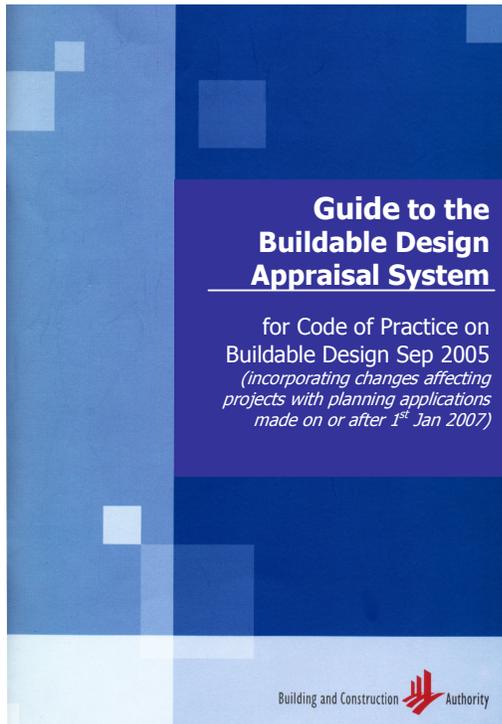


# Guide to the Buildable Design Appraisal System



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## Introduction

This Guide serves to advise the industry on the computation of buildability score using the Buildable Design Appraisal System. The guide is revised to the requirement specified in Code of Practice on Buildable Design September 2005, and has incorporated changes affecting projects with planning applications made on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007. Interpretation on the terms and method of measurement/computation are included to ensure that the buildability scores are computed by the industry in a consistent manner. More examples of buildable design scoring are given to illustrate the computation sequence and methodology.

The buildability score of a design consists of 3 main parts:

- Part 1: Structural Systems (maximum 50 points);
- Part 2: Wall Systems (maximum 40 points);
- Part 3: Other Buildable Design Features (maximum 10 points + bonus points for single integrated components)

Indices for structural systems are indicated in Table 1. Indices for wall systems are indicated in Table 2. Buildability points for other buildable design features are indicated in Table 3.

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## **General Guidelines**

- ❖ **Gross Floor Area**
- ❖ **Constructed Floor Area**
- ❖ **Minimum Buildability Score**
- ❖ **Decimal Points**
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- ❖ **Structures to be Included in Computation**
- ❖ **Basics of Buildable Design Appraisal System**
- ❖ **Worked Examples**

## General Guidelines

### 1 Gross Floor Area

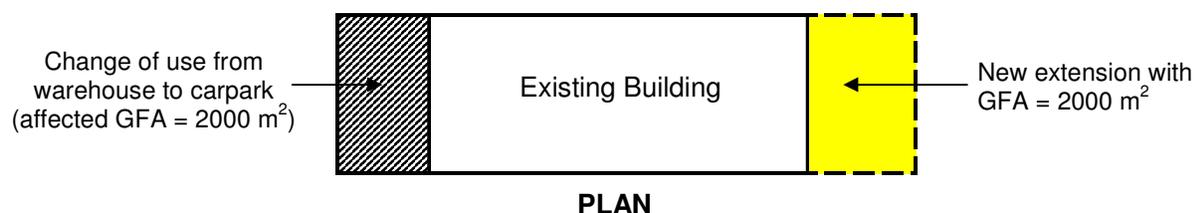
The gross floor area (GFA) of a project is used to determine whether a project is required to comply with the minimum buildability score requirement or not. Once a project is affected by the buildability legislation (GFA of at least 2000 square metres), then depending on the amount of GFA involved and the category of building work, the corresponding minimum buildability score as set out in the Code of Practice on Buildable Design (COP) will apply.

For new developments, the GFA would be as spelt out in the planning permission issued by URA, including any bonus GFA granted (e.g. for balconies etc). This GFA shall be the final and regularised GFA as verified by URA.

In the case of projects involving additions and alterations (A&A) work, the GFA would be the total GFA of all new floor and/or reconstruction of existing floor. As such, an A&A project could be affected by the legislation even if there is no increase in GFA to the existing building or the increase in total GFA of the existing development is less than 2000 square metres as illustrated by the following examples:-

#### Example 1

##### Proposed A&A to an existing industrial development involving change of use and a new extension

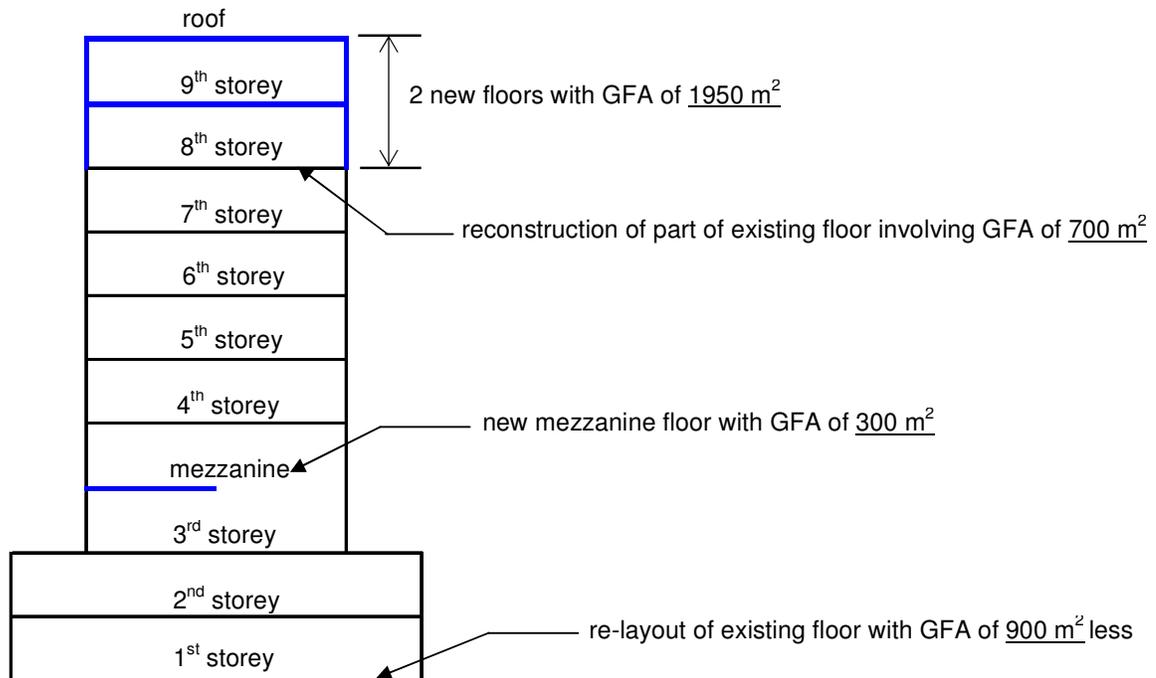


In this example, there is a decrease in GFA of 2000 m<sup>2</sup> of the existing building due to the change of use of part of the building from warehouse to carpark. At the same time, there is an increase in GFA of 2000 m<sup>2</sup> to the existing building from the new side extension. Overall, there is no increase in the total GFA of the A&A project.

However, the above project is subjected to the buildability legislation. This is because the legislation looks at GFA of constructed floors, whether new or reconstructed. The amount of GFA in this case is 2000 m<sup>2</sup> (assuming that there is no work done for the portion of the building undergoing a change of use).

## Example 2

### Proposed A&A and addition of a new mezzanine floor and 2 new storeys to an existing 7-storey commercial building



In this example, the net change in GFA of the existing development is 1350 m<sup>2</sup> while the total GFA of new and reconstructed floors is 2950 m<sup>2</sup>. The breakdown of the respective GFA is as shown in the table below.

	Net Change in GFA	Total GFA of new and reconstructed floors
Re-layout of 1 <sup>st</sup> storey	- 900 m <sup>2</sup>	0 m <sup>2</sup>
New mezzanine floor	+ 300 m <sup>2</sup>	+ 300 m <sup>2</sup>
Reconstruction of 8 <sup>th</sup> storey	no change in GFA	+ 700 m <sup>2</sup>
Construction of 2 new floors	+ 1950 m <sup>2</sup>	+ 1950 m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total GFA</b>	<b>+1350 m<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>+ 2950 m<sup>2</sup></b>

As in Example 1, by virtue of the definition of GFA in the context of A&A work, the above project is subjected to the buildable design legislation since the total GFA of the new and reconstructed floors is 2950 m<sup>2</sup>. This is despite the increase in the total GFA of the existing building being only 1350 m<sup>2</sup> which is less than 2000 m<sup>2</sup>.

## 2 Constructed Floor Area

Once a project is subjected to the minimum buildability score requirement, all constructed floor areas (including reconstructed floor areas) are to be considered when computing the project buildability score (except minor structures as defined in item 6). The constructed floor area is also used to derive the overall buildability score of a project comprising multiple blocks, by pro-rating the buildability scores of each of the blocks with its constructed floor area and summing up the pro-rated scores (please also refer to item 7).

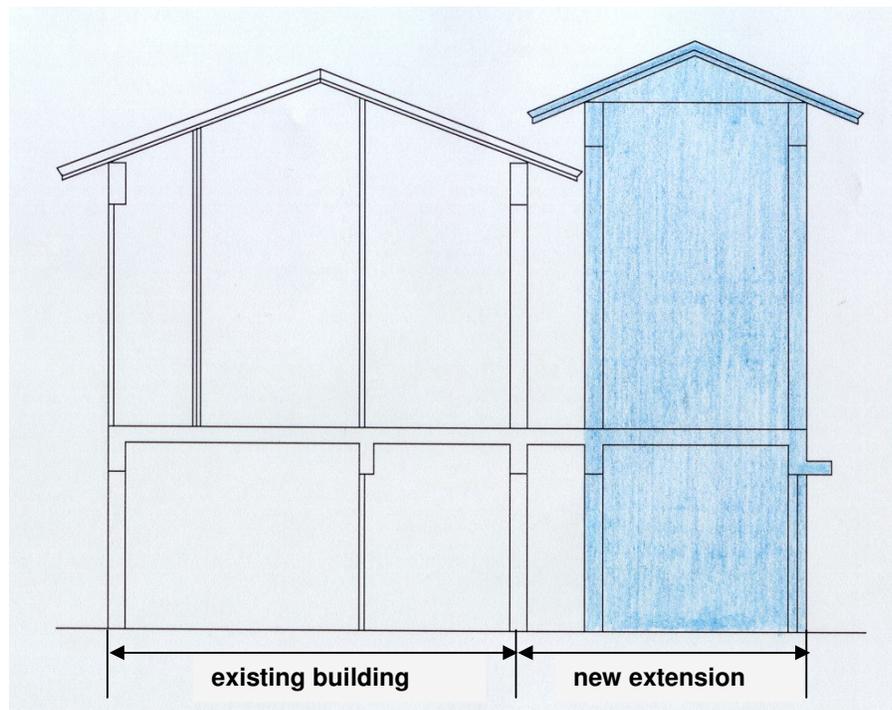
## 3 Minimum Buildability Score

Different minimum buildability scores are given for different categories of development. For a new development, the corresponding minimum buildability score can be found in the COP stipulated under Table B (for projects with planning applications made from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006) or Table D (for projects with planning applications made on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007).

