



Optimisation of City Heat Networks

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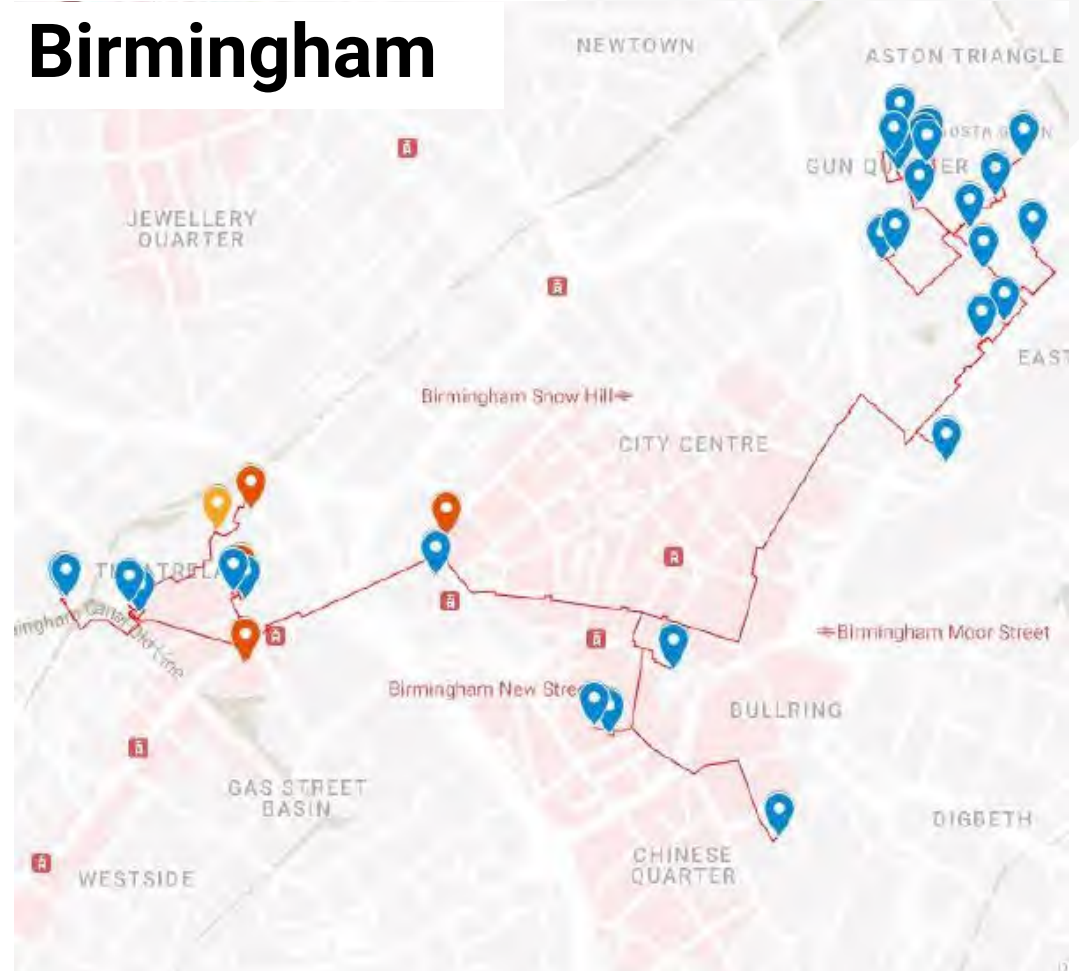
HNES: Optimising Cities



Southampton



Birmingham



Types of Heat Network

- Residential networks [with HIUs]
- Commercial & retail buildings
- Council buildings & civic centres
- Hospital, libraries and schools



Areas of Investigation

- Fault detection and reporting
- Secondary system KPIs
- Substation operation and KPIs
- Return temperatures & bypass flow
- Water quality
- Direct & indirect connections
- Heating & cooling overlap
- DHW generation & storage
- BMS Quality



