# WILLIS BOND

Commercial realities and commercial possibilities: Private developers face the future

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### Introduction

Established in 1988, Willis Bond is a New Zealand property development and investment company.

Willis Bond specialises in creating large scale, mixed-use real estate and strives to deliver high quality commercial, residential and mixed-use communities in modern environments.





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### The task at hand

### **Overview**

- Urgent action is required to limit warming to between 1.5 2.0°C by 2050
- Construction / building related emissions likely to become a key design parameter and metric for Resource and/or Consent
- New Zealand Climate Change Commission has proposed several policies to accelerate net emission reductions for New Zealand in order to meet our obligations under the Paris Accord

### The path to net zero



Source: Climate Change Commission, 2021 Draft Advice for Consultation, January 2021

### Buildings and construction emissions

Global share of buildings and construction emissions, 2020

New Zealand share of buildings and construction emissions, 2020





Source: 2020 Global Status Report for Buildings and Construction, Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction 2020

Source: The carbon footprint of New Zealand's built environment, Thinkstep Australasia 2018

# Embedded carbon is becoming increasingly important



#### Life cycle of a building for Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) tool

Source: Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment, Whole-of-Life Embodied Carbon Emissions Reduction Framework, August 2020



PAS2080 curve – early knowledge on carbon is crucial

## The evolving understanding of embodied carbon

### The current state of play

- A number of key ways for developers to reduce carbon emissions have been proposed:
  - 1. Find suitable alternatives to high emission materials (concrete, steel etc.)
  - 2. Where unavoidable / uneconomical, source materials that are produced in a more sustainable manner
  - 3. Integrate carbon efficiency into the design of a building through passive design etc.
- But how is this measured, implemented and achieved in practice?

### Operational and embodied carbon over the life cycle of a building



Source: Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment, Whole-of-Life Embodied Carbon Emissions Reduction Framework, August 2020



### 30 Madden - Overview

- Collaboration between Willis Bond, Studio Pacific Architecture and LT McGuinness
- Selected as project developer by Panuku Development Auckland following and international design and tender process
- Mixed used with ground floor retail and hospitality and 150 residences
- Targeting Homestar 7 rating for sustainability and energy efficiency
- Engaged Mott Macdonald to undertake carbon benchmarking to better understand the carbon footprint of the development



## 30 Madden - Carbon benchmarking

#### Lifetime embodied carbon by building element



Source: Mott Macdonald

### 30 Madden – Potential carbon reduction

#### Illustrative potential carbon emission savings - 30 Madden



Other

potential savings:

Design for disassembly
Re-use of timber framework

• Engage suppliers to

Source: Mott Macdonald

# The new paradigm

- Projects can no longer only be viewed on a Time Cost Quality basis
- Industry must understand the trade-offs that must occur in order to deliver sustainable outcomes
- Carbon considerations need to be embedded within the design of a building
- Each decision must reflect a balance between these project drivers
- A whole-of-industry approach to embodied carbon, integrated with the public sector is essential to coordinate an approach that is both environmentally and commercially sustainable