For a mixed development, the minimum buildability score will be pro-rated according to the GFA of each type of development.

For an A&A project with the A&A work being carried out outside the existing building, such A&A work is considered as new work. As such, the corresponding minimum buildability score required to be complied by the A&A project is also set out in the COP under Table B (for projects with planning applications made from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006) or Table D (for projects with planning applications made on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007). Examples of A&A work being carried out outside the existing building are those that are constructed outside the envelope of the existing building, such as

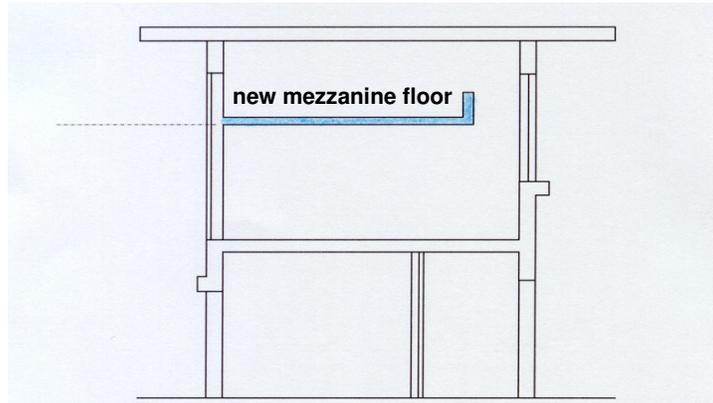
- a new extension to the existing building,
- additional storeys over the existing roof etc.



**Illustration 1: Project with A&A work carried out outside an existing building  
- Minimum buildability score for New Work shall apply**

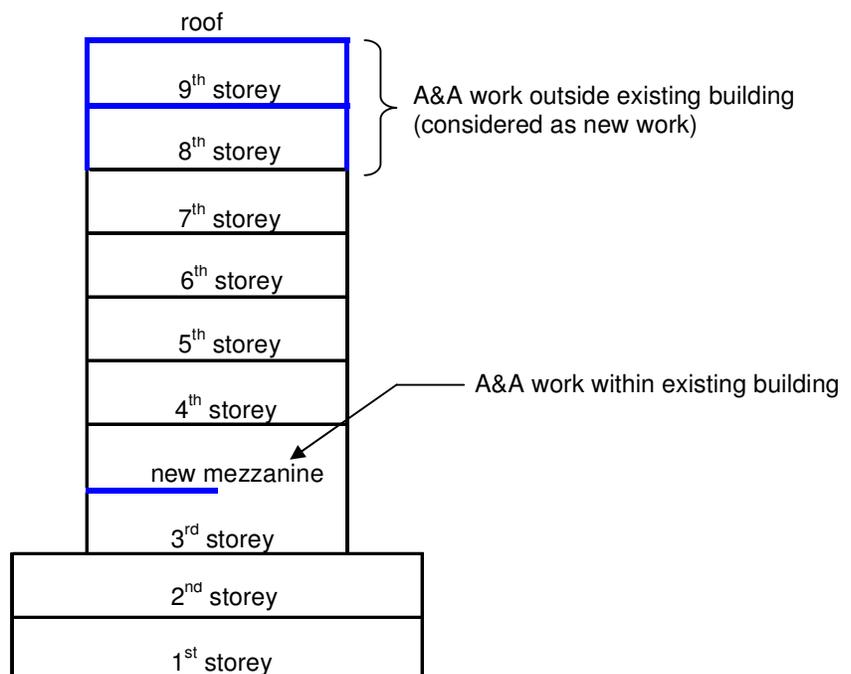
For a project with A&A work being carried out within the existing building (envelope), the minimum buildability score is as shown under Table C – Minimum Buildability Score for A&A Work (for projects with planning applications made from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006) or Table D (for projects with planning applications made on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007) in the COP. Examples of such A&A work are

- a new mezzanine floor,
- the slabbing over of an existing void within a building,
- the replacement or reconstruction of existing floor etc.



**Illustration 2: Project with A&A work carried out within an existing building - Minimum buildability score for A&A Work shall apply**

In the case of a project with A&A work being carried out both within and outside the existing building, the minimum buildability score will be pro-rated according to the GFA of the A&A work outside the existing building (new work – Table B or Table D) and the GFA of the A&A work within the existing building (Table C or Table D).



**Illustration 3: Project with A&A work carried out both within and outside an existing building - Minimum buildability score for A&A Work shall be pro-rated according to the GFA of each type of work**

## **4 Decimal Points**

All calculations should be rounded off to the nearest 2 decimal places except for the overall buildability score and percentage of coverage for other buildable design features, which should be expressed as an integer.

## **5 Module**

The basic module (M) denotes 100mm. For example, 3M denotes 300mm and 0.5M denotes 50mm.

## **6 Structures to be Included in Computation**

All major structures, including clubhouse and multi-storey carpark, are to be considered when computing the buildability score. Minor structures such as 22 KV substation, guard post, bin centre and trellis can be excluded from the computation, provided that they are not within or structurally linked to the main building.

## 7 Basics of Buildable Design Appraisal System (BDAS)

The Buildable Design Appraisal System (BDAS) was developed to measure the potential impact of a building design on the usage of labour. The appraisal system provides a method to compute the Buildability Score of a design. It consists of three main parts :-

- (a) Structural System (including Roof System) (50 points max)
- (b) Wall System (40 points max);
- (c) Other Buildable Design Features (10 points max + bonus points for single integrated components)

The Buildability Score (BS) of a building design is expressed as :

$$BS_{\text{bldg}} = \sum (BS_{\text{Structural System}} + BS_{\text{Wall System}} + BS_{\text{Other Buildable Design Features}})$$

where

$$BS_{\text{Structural System}} = 50 [\sum (\% \text{ of total floor area of the building using a particular structural system} \times \text{respective labour saving index for structural system (Table 1)})]$$

$$BS_{\text{Wall System}} = 40 [\sum (\% \text{ of total wall length of the building using a particular wall system} \times \text{respective labour saving index for wall system (Table 2)})]$$

$$BS_{\text{Other Buildable Design Features}} = \sum [\text{N Value obtained for other buildable design features used (Table 3)}]$$

For projects that consist of more than one building, the buildability score for each building should be computed first before deriving the buildability score for the whole project. In buildability score computation, one can consider part of the building or a number of buildings as a block for simplicity. Service structures such as toilets, staircases, lift shafts, corridors, link bridges should be grouped together with a particular building or block for which the services are proposed.

The buildability score of the whole project ( $BS_{\text{proj}}$ ) is then derived by summing up the multiplication of the respective buildability score of the individual building or block with its percentage of the total floor area of that building or block in the project.

It can be expressed as :

$$BS_{\text{proj}} = \sum [ BS_{\text{bldg or block}} \times (A_{\text{st}})_{\text{bldg or block}} / (A_{\text{st}})_{\text{proj}} ]$$

where  $(A_{\text{st}})_{\text{bldg or block}}$  = Total floor area which includes roof (projected area) and basement area of the building or block

$(A_{\text{st}})_{\text{proj}}$  = Summation of total floor area of all buildings or blocks in a project  
(i.e.  $\sum (A_{\text{st}})_{\text{bldg or block}}$ )

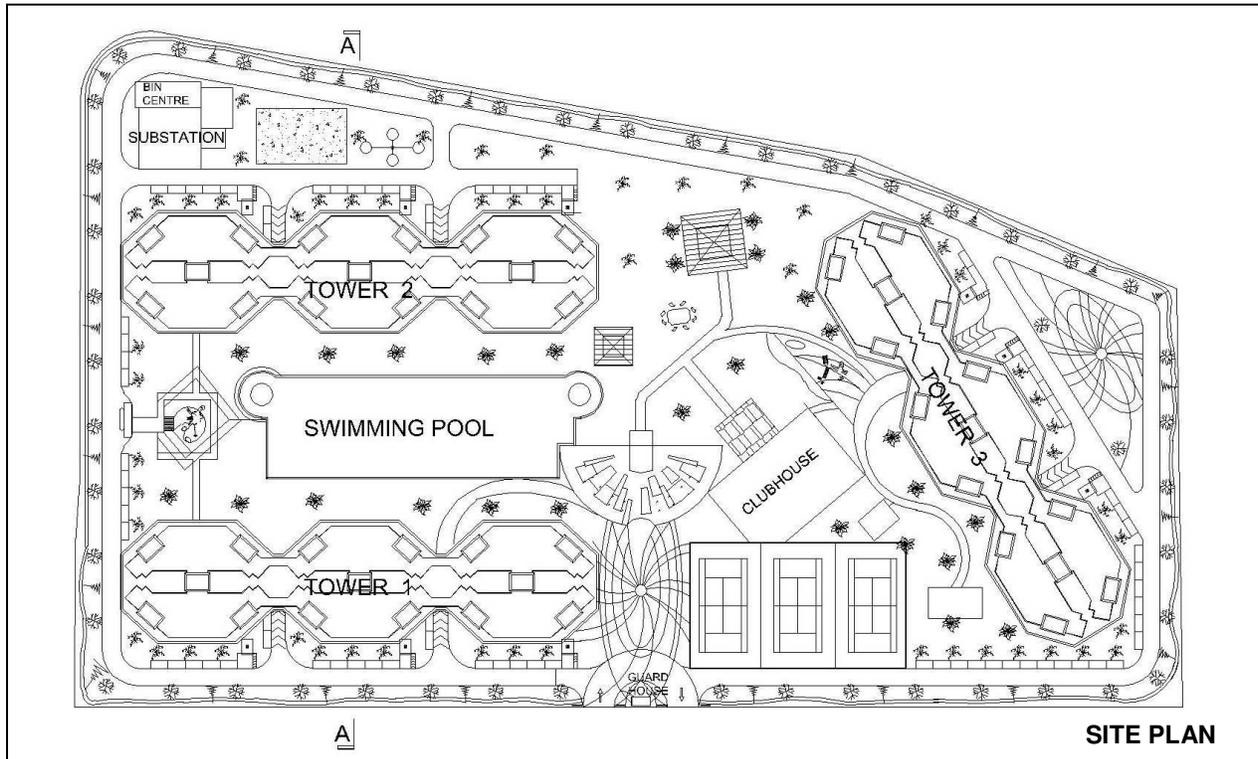
*The worked examples in the next section will give some guidelines on the approach in grouping the building structures into different blocks before proceeding with the details of the buildability score computation.*

## 8 Worked Examples

### Example G1: Residential Development with Communal Facilities and Basement Carpark

#### A. Project Information

This project consists of three 10-storey residential tower blocks with basement carpark, swimming pool, clubhouse and communal facilities.



#### B. Demarcation of Blocks

For buildability score computation, the development can be classified as 4 blocks.

