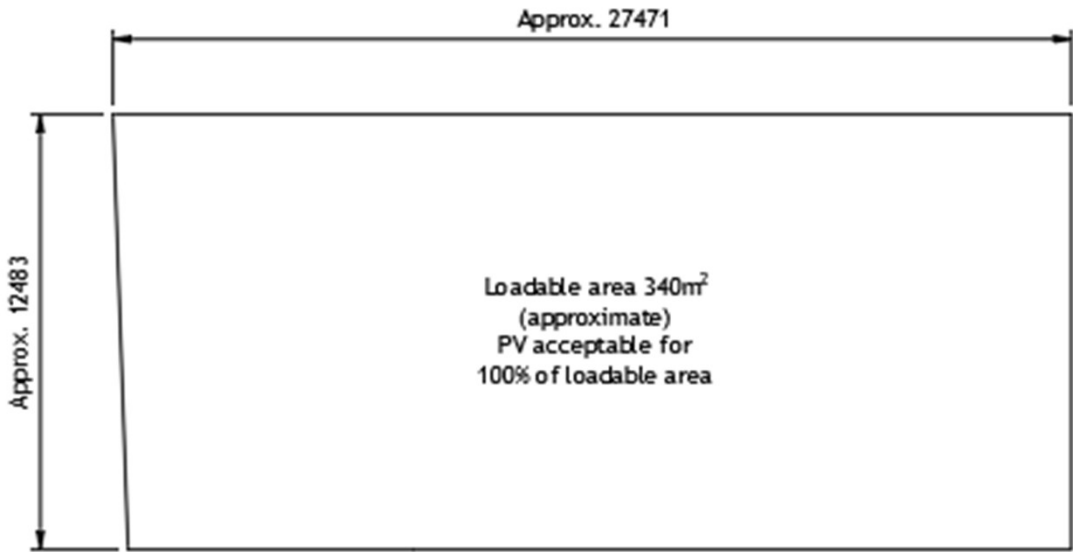


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St. Crispin's Secondary School Roof 6



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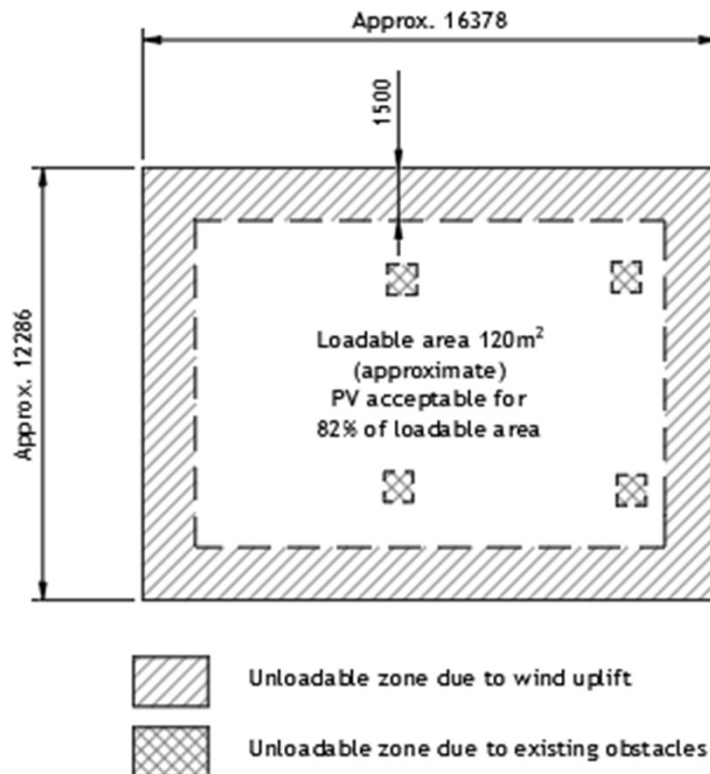


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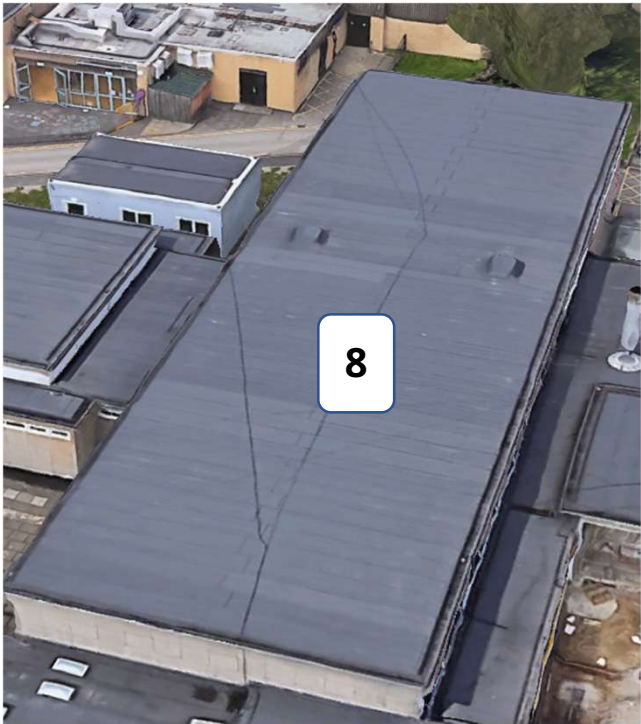