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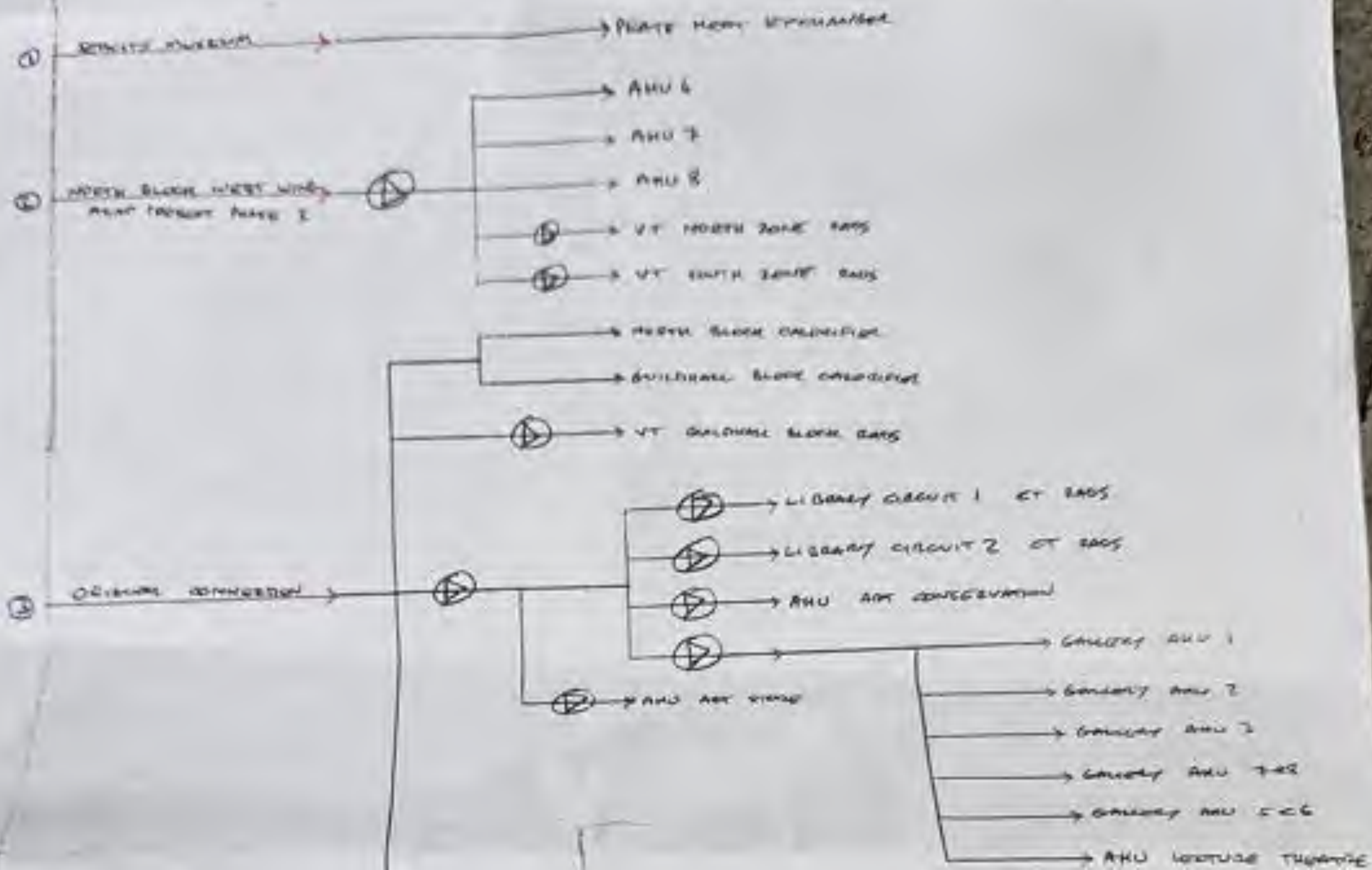
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DHWS