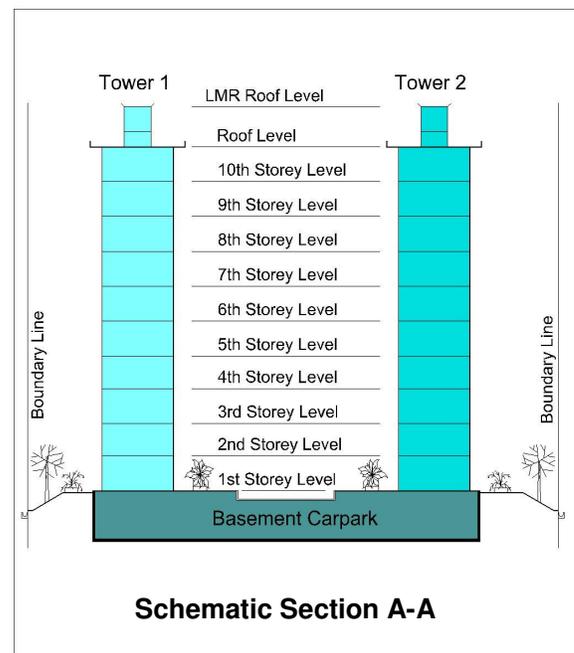
They are :-

- Block 1 – Tower 1
- Block 2 – Tower 2
- Block 3 – Tower 3
- Block 4 – Clubhouse, environmental deck and basement carpark

The buildability score of the project can be obtained by

$$BS_{proj} = \left[ \left( BS_{block1} \times \frac{A_{st,block1}}{A_{st,proj}} \right) + \left( BS_{block2} \times \frac{A_{st,block2}}{A_{st,proj}} \right) + \left( BS_{block3} \times \frac{A_{st,block3}}{A_{st,proj}} \right) + \left( BS_{block4} \times \frac{A_{st,block4}}{A_{st,proj}} \right) \right]$$

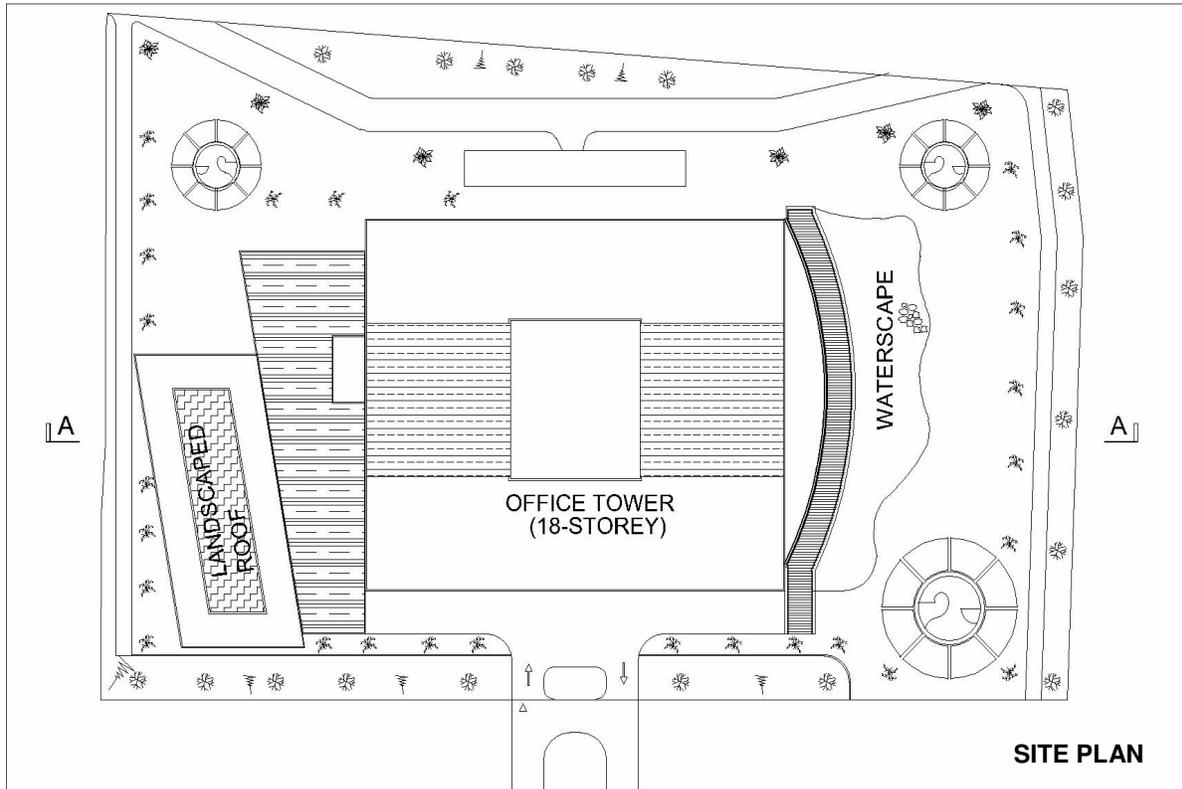
Note: Detached 22 KV substation and bin centre are excluded in buildability score computation.



## Example G2: Commercial Development with Elevated Carparks

### A. Project Information

This project comprising an 18-storey office tower with a 2-storey retail podium, 3 storey elevated carparks and 3 levels of retail shops at basement.



### B. Demarcation of Blocks

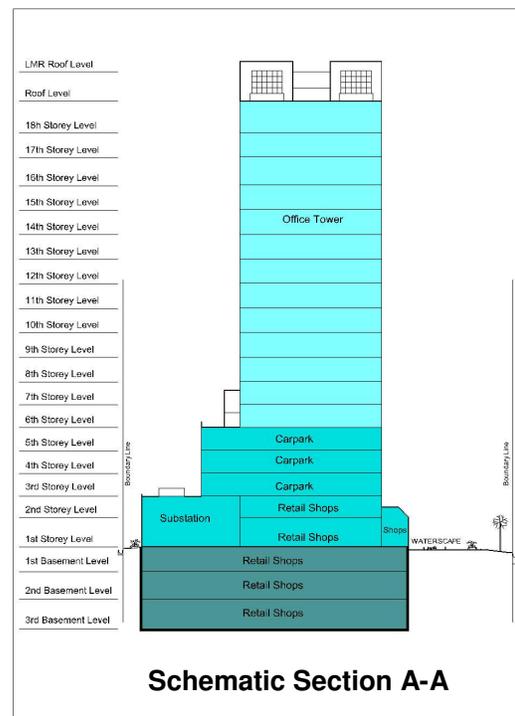
For buildability score computation, the development can be classified as 3 blocks.

They are :-

- Block 1 – Office Tower
- Block 2 – Elevated Carparks and Retail Shops and Substation
- Block 3 – Retail Shops at Basement

The buildability score of the project can be obtained by

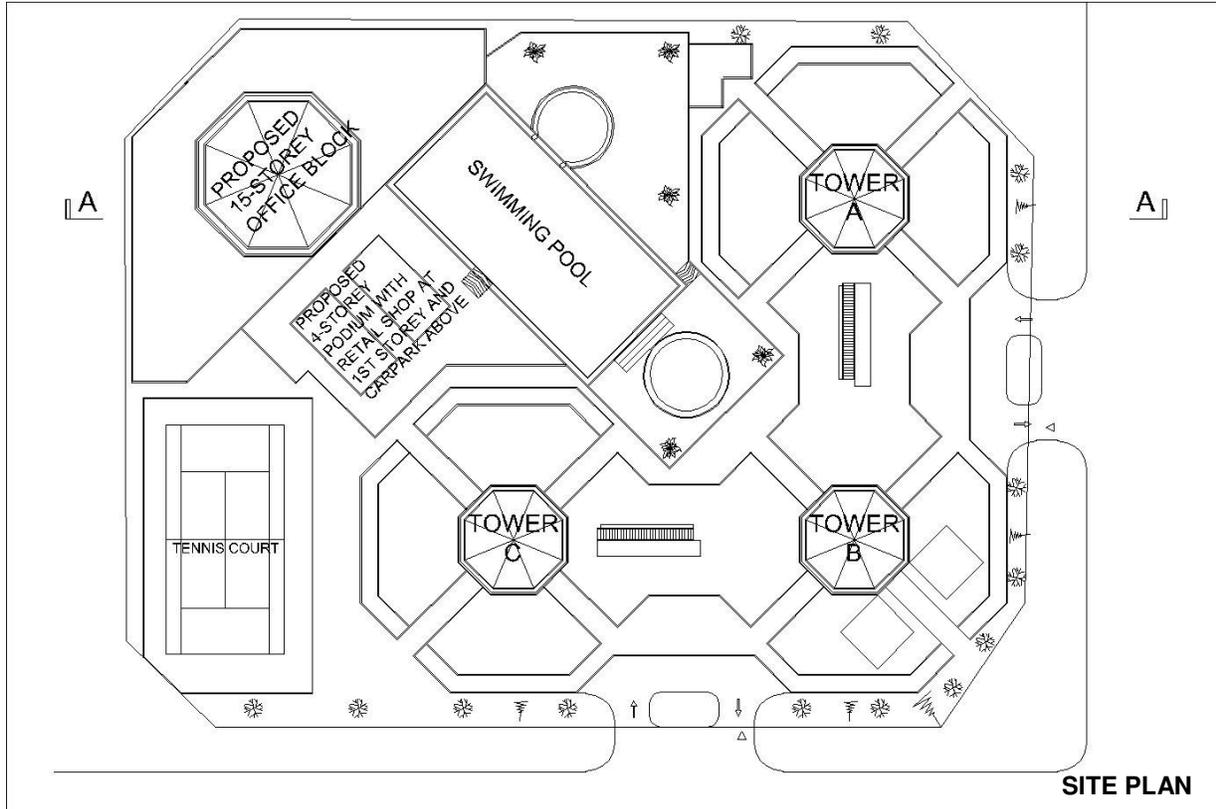
$$BS_{proj} = \left[ (BS_{block1} \times (A_{st})_{block1} / (A_{st})_{proj}) + (BS_{block2} \times (A_{st})_{block2} / (A_{st})_{proj}) + (BS_{block3} \times (A_{st})_{block3} / (A_{st})_{proj}) \right]$$



## Example G3: Mixed Development with Carparks

### A. Project Information

This project is a 15-storey mixed development comprising three residential tower blocks, one commercial office block with a 4-storey podium with retail shops and carparks.



### B. Demarcation of Blocks

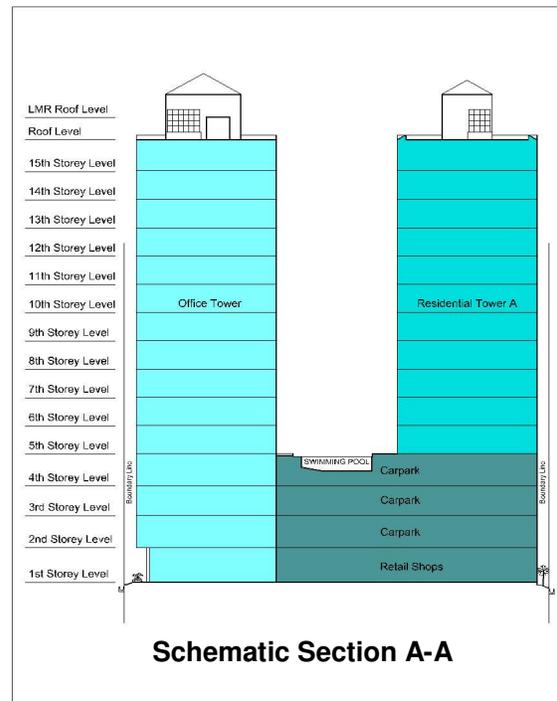
For buildability score computation, the development can be classified as 5 blocks.