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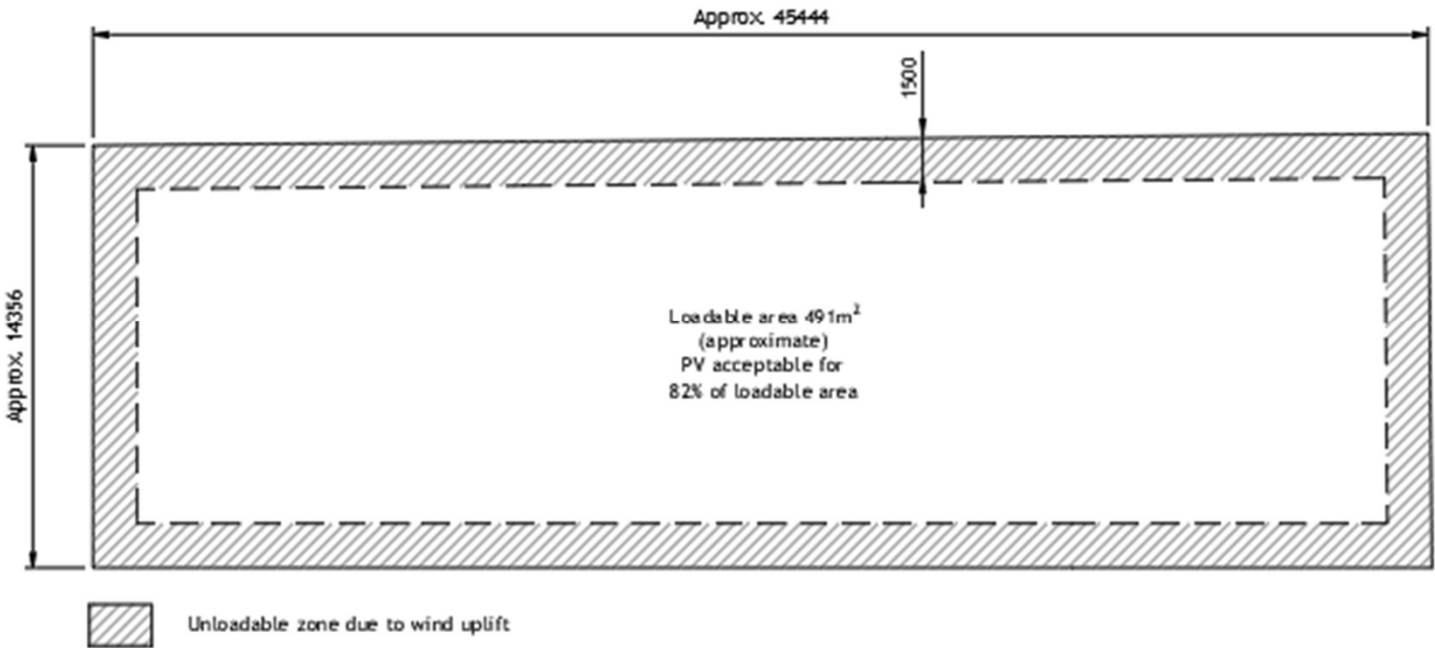


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St. Crispin’s Secondary School Roof 8



