

1:20 Construction Section of the Crafted Museum of Geometric Casts

Reflecting craftsmanship through construction, making the museum's structure as part of the exhibition and it's purpose of encouraging kids to stimulate an interest in craft as a reflection of the phoenix industrial estate (that is to be demolished) past casting iron workers in lewes.

Timber Cassette Roof Structure

For a self supporting roof that rests on the rammed earth walls

- Standing seam zinc unweathered roof cladding 0.8mm thick.
- Separating layer (roofing felt), followed by 18mm thick Plywood for decking.
- Ventilation cavity/ Timber Perlin thickness of 48x24m to support the roof decking.
- Woodfibre insulation thickness of 200mm/ Timber perling to support the roof rafter thickness of 48x24m.
- Timber Joists forming the roof rafter thickness of 50x200mm/Woodfibre insulation thickness of 200mm.
- Plywood to support ceiling finish, 12m thick.
- Plaster finish, 15mm thick.

- Zinc continues to cover fascia.
- Cavity and Perlin to support soffit.
- Shou Sugi Ban (Japanese burnt larch wood) for soffit, 18mm thick.

Rammed Earth Wall Construction

- Oak joist to support window frame. These work horizontally and redirect the load down the sides of the windows/ any opening within the rammed earth wall. At points these are also placed vertically to balance the aesthetic without redirecting the load. These are bolted onto a fitch plate to connect. They're left exposed to show how the building is also 'crafted' in it's construction.
- Trass layer to reduce the capillary of rammed earth without effecting vapour permeability.
- Rammed Earth load bearing wall, 400mm thick.
- Plaster Clay 5mm thick to connect insulation board onto rammed earth wall.
- Pre cast rammed earth interior wall reinforces with cement, 200mm thick. Rammed horizontally at a 400mm width with a geogrid mesh on top. These pieces are then placed vertically with a 200mm thickness and stacked on top of each other to create a rammed earth interior finish. They're connected to insulation with plaster clay.
- Polypropylene geogrid to stop rammed earth from eroding.

Timber First floor Construction

- Polished concrete tiles floor finish, 12mm thickness
- A paper thin separating membrane. Where the separating membrane is to allow the expansion of timber as one walks without effecting the tiles
- Douglis fir frame joists with woodfibre board insulation and a ventilation cavity.
- Steel Frame to support timber floor frame.