They are :-

- Block 1 – Residential Tower A
- Block 2 – Residential Tower B
- Block 3 – Residential Tower C
- Block 4 – Office Tower
- Block 5 – Podium with Retail Shops and Carparks

The buildability score of the project can be obtained by

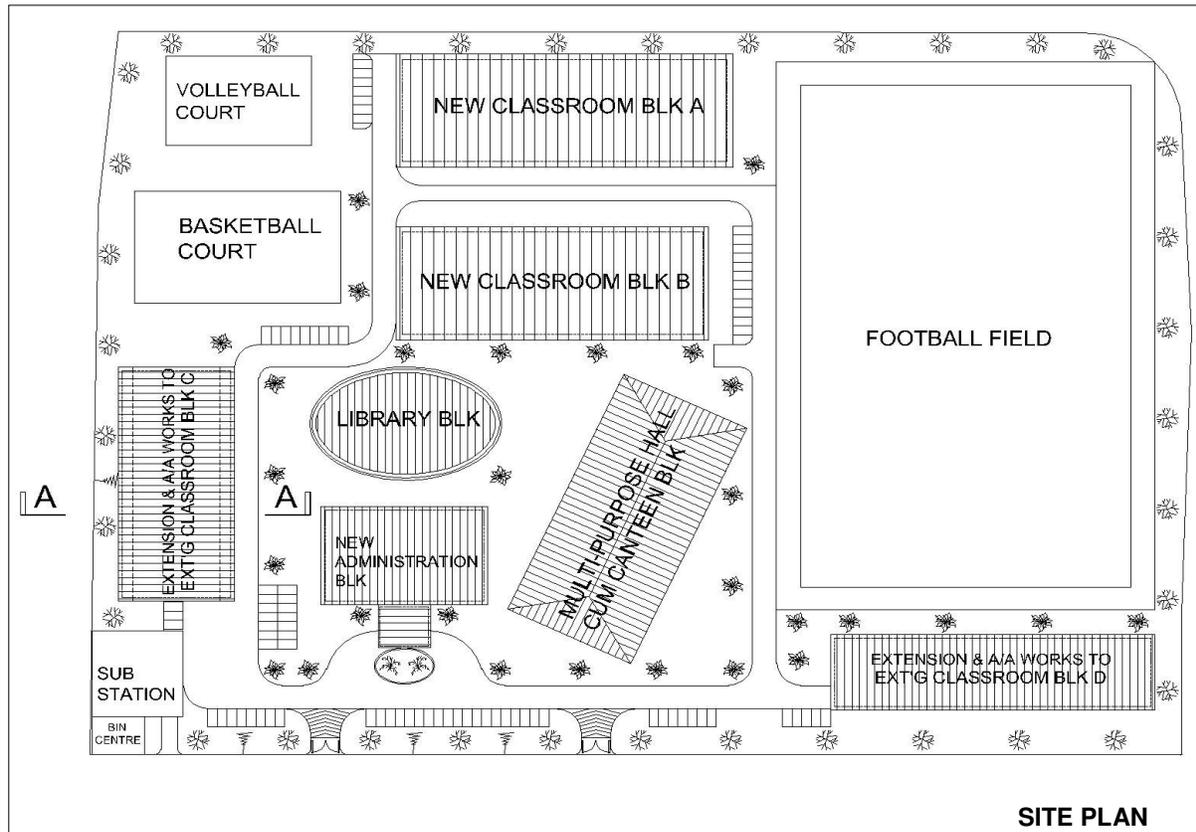
$$BS_{proj} = [(BS_{block1} \times (A_{st,block1} / (A_{st,proj})) + (BS_{block2} \times (A_{st,block2} / (A_{st,proj})) + (BS_{block3} \times (A_{st,block3} / (A_{st,proj})) + (BS_{block4} \times (A_{st,block4} / (A_{st,proj})) + (BS_{block5} \times (A_{st,block5} / (A_{st,proj}))]$$



## Example G4: Institutional Development with New Extension and Addition & Alteration Works to Existing School Buildings

### A. Project Information

This project consists of two 4-storey classroom blocks, a 2-storey multi-purpose hall cum canteen block, one administration block, one library block & extension and additions & alterations to two 4-storey existing classroom blocks.



### B. Demarcation of Blocks

For buildability score computation, the development can be classified as 7 blocks.

They are :-

- (a) Block 1 – New classroom Block A
- (b) Block 2 – New classroom Block B
- (c) Block 3 – Multi-purpose Hall cum Canteen Block
- (d) Block 4 – Extension & A/A works to existing classroom Block C
- (e) Block 5 – Extension & A/A works to existing classroom Block D
- (f) Block 6 – Library Block
- (g) Block 7 – New Administration Block

The buildability score of the project can be obtained by

$$BS_{proj} = \sum [BS_{bldg\ or\ block} \times (A_{st})_{bldg\ or\ block} / (A_{st})_{proj}]$$

Note : Detached 22 KV substation and bin centre are excluded in buildability score computation.

### C. Considerations for Extension and Additions & Alterations Works

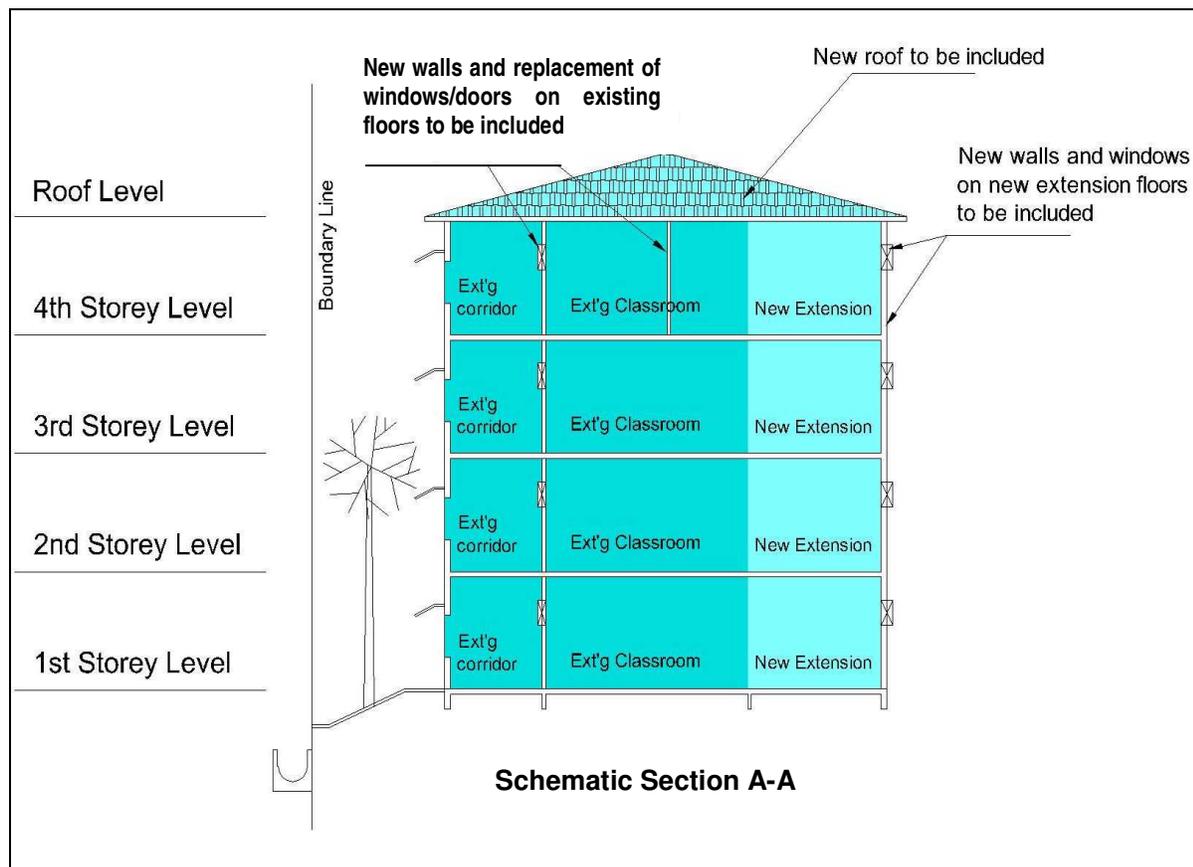
All new walls and doors/windows on both the new extension floors and existing floors are to be considered in the buildability score computation, as illustrated in the Schematic Section A-A below.

For this case, the apportioned buildability score of Block 4 (same as for Block 5) attributing to the buildability score of project will be as follows:-

$$BS_{\text{block 4}} \times (A_{\text{st}})_{\text{block 4}} / (A_{\text{st}})_{\text{proj}}$$

where

$$(A_{\text{st}})_{\text{block 4}} = \text{Total new floor areas extension} \\ = \sum(\text{Extended Floor areas from 1}^{\text{st}} \text{ to 4}^{\text{th}} \text{ Sty} + \text{Roof area})$$



### D. Change of Use to Existing Building with Extension & Additions and Alterations Works

The same principle adopted in the above Section C is applicable to all other types of development involving change of use to existing buildings with extension & additions and alterations works.

## **Part 1 Structural Systems**

- ❖ **Labour Saving Indices for Different Structural Systems**
- ❖ **Structural Areas Consideration**
- ❖ **Prefabricated Reinforcement Consideration**
- ❖ **Structural Systems**
- ❖ **Measurement**
- ❖ **Worked Examples**

## Part 1 Structural Systems

### 1 Labour Saving Indices for Different Structural Systems

The labour saving index derived for each structural system and roof system is as shown in the following Table 1. An index of 0.03 each would be given if prefabricated reinforcement/cage is used in cast in-situ slab, beam and column.

**Table 1 Structural Systems - S<sub>s</sub> Value**  
(to be used for projects with planning applications made from 1<sup>st</sup> Sep 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2006)

Structural System	Description	Labour Saving Index S <sub>s</sub>
Precast Concrete System	Full precast	1.00
	Precast column/wall with flat plate/flat slab <sup>(1)</sup>	0.95
	Precast beam and precast slab	0.90
	Precast beam and precast column/wall	0.85
	Precast column/wall and precast slab	0.80
	Precast beam only	0.75
	Precast slab only	0.75
	Precast column/wall only <sup>(1)</sup>	0.75
Structural Steel System (applicable only if steel decking or precast slab is adopted)	Steel beam and steel column (without concrete encasement)	0.95
	Steel beam and steel column (with concrete encasement)	0.85
Cast In-situ System	Flat plate <sup>(1)</sup>	0.90
	Flat slab <sup>(1)</sup>	0.85
	One-way banded beam <sup>(1)</sup>	0.75
	Two-way beam <sup>(1)</sup> (slab/beam <sup>(2)</sup> >10)	0.65
	Two-way beam <sup>(1)</sup> (slab/beam <sup>(2)</sup> ≤10)	0.50
Roof System	Integrated metal roof on steel truss	0.90
	Metal roof on steel truss or timber truss	0.85
	Tiled roof on steel beam or precast concrete beam or timber beam	0.75
	Metal roof on cast in-situ beam	0.60
	Tiled roof with cast in-situ beam	0.55

**NOTE:**

- (1) For cast in-situ floor with cast in-situ transfer beam, an index of -0.10 shall be applied to the entire cast in-situ floor area. This requirement does not apply to cast in-situ floor with transfer beam designed for ramp access.
- (2) Slab/beam refers to the value of slab area over number of beams.