Panels Proposed XXNo. = XXm² = less than area allowed (XXm²)
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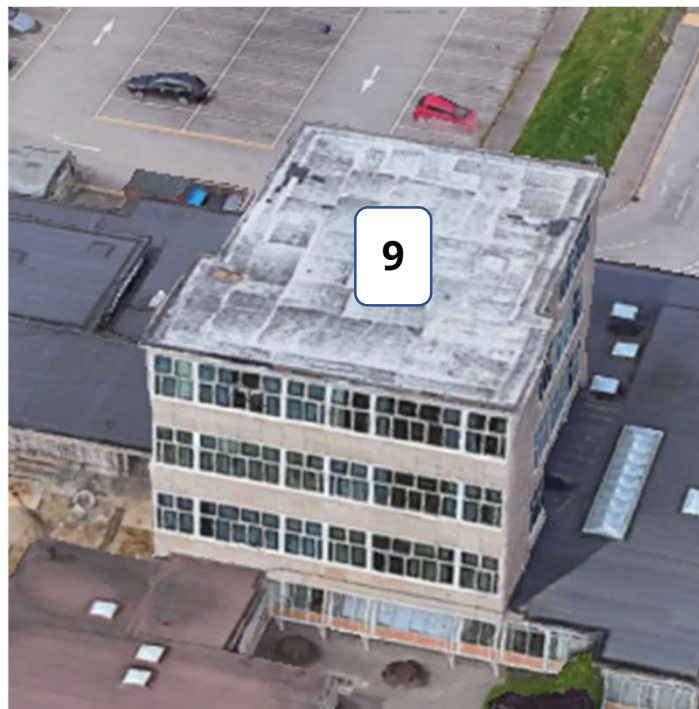
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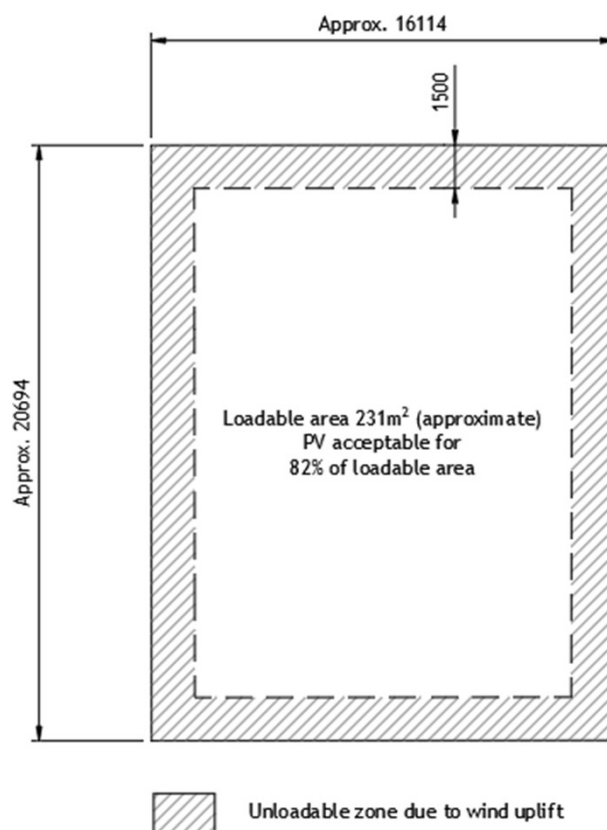
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St. Crispin's Secondary School Roof 9



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Roof Loading Feasibility

It is proposed to undertake a loading assessment for a number of roofs at the above school.

The loading assessment will provide an indication of any load capacity for the roof structure to provide support for new photovoltaic panels/ associated framing and any ballast requirements.

The existing roof constructions have been assumed based on worst case loadings.

It is assumed that each roof will be designed for a minimum roof loading of 0.6kN/m², applied as a live loading.

The installation of new photovoltaic panels would not change the overall geometry of the existing roof structure and therefore the design wind loading will not be amended.


It is proposed to undertake detailed snow loads for each roof structure under consideration, with general roof snow loadings and localized drift loadings calculated.

It is then proposed to consider the total existing loadings against proposed loadings on the assumptions that a live load is not applied to the photovoltaic panels and only a snow loading is applied in areas where the photovoltaic panels are positioned.

All loadings are based on British Standard BS6399 Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3, with roof dead loads based on traditional forms of construction.

Allowance is to be made for a 7.5-10% increase in the existing loads in accordance with industry good practice for the assessment of existing structures.

A review of images available including online aerial images have been used to assess the roof types under consideration. In this case roofs 1 to 5 and roofs 7 to 9 have been considered as flat roofs. Roof 6 has been considered as a mono pitched standing seam metal roof.

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Photovoltaic Panel Installation

Typical Solar Panels (JA Solar JAM72S20-460/MR) noted in reports weigh approximately 25kg. When fixed to pitched roofs they are typically fixed back to the existing structure with suitable fixings. Therefore, consider loadings to existing pitched roof structure $15\text{kg/m}^2 + 15\text{kg/m}^2$ (allowance for fixings and framing) = 30kg/m^2 say.


Where the solar panels are to be fitted to an existing flat roof, typically on an independent framing at a pitch between 10-30 degrees, further calculations are undertaken by the supplier to confirm the potential wind uplift and therefore the requirement for any ballast / kentledge requirements.

See Wind Loading Calculations: -

General Roof areas (excluding edge zones) – Zones C&D.

Max Uplift = 0.40kN/m^2

Therefore, preliminary assumptions for Kentledge with FOS of 1.5 = 0.60kN/m^2 (61kg/m^2)

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Roof 1 – By Inspection Roofs 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 as Roof 1

All roof make up and design loads to be confirmed

Flat Roof (Timber Construction)

Dead Loads:-

Waterproof Finishes	0.15kN/m ²
Decking	0.25kN/m ²
Joists	0.20kN/m ²
Ceiling and Services	0.30kN/m ²
	0.90kN/m ²

Live Loads:-

Maintenance Access Only – 0.6kN/m² say.

Snow Loads – Calculated over leaf

Uniform Snow Load = 0.32kN/m² (Excluding drift loading to edge parapets)

Consider original load case

$$1.4 \text{ DL} + 1.6 \text{ LL} = (1.4 \times 0.90) + (1.6 \times 0.6) = 2.220 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

Consider 7.5% increase

$$\text{Design Load} = 2.220 \times 1.075 = 2.387 \text{ kN/m}^2$$


Consider capacity with Dead and Snow Load omitted

$$\text{Capacity} = (2.387 - (1.4 \times (0.90 + 0.32))) / 1.4 = 0.485 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

Equates to 50kg/m² over the entire roof.

Allowing for a max Uplift Load (General Areas) – Kentledge Loads = 61kg/m²

Therefore allow 82% area loaded.