Outside Air Temp

12.3 DegC

Navigation

Overview
Main Menu
VT Menu

Adjustments

DHWS Temp SP. 60.0 DegC

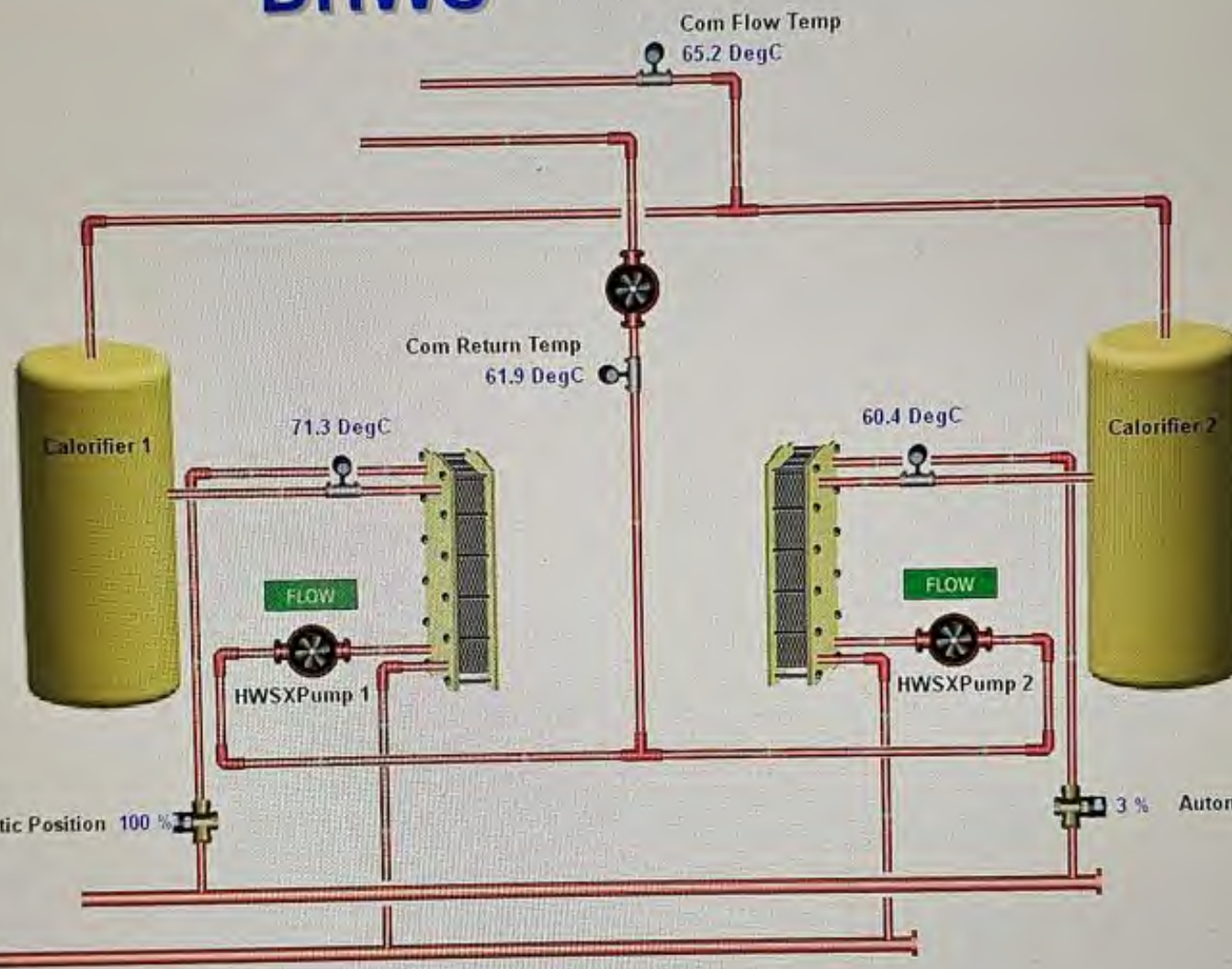
Overrides

HWS Valve Override **!Manual!**
Override Position 100.0 %

Automatic Position 100 %

Geothermal Flow Temp

Geothermal Return Temp 21.6 DegC



Overrides

HWS Valve Override **Normal**
Override Position 0.0 %

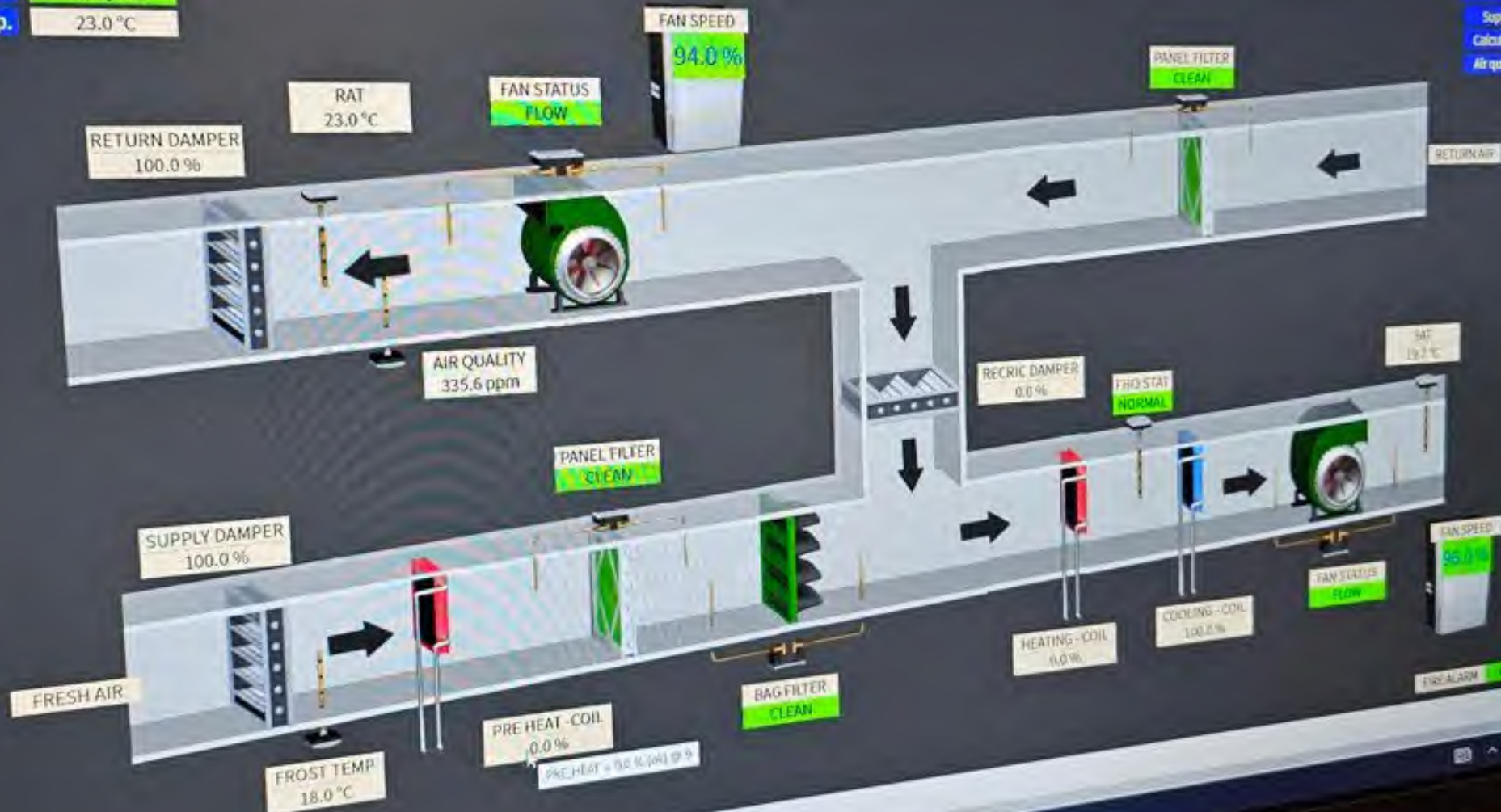
AHU - 2 Showroom

Actual Parameters

Schedule	Occupied
Avg Space Temp.	23.0 °C

Forward
Temperature
18.2 °C

Settings	
Supply SP	18.0 °C
Calculated SP	16.8 °C
Air quality SP	300.0 ppm





FRESH AIR
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Data Analysis

- Meter data (requires sanitation)
- Sensor data
- Exported BMS data
- Degree Day weather data
- Photographs and site records
- Contracts
- Operational requirements (e.g. Geothermal)

1. Import data into PostgreSQL database

2. Analyse data in Grafana

Reporting

- 120+ page report (for each city)
- Detailed reporting of all problems found
- Specification for client – operator BMS connectivity (QA+Loads)
- Specifications for substation upgrades
- Specifications for DHW system replacements
- Operational KPIs for both clients and operator
- Procedural documentation strategy
- Training strategy

Key Learnings

- Rather than efficiently controlling systems and reporting problems, BMS systems, in general, hide inefficiencies or are untrustworthy. Some have no BMS head end.
- Many commercial buildings lack any technical knowledge on-site regarding efficient operation. Problems are often managed entirely by external contractors.
- Poor knowledge often leads to the replacement of old systems with a like-for-like approach, missing key opportunities to comply with modern best practices.
- While a few commercial clients are exemplary, most will require a stick rather than a carrot to achieve efficient operation. All will accept free consultancy, but few will willingly invest additional effort or spending [*follow head office strategy*].
- Some people don't want any help because it means admitting they have been doing it wrong when they should turn it into a positive and use monitoring to show how savings can be achieved.