**Table 1 Structural Systems - S<sub>s</sub> Value**  
*(to be used for projects with planning applications made on or after 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2007)*

Structural System	Description	Labour Saving Index S <sub>s</sub>
Precast Concrete System	Full precast	1.00
	Precast beam and precast slab	0.90
	Precast beam and precast column/wall <sup>(3)</sup>	0.85
	Precast column/wall <sup>(3)</sup> and precast slab	0.80
	Precast beam only	0.75
	Precast slab only	0.75
	Precast column/wall only <sup>(1) (3)</sup>	0.75
Structural Steel System (applicable only if steel decking or precast slab is adopted)	Steel beam and steel column (without concrete encasement)	0.95
	Steel beam and steel column (with concrete encasement)	0.85
Cast In-situ System <sup>(1)</sup>	Flat plate with no or minimal perimeter beams (slab/beam <sup>(2)</sup> >15)	0.90 <sup>(4)</sup>
	Flat plate with perimeter beams (slab/beam <sup>(2)</sup> ≤15)	0.80 <sup>(4)</sup>
	Flat slab with no or minimal perimeter beams (slab/beam <sup>(2)</sup> >15)	0.85 <sup>(4)</sup>
	Flat slab with perimeter beams (slab/beam <sup>(2)</sup> ≤15)	0.75 <sup>(4)</sup>
	One-directional banded beam	0.75
	Two-directional beam (slab/beam <sup>(2)</sup> >10)	0.65
	Two-directional beam (slab/beam <sup>(2)</sup> ≤10)	0.50
Roof System	Integrated metal roof on steel truss	0.90
	Metal roof on steel truss or timber truss	0.85
	Tiled roof on steel beam or precast concrete beam or timber beam	0.75
	Metal roof on cast in-situ beam	0.60
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**NOTE:**

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- (2) Slab/beam refers to the value of the slab area over number of beams. In flat plate or flat slab cases, this refers to the value of the flat plate area (or flat slab area) over the number of perimeter beams bounding the flat plate (or flat slab).
- (3) Precast wall refers to load-bearing walls only.
- (4) An additional index of 0.05 would be given if flat plate/flat slab is used with precast columns (or precast load bearing walls). For example, the index for flat plate with no or minimal perimeter beams (slab/beam > 15) with precast columns would be 0.95 (0.90 + 0.05).

The respective labour saving indices for other common structural systems that are not shown in Table 1 are listed as follows :

LABOUR SAVING INDEX (LSI)		
DESCRIPTION	SIMILAR TO	LSI TO BE USED
Precast hollow core slab	Precast concrete slab	Refer to Table 1
Precast planks (half slab)	Precast concrete slab	Refer to Table 1
Waffle slab (cast in-situ)	Cast in-situ slab (slab/beam < 10)	Refer to Table 1
Waffle slab (precast)	Precast concrete slab	Refer to Table 1
Precast shell column/beam	Precast column/beam	Refer to Table 1
Steel column with concrete infill	Steel column without concrete encasement	Refer to Table 1
One-way beam*	One-way or One-directional banded beam	Refer to Table 1
Skylight	-	Ss Value = 1.00

\*Refers to one-directional beams. It does not refer to the design of the slab (contrast with one-way slab design).

Indices for other systems that are not shown in these tables shall be determined by BCA on a case-by-case basis. For such cases, the Qualified Persons (QPs) are advised to seek BCA's comments before proceeding with the design.

## 2 Structural Areas Consideration

All floor areas including basement, roof, air-con ledge, staircase and suspended structural floor of open link way are to be considered, with the exception of the following:

- Driveway, apron areas and landscape areas which are not within or structurally linked to the main building.

## 3 Prefabricated Reinforcement Consideration

The usage of prefabricated reinforcement in cast in-situ components is based on the following:

### a. Floors

Cast in-situ floor using welded wire mesh can be considered for additional points under the structural system. However, prefabricated reinforcement in precast concrete floor or in-situ concrete topping of precast concrete floor/steel decking using welded wire mesh are not entitled to any points. The percentage of coverage for the use of prefabricated reinforcement in floors is based on the total area including the roof and basement, if applicable.

### b. Beam Cage / Column Cage

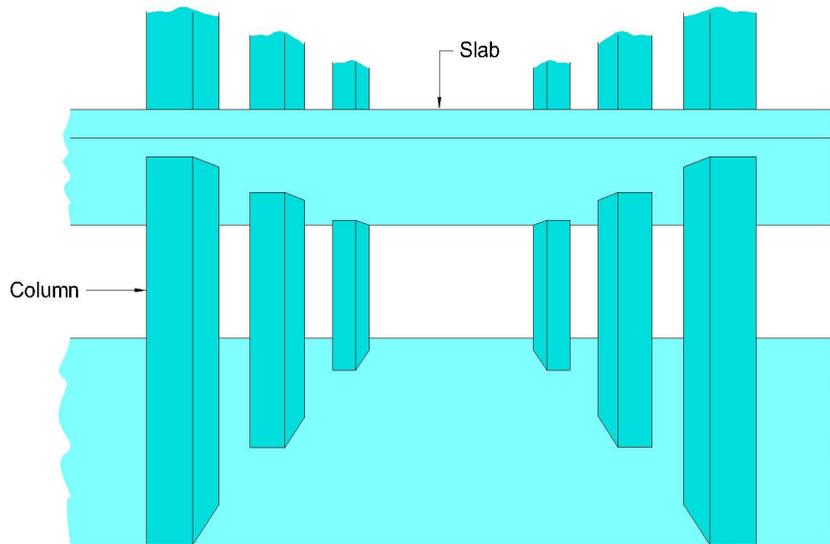
The use of prefabricated link cages in cast in-situ beams / columns which are done on site or from factory are given additional points. However, no points would be given for prefabricated link cages in precast concrete beams / columns. The percentage of coverage for the use of prefabricated cages in beams / columns is based on the total number of beams / columns which include precast and steel components.

## 4 Structural Systems

The interpretation of the cast in-situ systems used in Table 1 is as follows:

### a. Flat Plate

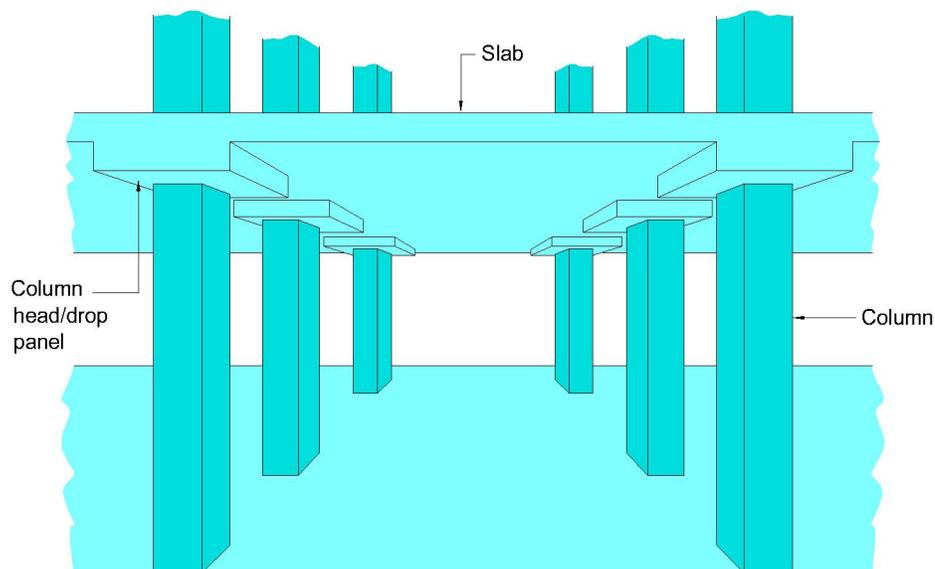
A structural floor system without column heads or drop panels (with or without perimeter beams). Under BDAS, a flat plate system could be viewed as a floor with flat soffit (with the exception of perimeter beams). From the buildability point of view, such floor with flat soffit would ease formwork construction and reinforcement work at site considerably and helps to improve site productivity.



**Perspective View of Flat Plate**

### b. Flat Slab

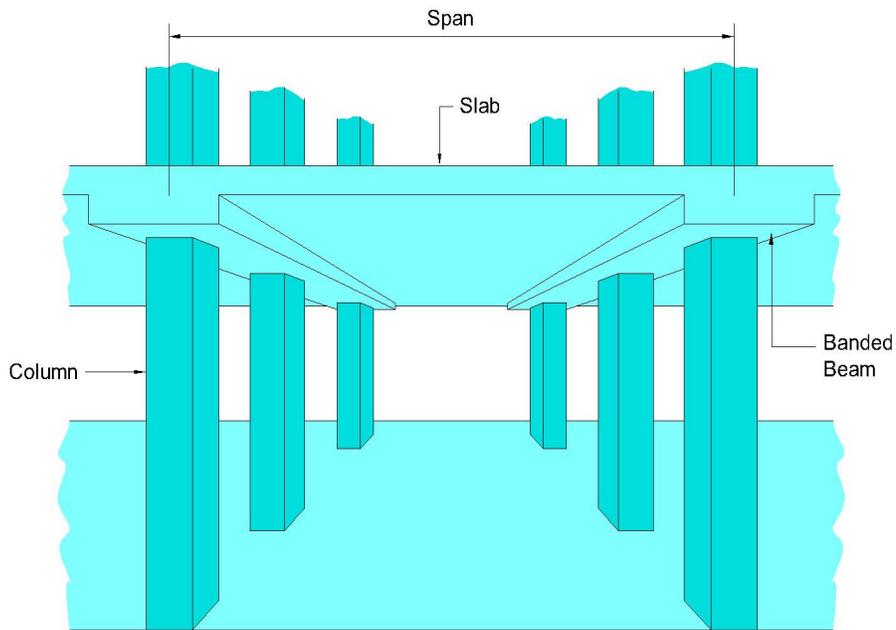
A structural floor system with column heads or drop panels (with or without perimeter beams).