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Roof 6

All roof make up and design loads to be confirmed

Mono Pitched Standing Seam Metal Roof (Steel Frame)

Dead Loads:-

Finishes and Sheeting	0.20kN/m ²
Insulation	0.10kN/m ²
Purlins/Secondary Support	0.30kN/m ²
	0.60kN/m ²

Live Loads:-

Maintenance Access Only – 0.6kN/m² say.

Snow Loads – Calculated over leaf

Uniform Snow Load = 0.32kN/m² (Excluding drift loads)

Consider original load case

$$1.4 \text{ DL} + 1.6 \text{ LL} = (1.4 \times 0.60) + (1.6 \times 0.6) = 1.800 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

Consider 7.5% increase

$$\text{Design Load} = 1.800 \times 1.075 = 1.935 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

Consider capacity with Dead and Snow Load omitted

$$\text{Capacity} = (1.935 - (1.4 \times (0.60 + 0.32))) / 1.4 = 0.462 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

Equates to 47kg/m² over the entire roof > 30kg/m² Therefore use 100% coverage



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Snow Loadings

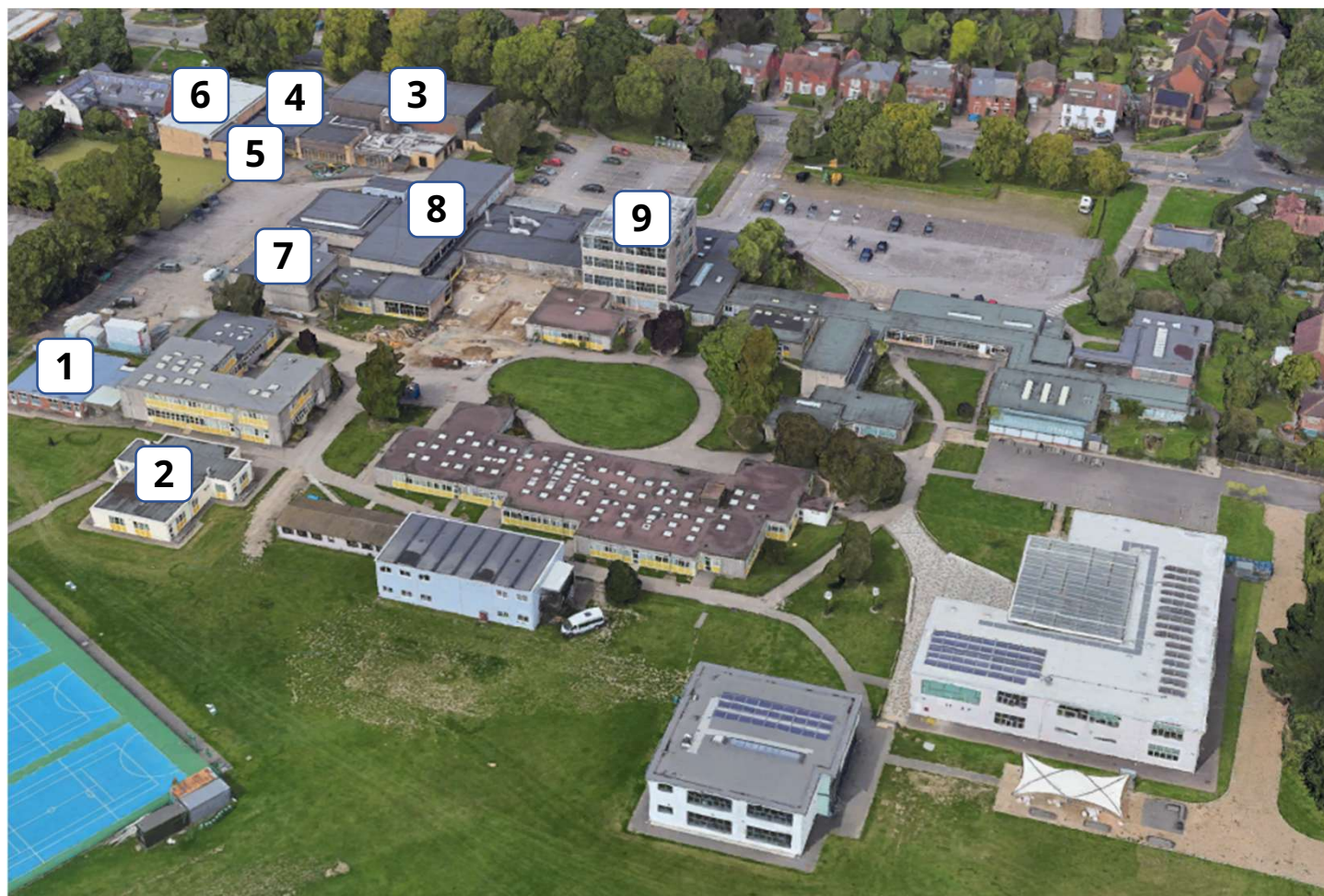
Consider site snow loads and roof snow loads to roof for proposed photovoltaic panel installation.

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A review of Google Earth indicates the site to be approximately 60m elevation.