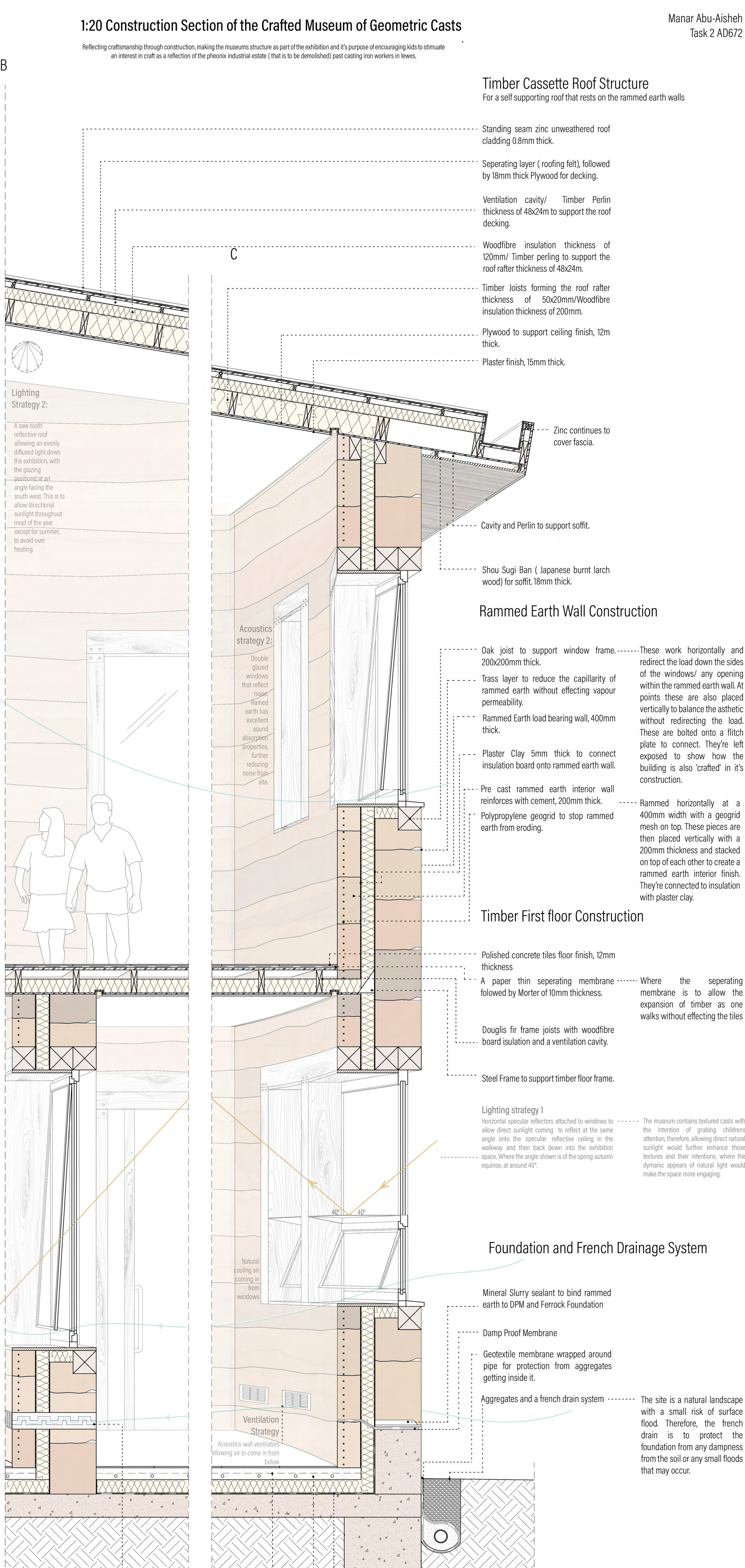
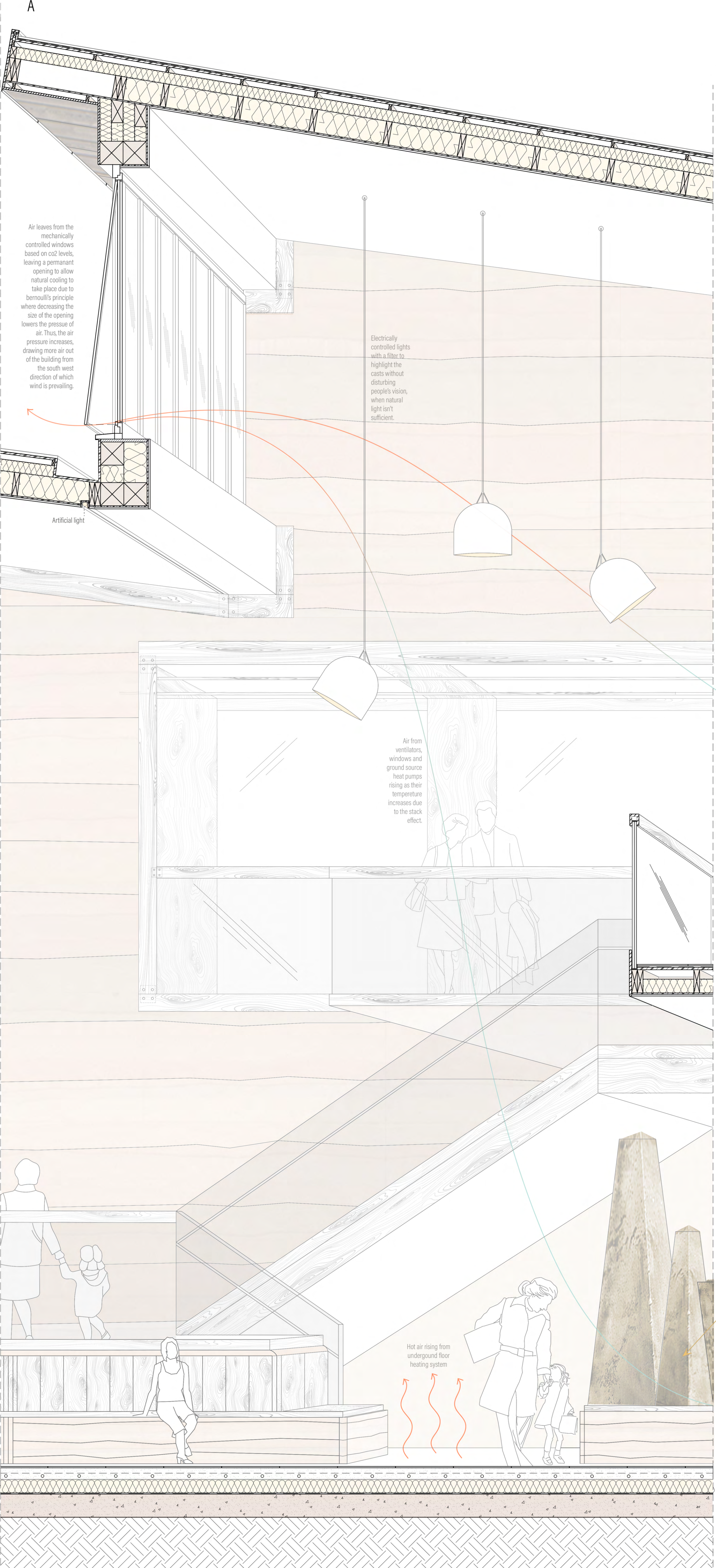
- Lighting strategy 1**
Horizontal specular reflectors attached to windows to allow direct sunlight coming to reflect at the same angle onto the specular reflective ceiling in the walkway and then back down into the exhibition space. Where the angle shown is of the spring autumn equinox, at around 40°.
- The museum contains textured casts with the intention of grabbing childrens attention, therefore, allowing direct natural sunlight would further enhance those textures and their intentions, where the dynamic appears of natural light would make the space more engaging.