**Perspective View of Flat Slab**

**c. One-Way Banded Beam / One Directional Banded Beam**

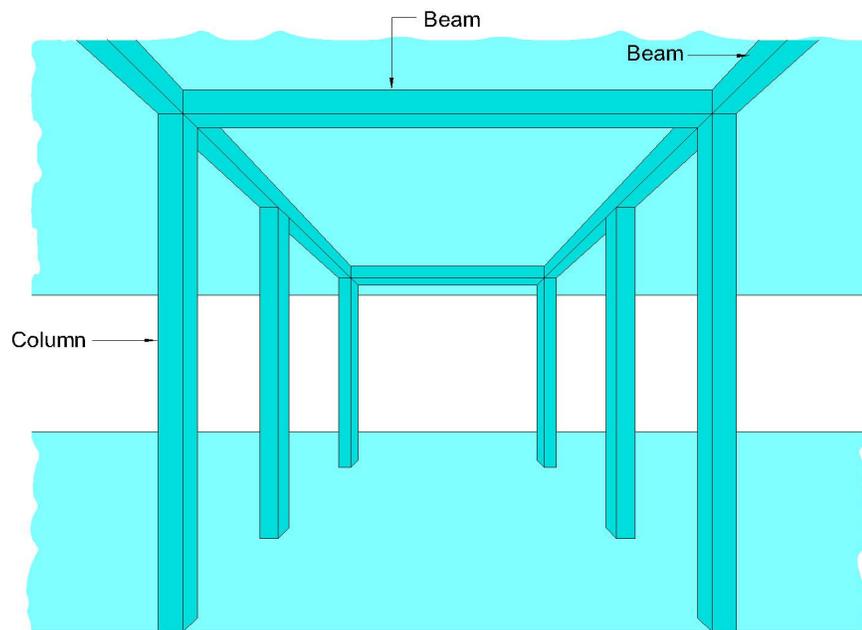
A structural beam-slab system with beams in one direction as shown.



**Perspective View of Banded Beam**

**d. Two-Way Beam / Two-Directional Beam**

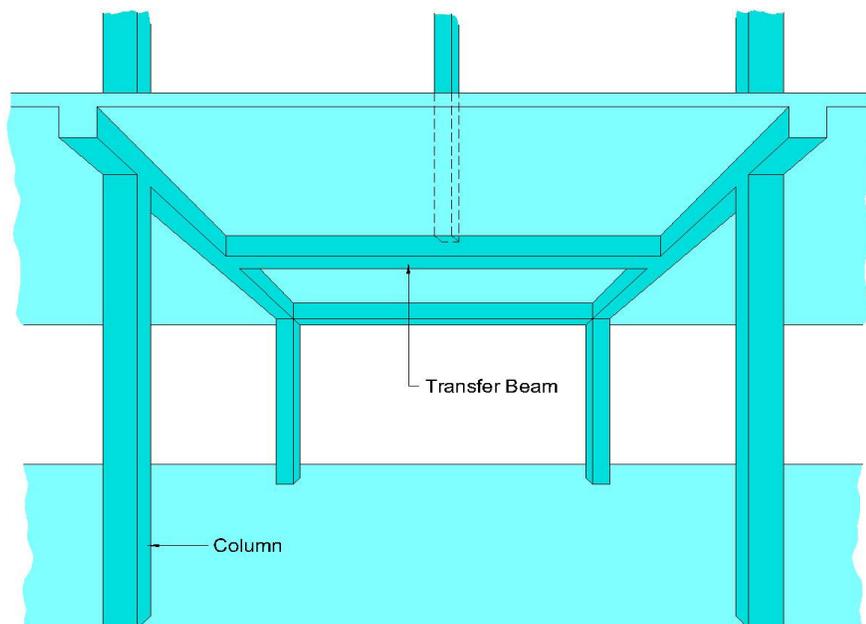
A structural beam-slab system with beams in two directions. This also applies to one way spanning slab framed by beams on all four sides.



**Perspective View of 2-Way or 2-Directional Beam**

### e. **Cast In-situ Floor with Transfer Beam (Table 1- Note 1)**

A transfer beam is a beam that interrupts the paths of load bearing elements from above and distributes the loads sideways to the ends of the beam. Cast in-situ flat plate, flat slab, one-way (or one-directional) banded beam and two-way (or two-directional) beam are classified as cast-in-situ floor system.



**Perspective View of Transfer Beam**

For this system, an index of -0.10 shall be applied to the entire cast in-situ floor area including the other parts of the same floor with different cast in-situ floors which may not have any transfer beam. This requirement is applicable even if the cast in-situ floor is supported by precast column/wall.

Note : The index of -0.10 does not apply to cast in-situ floor with transfer beam designed for the purpose of ramp access.

If there are different structural floor systems within the same floor layout, the index of -0.10 shall be applied only to the entire cast in-situ floor area as illustrated below :

#### **Illustration on the Application of index - 0.10 for cast in-situ floor with transfer beam**

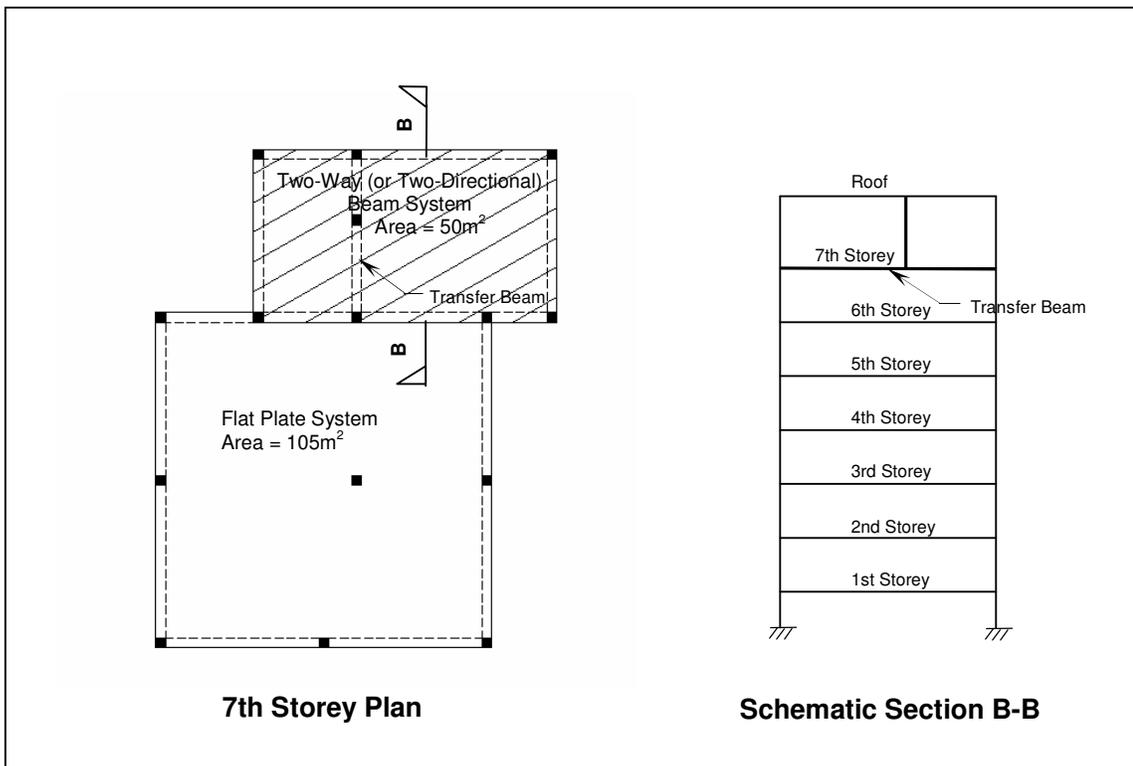
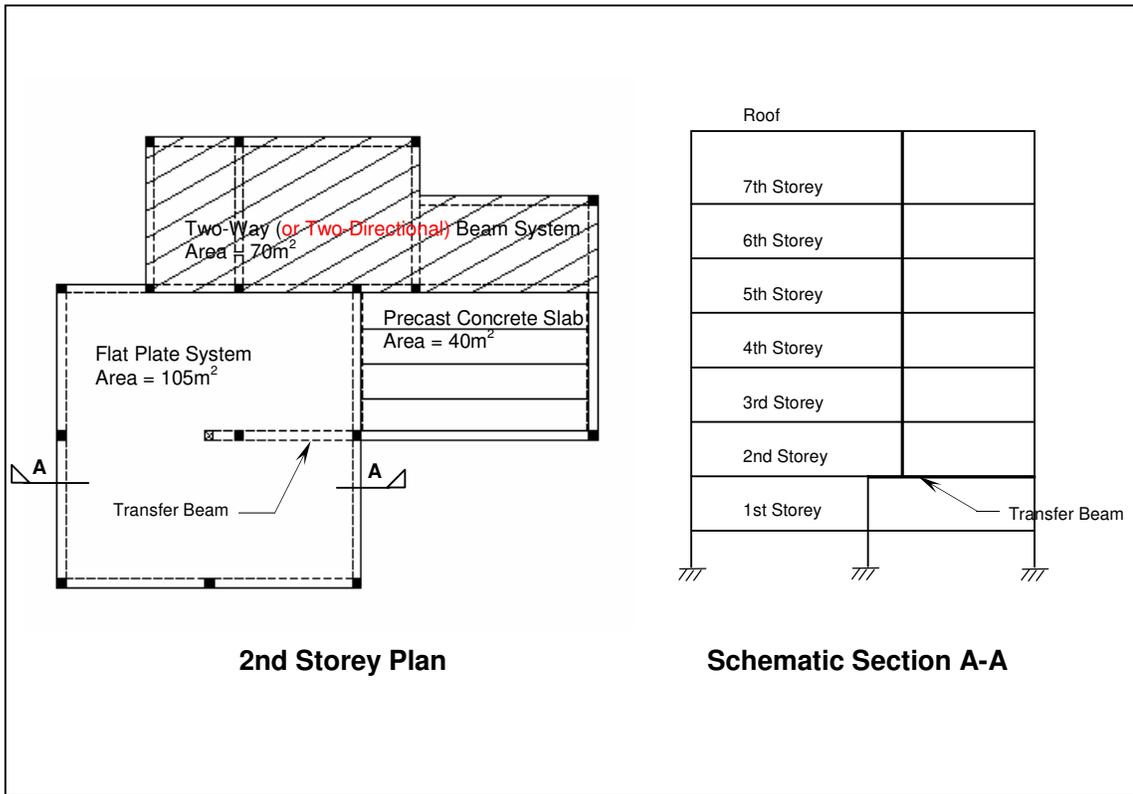
Assume that the total floor area of the whole block = 1400 m<sup>2</sup>

The cast in-situ floors with transfer beams adopted for the block are as follows :

- (1) Flat plate system with transfer beam at 2<sup>nd</sup> storey level
- (2) Two-way (or two-directional) beam-slab system with transfer beam at 7<sup>th</sup> storey level

An index of -0.10 shall be applied to the entire cast in-situ floor area for the 2<sup>nd</sup> storey level & 7<sup>th</sup> storey level.