Figure 1 BS6399-3:1988 indicates Basic Site Snow Load = 0.40kN/m^2 .

Consider roofs based on layout provided below:-



Note - No allowance for loadable area has been made for roof lights or similar unless shown

Note - Due to age of building check as built drawings/O&M manual to determine whether photovoltaic panels have been allowed for

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Roof 1 – Flat Roof – By Inspection Roofs 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 as Roof 1

SNOW LOADING TO BS6399:PART 3:1988

TEDOS calculation version 1.0.03

Site location

Location of site

Wokingham

Site altitude

A = 60 m

Calculate site snow load

From BS6399:Part 3: 1988 - Figure 1. Basic snow load on the ground

Basic snow load

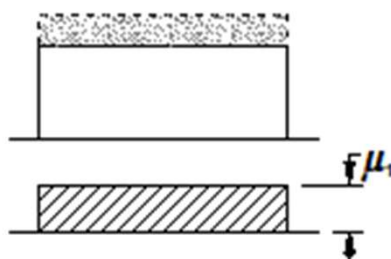
$$s_b = 0.40 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

$$s_{sk} = 0.1 \times s_b + (0.09 \text{ kN/m}^2) = 0.13 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

Site snow load

$$s_0 = \max(s_b, s_b + s_{sk} \times (A - (100 \text{ m})) / 100 \text{ m}) = 0.40 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

BS6399:Part3:1988 Q.6.2



Uniform loading

Roof geometry

Roof type

Flat

Angle of pitch of roof

$\alpha = 0.0 \text{ deg}$

Calculate uniform snow load

From BS6399:Part 3: 1988 - Figure 2. Snow load shape coefficients for flat or monopitch roofs

Snow load shape coefficient

$$\mu_1 = 0.80$$

Uniform roof snow load

$$s_{01} = \mu_1 \times s_0 = 0.32 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

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Roof 6 – Mon Pitched Standing Seam Metal Roof

SNOW LOADING TO BS6399:PART 3:1988

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Site location

Location of site

Wokingham

Site altitude

A = 60 m

Calculate site snow load

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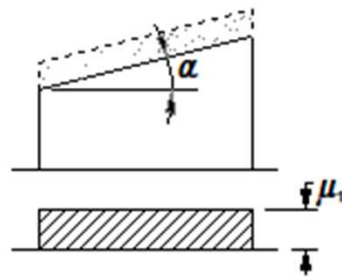
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Site snow load

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BS6399:Part3:1988 Q.6.2



Uniform loading

Roof geometry

Roof type

Monopitch

Angle of pitch of roof

$\alpha = 15.0 \text{ deg}$

Calculate uniform snow load

From BS6399:Part 3: 1988 - Figure 2. Snow load shape coefficients for flat or monopitch roofs

Snow load shape coefficient

$$\mu_1 = 0.80$$

Uniform roof snow load

$$s_{01} = \mu_1 \times s_0 = 0.32 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

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Roof 4 – Flat Roof – By Inspection Roof 5 as Roof 4

SNOW LOADING TO BS6399:PART 3:1988

TEDDS calculation version 1.0.03

Site location

Location of site

Wokingham

Site altitude

A = 60 m

Calculate site snow load

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Basic snow load

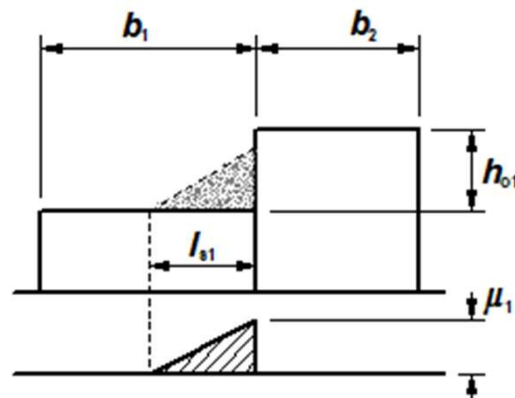
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$$s_{alt} = 0.1 \times s_b + (0.09 \text{ kN/m}^2) = 0.13 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

Site snow load

$$s_0 = \max(s_b, s_b + s_{alt} \times (A - (100 \text{ m})) / 100 \text{ m}) = 0.40 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

BS6399:Part3:1988 Cl.6.2



Roof geometry

Length of lower level roof

$$b_1 = 10.380 \text{ m}$$

Length of upper level roof

$$b_2 = 45.570 \text{ m}$$

Increase in roof height

$$h_{01} = 1.500 \text{ m}$$

Calculate snow load

From BS6399:Part 3:1988 - Figure 6. Snow load shape coefficients and drift lengths at abrupt changes in roof height and parapets

Length of drift

$$l_{s1} = \min(5 \times h_{01}, b_1, 15 \text{ m}) = 7.500 \text{ m}$$

Snow load shape coefficient

$$\mu_1 = \min(2 \times h_{01} / (s_0 \times 1 \text{ m}^3/\text{kN}), 2 \times \max(b_1, b_2) / l_{s1}, 8) = 7.50$$

Roof snow load

$$s_{d1} = \mu_1 \times s_0 = 3.00 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