Foundation and French Drainage System

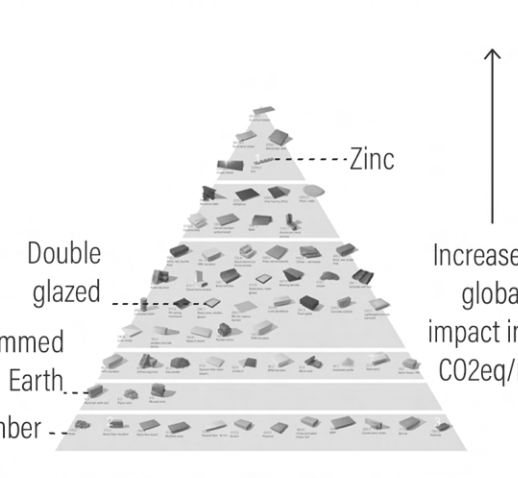
- Mineral Slurry sealant to bind rammed earth to DPM and Ferrock Foundation
- Damp Proof Membrane
- Geotextile membrane wrapped around pipe for protection from aggregates getting inside it.
- Aggregates and a french drain system. The site is a natural landscape with a small risk of surface flood. Therefore, the french drain is to protect the foundation from any dampness from the soil or any small floods that may occur.

Flooring with Heating Pipes Construction

- Ferrock, 550mm, followed by 200mm and a 500mm base.
- DPC (Damp proof course) membrane
- Screen 100mm/ underground heatpipes with a diameter of 16mm.
- Reinforcing mesh halfway through screed.
- Levelling self smoothing screed poured around plastic heat pipes, clipped onto insulation to prevent the floating of pipes during the pouring.



Costruction Material Pyramid



Rammed Earth Structure

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1 | Zinc | metal | 10288.4 kg CO2eq/m3 | 0.0028 m3 | 3 m2 | 0.8 mm | 29.2 kg CO2eq/m2 |
| 2 | Wood frame window | komponenter | 474.4 kg CO2eq/m3 | 0.09 m3 | 0.009584 m2 | 482 mm | 0.4 kg CO2eq/m2 |
| 3 | Glass pane, double-glazed | komponenter | 284.4 kg CO2eq/m3 | 0.09 m3 | 2.275 m2 | 482 mm | 24.2 kg CO2eq/m2 |
| 4 | Rammed earth wall | materialer | 6.3 kg CO2eq/m3 | 1.80 m3 | 3 m2 | 360 mm | 16.7 kg CO2eq/m2 |
| 5 | Wood fibre insulation | skillemater | 173.1 kg CO2eq/m3 | 0.36 m3 | 3 m2 | 120 mm | 42.3 kg CO2eq/m2 |
| | | | | | | | 8.3 kg CO2eq/m2 |

Using the current structural material palette, it appears that zinc, rammed earth and double glazing are the reason for an increase in the global potential impact. However, zinc has the lowest global impact from the roof cladding materials available along with double glazing. Meaning that changing rammed earth would create the most impact on reducing the GPE. Even though rammed earth has the advantage of being a local material which could deal with the event of flooding occurring in lewes through safely eroding and being reconstructed in place.

CLT (Cross Laminated timber) Structure with Oak Cladding

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| 6 | Cross-laminated timber CLT | træ | 494.4 kg CO2eq/m3 | 0.90 m3 | 3 m2 | 300 mm | 157.7 kg CO2eq/m2 |
| 7 | Oak tree | træ | 1068.0 kg CO2eq/m3 | 0.04 m3 | 3 m2 | 18 mm | 17.8 kg CO2eq/m2 |
| | | | | | | | 453.8 kg CO2eq/m2 |

The structural materials with lower global impact than rammed earth are timbers. I began with oak, which requires cladding as its a softwood and thus i choose oak, which i noticed had a significantly low global impact.

Oak Structure

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| 2 | Wood fibre insulation | skillemater | 173.1 kg CO2eq/m3 | 0.36 m3 | 3 m2 | 120 mm | 42.3 kg CO2eq/m2 |
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| | | | | | | | 112.2 kg CO2eq/m2 |

Replacing CLT with a full oak structure resulted in the lowest potential global impact. However, oak is expensive due to it taking a long time to grow and isn't available in great amounts. Therefore, having a mix of CLT and oak might be a better option. This resulted in the use of oak joists as part of my structure as i needed joists for supporting window, door and roof structures. Therefore, i could use oak to reduce the current global impact of my structure without using large quantities of oak.