The structural floor layouts are as shown below:



Cast in-situ floor area at 2<sup>nd</sup> sty level = Flat plate area + Two-way (or Two-Directional) beam-slab area  
 = (105 + 70) = 175 m<sup>2</sup>

Cast in-situ floor area at 7<sup>th</sup> sty level = Flat plate area + Two way (or Two-Directional) beam-slab area  
 = (105 + 50) = 155 m<sup>2</sup>

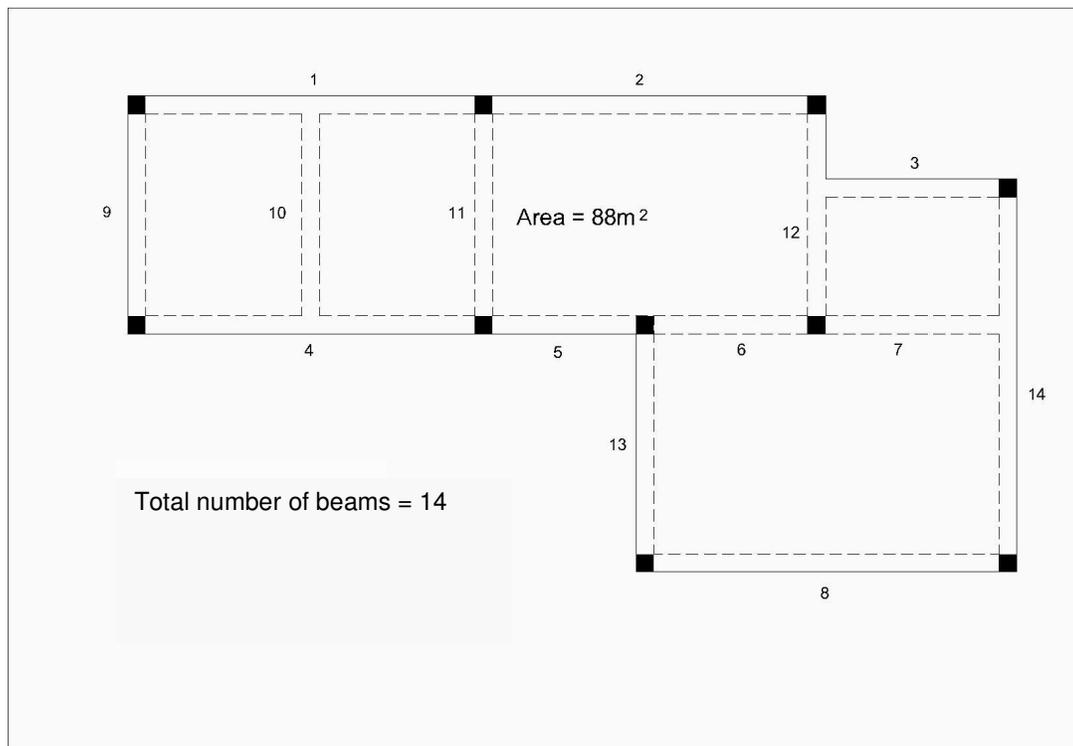
Therefore, total Cast in-situ floor area = 175 + 155 = 330 m<sup>2</sup>

% of total floor area = 330 /1400 x 100% = 23.57 %

Negative Impact		LSI (a)	Floor Area (m <sup>2</sup> ) (b)	% of Total Floor Area (c)	Buildability Score (a)x(c)x50
2 <sup>nd</sup> sty	Cast in-situ floor with transfer beam (Flat plate system)	-0.10	330	23.57%	-1.18
7 <sup>th</sup> sty					

### f. Number of Beams

The beam between 2 supports is considered as one beam.

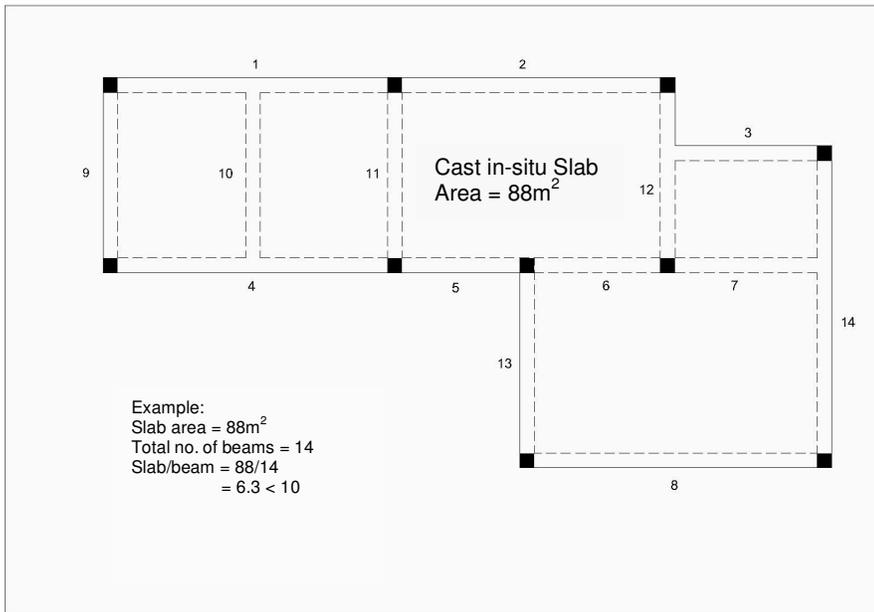


**g. Slab/Beam (Table 1- Note 2)**

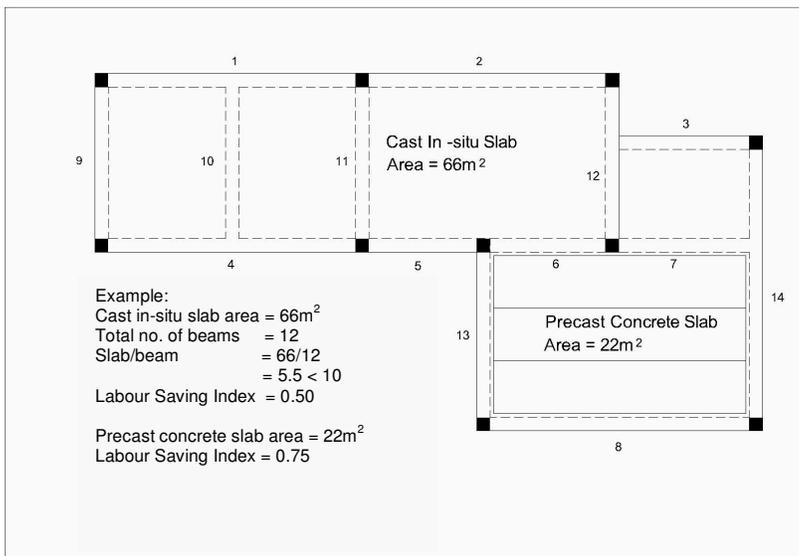
The slab area over beam refers to the value of slab area over number of supporting beams. In the case of flat plate (or flat slab) with perimeter beams, the slab area over beam refers to the flat plate (or flat slab) area over the number of perimeter beams bounding the flat plate (or flat slab). This value is required to determine the respective labour saving indices for flat plate system, flat slab system and the cast in-situ system with two-way (or two-directional) beam.

If there are different structural systems within the same floor layout, the common beams supporting the different structural systems such as flat plate system, flat slab system or cast in-situ system with two-way (or two-directional) beam are to be counted for the purpose of computing the slab/beam value.

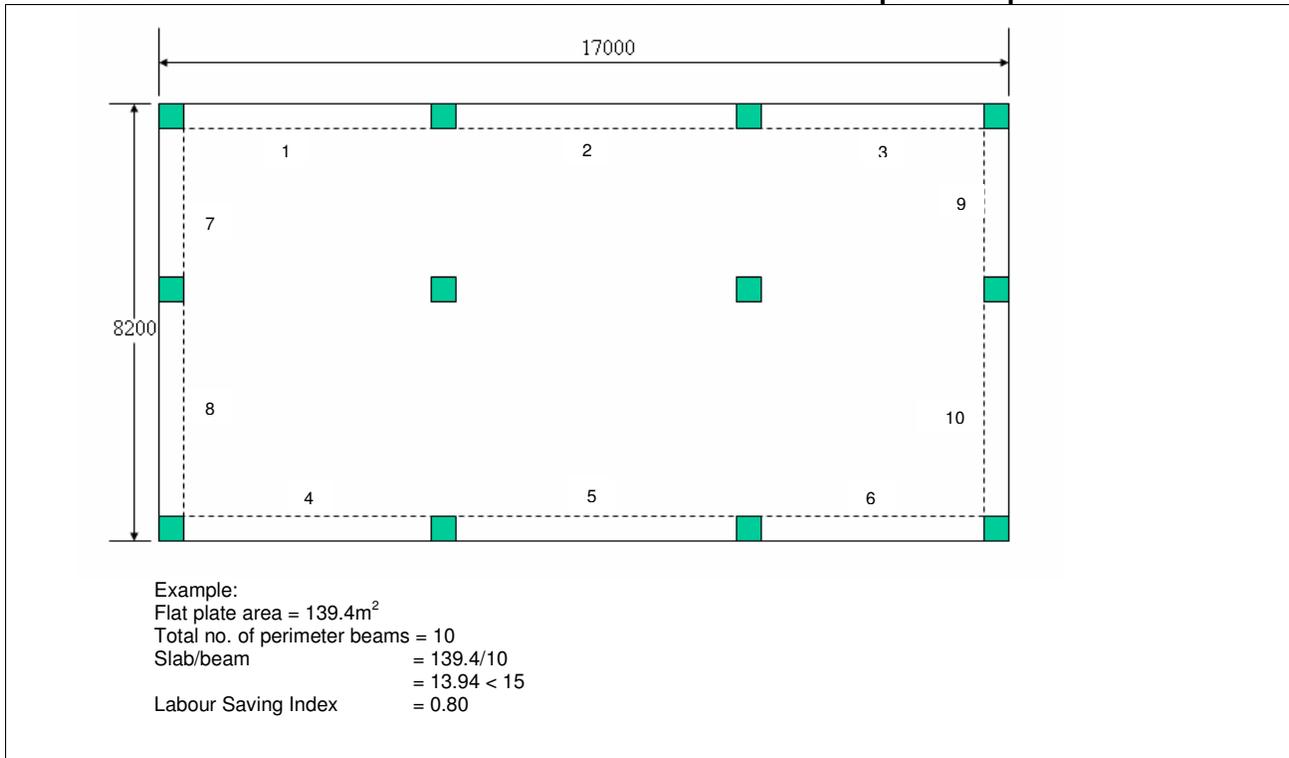
**Illustration 1 – Cast in-situ slab area over beam value**