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Roof 1 – Flat Roof

SNOW LOADING TO BS6399:PART 3:1988

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Site location

Location of site

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Site altitude

A = 60 m

Calculate site snow load

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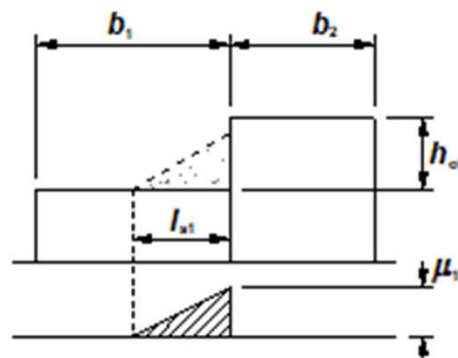
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Site snow load

$$s_0 = \max(s_b, s_b + s_{rel} \times (A - (100 \text{ m})) / 100 \text{ m}) = 0.40 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

BS6399:Part3:1988 Q.6.2



Roof geometry

Length of lower level roof

$$b_1 = 21.500 \text{ m}$$

Length of upper level roof

$$b_2 = 30.000 \text{ m}$$

Increase in roof height

$$h_{01} = 3.000 \text{ m}$$

Calculate snow load

From BS6399:Part 3:1988 - Figure 6. Snow load shape coefficients and drift lengths at abrupt changes in roof height and parapets

Length of drift

$$l_{01} = \min(5 \times h_{01}, b_1, 15 \text{ m}) = 15.000 \text{ m}$$

Snow load shape coefficient

$$\mu_1 = \min(2 \times h_{01} / (s_0 \times 1 \text{ m}^3/\text{kN}), 2 \times \max(b_1, b_2) / l_{01}, 8) = 4.00$$

Roof snow load

$$s_{01} = \mu_1 \times s_0 = 1.60 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

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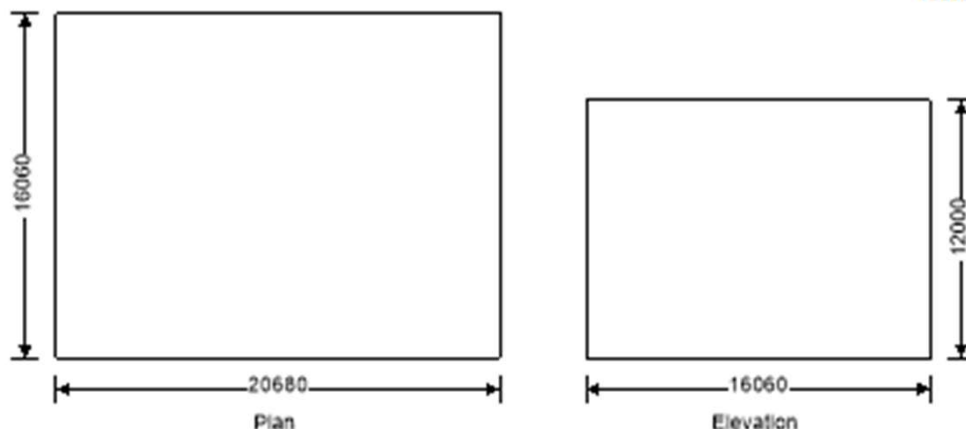
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Roof 1 – Flat Roof – By Inspection Roofs 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 as Roof 1

WIND LOADING (BS6399)

In accordance with BS6399

Tedds calculation version 3.0.18



Building data

Type of roof	Flat
Length of building	L = 20680 mm
Width of building	W = 16060 mm
Height to eaves	H = 12000 mm
Eaves type	Sharp
Reference height	H _r = 12000 mm

Dynamic classification

Building type factor (Table 1)	K _s = 1.0
Dynamic augmentation factor (1.6.1)	C _r = [K _s × (H _r / (0.1 m)) ^{0.75}] / (800 × log(H _r / (0.1 m))) = 0.02

Site wind speed

Location	Wokingham
Basic wind speed (Figure 6 BS6399:Pt 2)	V _b = 20.7 m/s
Site altitude	Δ _g = 60 m
Upwind distance from sea to site	d _{max} = 66 km
Direction factor	S _d = 1.00
Seasonal factor	S _s = 1.00
Probability factor	S _p = 1.00
Critical gap between buildings	g = 5000 mm
Topography not significant	
Altitude factor	S _a = 1 + 0.001 × Δ _g / 1m = 1.06
Site wind speed	V _s = V _b × S _a × S _d × S _s × S _p = 21.9 m/s
Terrain category	Country
Displacement height (sheltering effect excluded)	H _d = 0mm

The velocity pressure for the windward face of the building with a 0 degree wind is to be considered as 1 part as the height h is less than b (cl.2.2.3.2)

The velocity pressure for the windward face of the building with a 90 degree wind is to be considered as 1 part as the height h is less than b (cl.2.2.3.2)

Dynamic pressure - windward wall - Wind 0 deg and roof

Reference height (at which q is sought) H_{ref} = 12000mm



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Effective wind speed

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$$q_x = 0.613 \text{ kg/m}^3 \times V_w^2 = 0.850 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

Dynamic pressure - windward wall - Wind 90 deg and roof

Reference height (at which q is sought)

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Size effect factors

Diagonal dimension for gablewall

$$a_{wg} = 20.0 \text{ m}$$

External size effect factor gablewall

$$C_{wg} = 0.895$$

Diagonal dimension for side wall

$$a_{ws} = 23.9 \text{ m}$$

External size effect factor side wall

$$C_{ws} = 0.882$$

Diagonal dimension for roof

$$a_{wr} = 26.2 \text{ m}$$

External size effect factor roof

$$C_{wr} = 0.875$$

Room/storey volume for internal size effect factor

$$V_i = 0.125 \text{ m}^3$$

Diagonal dimension for internal size effect factors

$$a_i = 10 \times (V_i)^{1/3} = 5.000 \text{ m}$$

Internal size effect factor

$$C_{if} = 1.000$$

Pressures and forces

Net pressure

$$p = q_x \times c_{pe} \times C_{se} - q_x \times c_{pi} \times C_{if}$$

Net force

$$F_w = p \times A_{ref}$$

Roof load case 1 - Wind 0, c_{pe} -0.3, $+c_{pi}$

Zone	Ext pressure coefficient, c_{pe}	Dynamic pressure, q_x (kN/m ²)	External size factor, C_{se}	Net Pressure, p (kN/m ²)	Area, A_{ref} (m ²)	Net force, F_w (kN)
A (+ve)	-2.00	0.85	0.875	-1.23	21.38	-26.37
B (+ve)	-1.40	0.85	0.875	-0.79	21.38	-16.82
C (+ve)	-0.70	0.85	0.875	-0.27	171.06	-45.47
D (+ve)	0.20	0.85	0.875	0.40	118.29	47.79

Total vertical net force

$$F_{w,v} = -40.87 \text{ kN}$$

Total horizontal net force

$$F_{w,h} = 0.00 \text{ kN}$$



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Walls load case 1 - Wind 0, c_{pe} -0.3, $+c_{pe}$

Zone	Ext pressure coefficient, c_{pe}	Dynamic pressure, q_k (kN/m ²)	External size factor, C_{se}	Net Pressure, p (kN/m ²)	Area, A_{ref} (m ²)	Net force, F_w (kN)
A	-1.30	0.85	0.895	-0.73	49.63	-36.46
B	-0.80	0.85	0.895	-0.35	143.09	-50.64
w	0.82	0.85	0.882	0.87	248.16	216.27
l	-0.50	0.85	0.882	-0.12	248.16	-29.74

Overall loading

Equiv leeward net force for overall section

$$F_l = F_{w,l} = -29.7 \text{ kN}$$

Net windward force for overall section

$$F_w = F_{w,ww} = 216.3 \text{ kN}$$

Overall loading overall section

$$F_{w,w} = 0.85 \times (1 + C_t) \times (F_w - F_l + F_{w,h}) = 213.7 \text{ kN}$$

Roof load case 2 - Wind 90, c_{pe} -0.3, $+c_{pe}$

Zone	Ext pressure coefficient, c_{pe}	Dynamic pressure, q_k (kN/m ²)	External size factor, C_{se}	Net Pressure, p (kN/m ²)	Area, A_{ref} (m ²)	Net force, F_w (kN)
A (+ve)	-2.00	0.85	0.875	-1.23	12.90	-15.90
B (+ve)	-1.40	0.85	0.875	-0.79	12.90	-10.15
C (+ve)	-0.70	0.85	0.875	-0.27	103.17	-27.42
D (+ve)	0.20	0.85	0.875	0.40	203.16	82.07

Total vertical net force

$$F_{w,v} = 28.60 \text{ kN}$$

Total horizontal net force

$$F_{w,h} = 0.00 \text{ kN}$$

Walls load case 2 - Wind 90, c_{pe} -0.3, $+c_{pe}$

Zone	Ext pressure coefficient, c_{pe}	Dynamic pressure, q_k (kN/m ²)	External size factor, C_{se}	Net Pressure, p (kN/m ²)	Area, A_{ref} (m ²)	Net force, F_w (kN)
A	-1.37	0.85	0.882	-0.78	38.54	-29.87
B	-0.82	0.85	0.882	-0.36	154.18	-56.01
C	-0.60	0.85	0.882	-0.19	55.44	-10.73
w	0.79	0.85	0.895	0.86	192.72	165.04
l	-0.50	0.85	0.895	-0.13	192.72	-24.19

Overall loading

Equiv leeward net force for overall section

$$F_l = F_{w,l} = -24.2 \text{ kN}$$

Net windward force for overall section

$$F_w = F_{w,ww} = 165.0 \text{ kN}$$

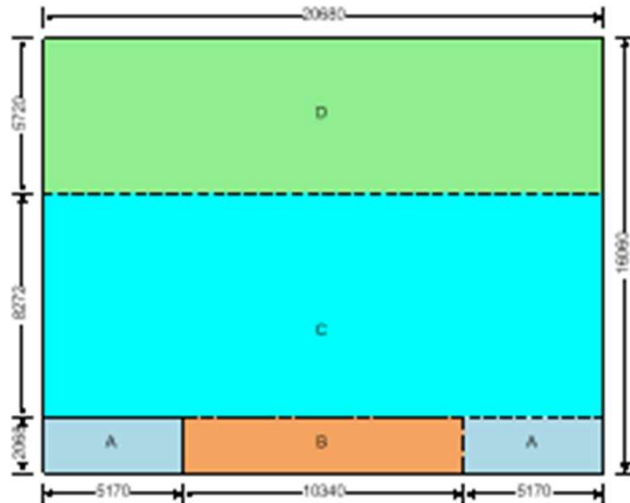
Overall loading overall section

$$F_{w,w} = 0.85 \times (1 + C_t) \times (F_w - F_l + F_{w,h}) = 164.4 \text{ kN}$$

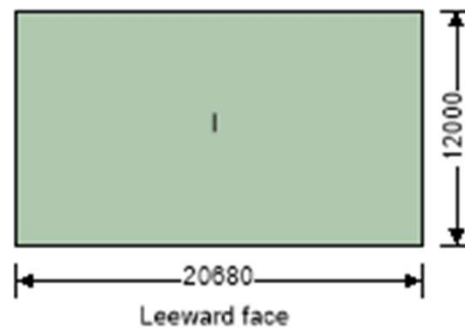
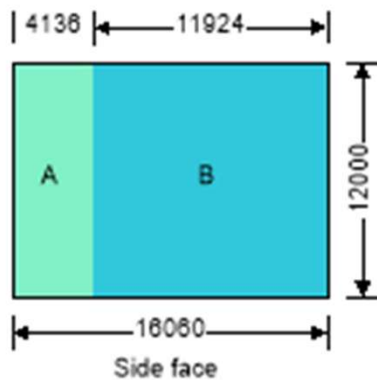
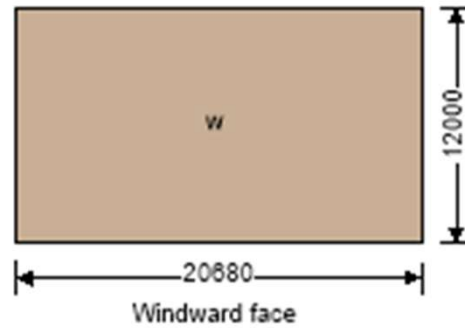


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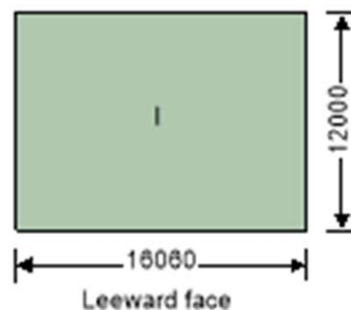
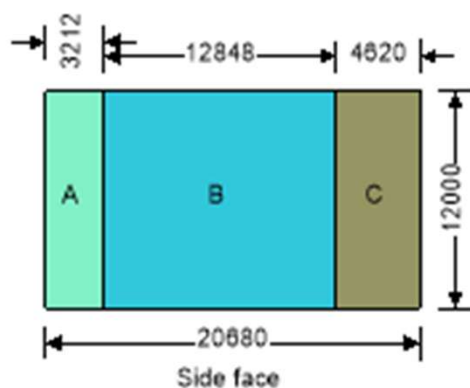
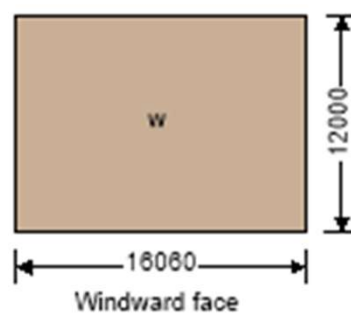
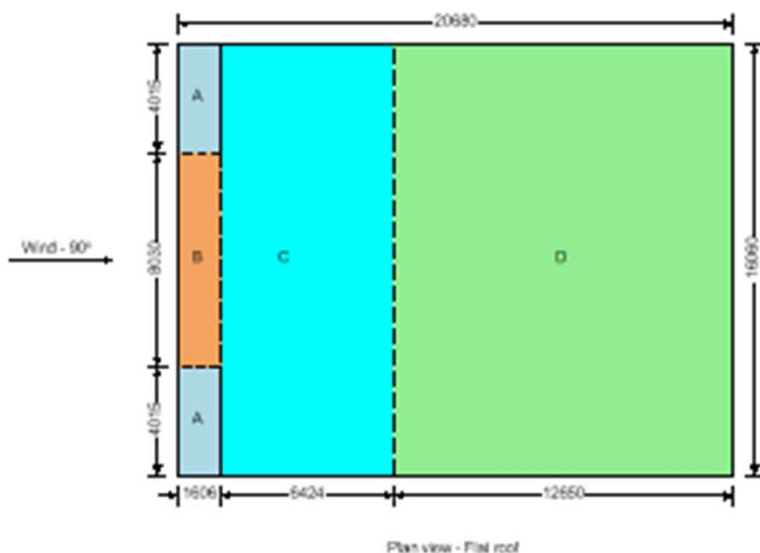
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