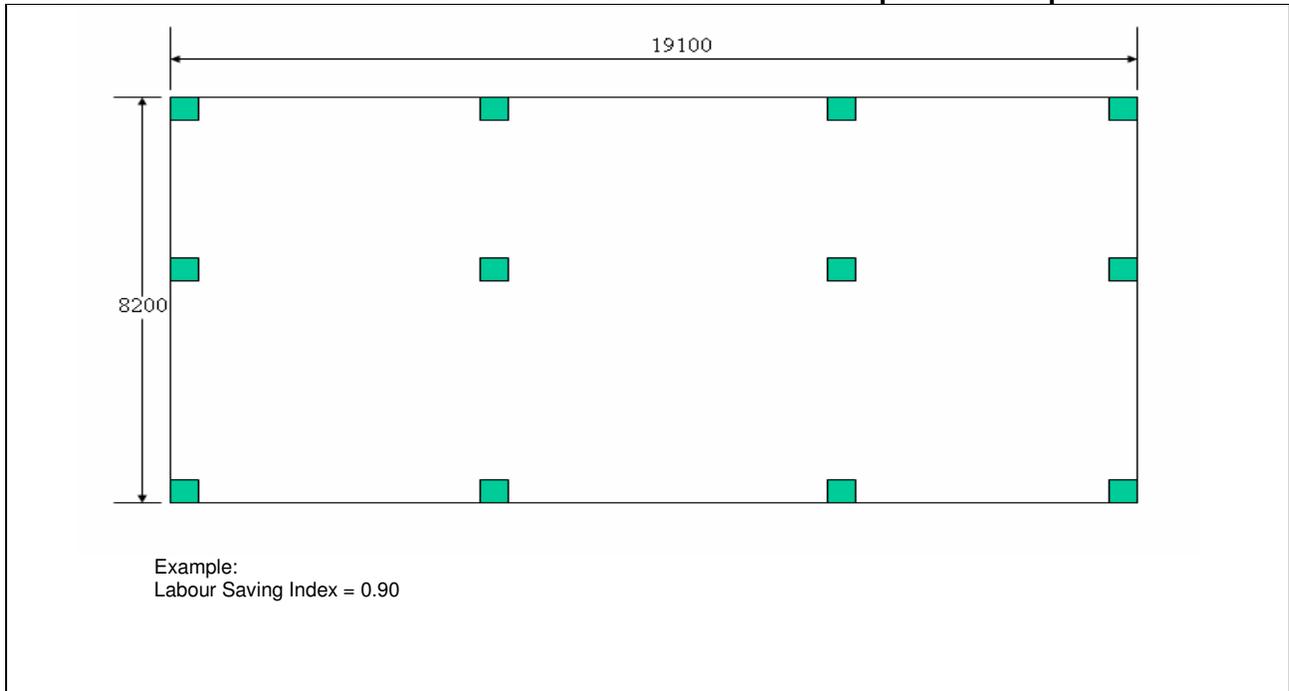
**Illustration 2 – Slab/beam and LSI for cast in-situ beam/column with precast and cast in-situ slab systems**



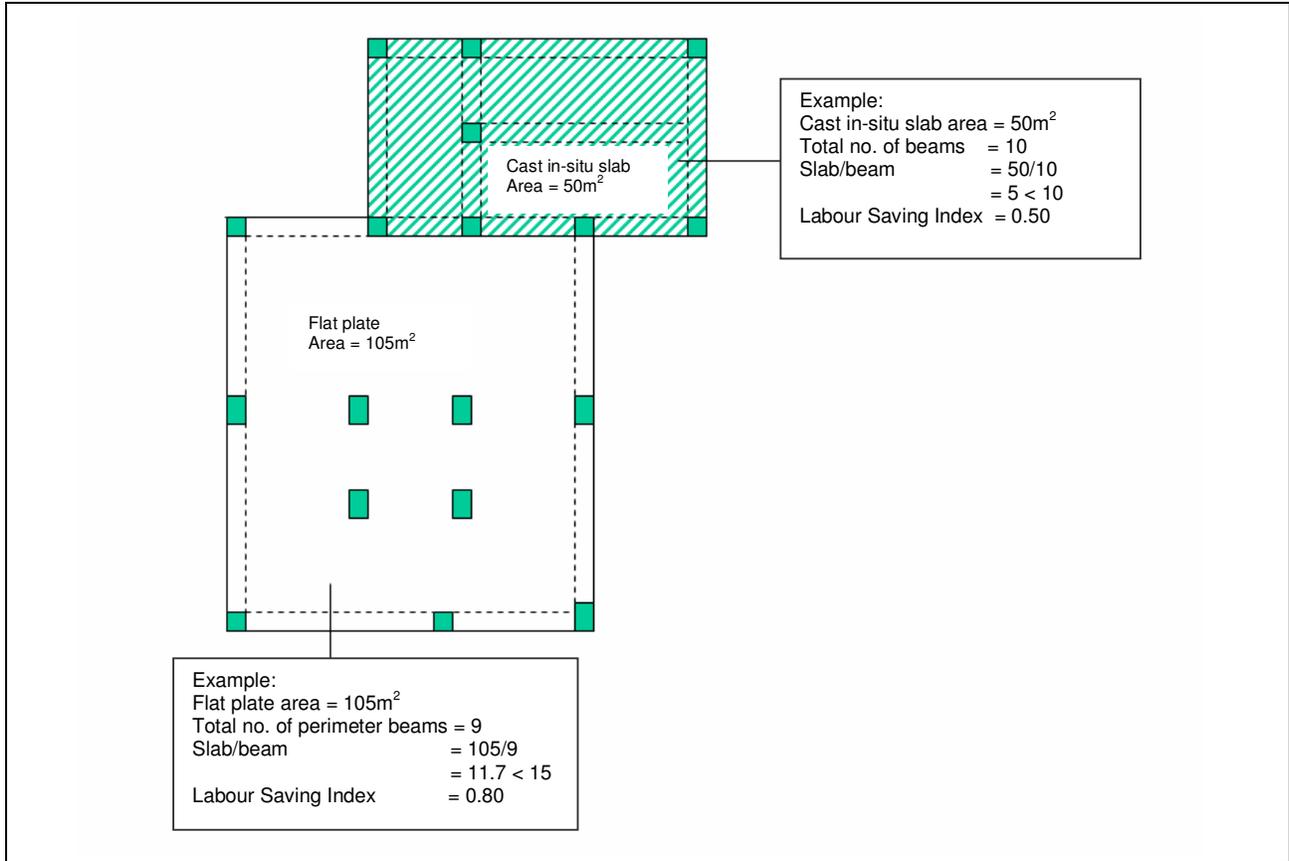
**Illustration 3 – Slab/beam and LSI for cast in-situ column with flat plate and perimeter beams**



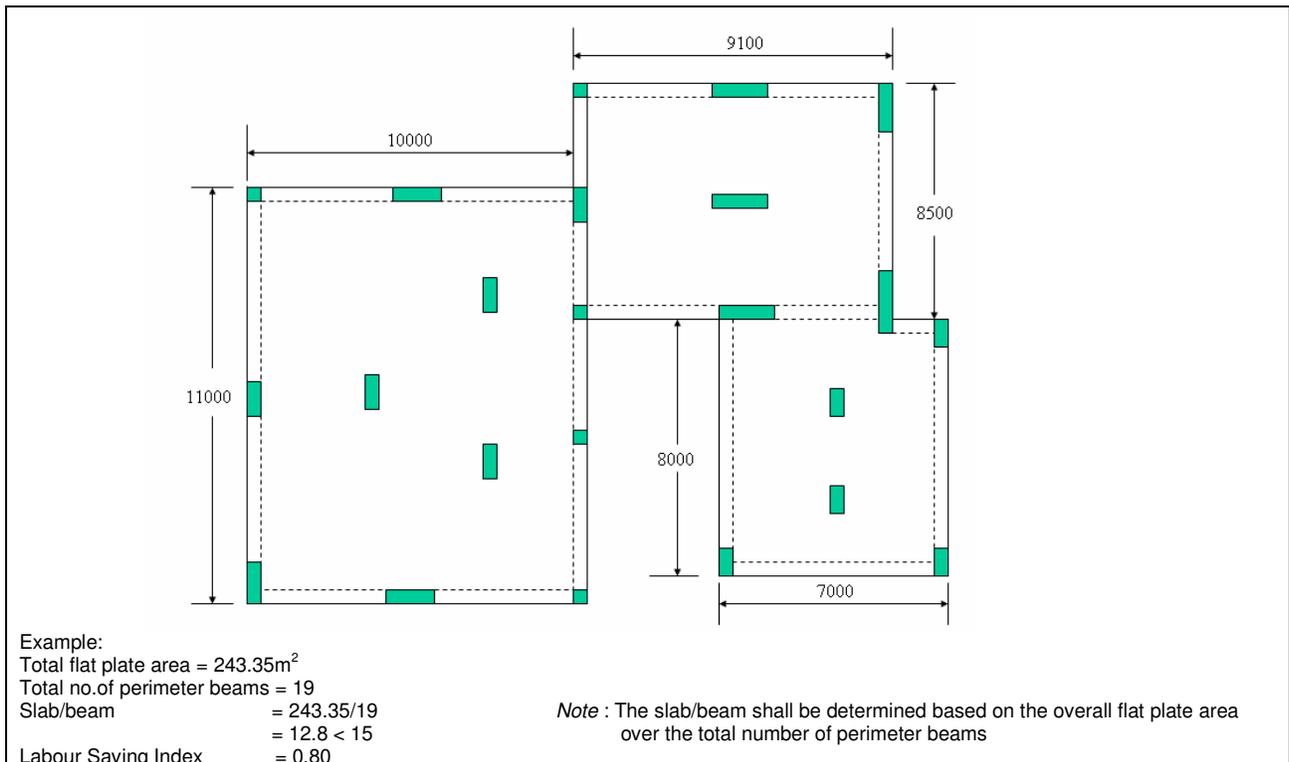
**Illustration 4 – Slab/beam and LSI for cast in-situ column with flat plate and no perimeter beams**



**Illustration 5 – Slab/beam and LSI for cast in-situ beam/column with flat plate and cast in-situ slab systems**



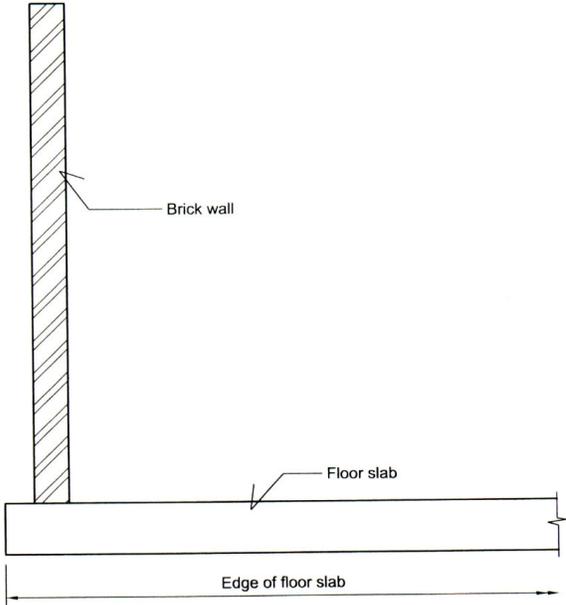
**Illustration 6 – Slab/beam and LSI for cast in-situ column with flat plate and perimeter beams**



**5 Measurement**

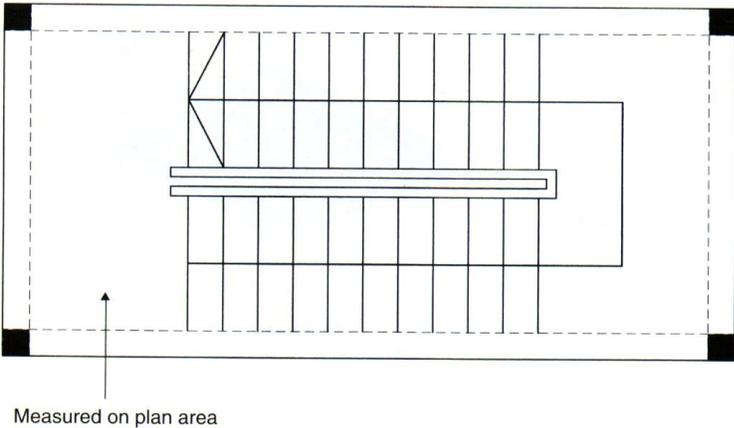
**a. Floor Area**

The floor area is to be measured to edge of the floor slab.



**b. Staircase Area**

The staircase area is to be measured on plan area.

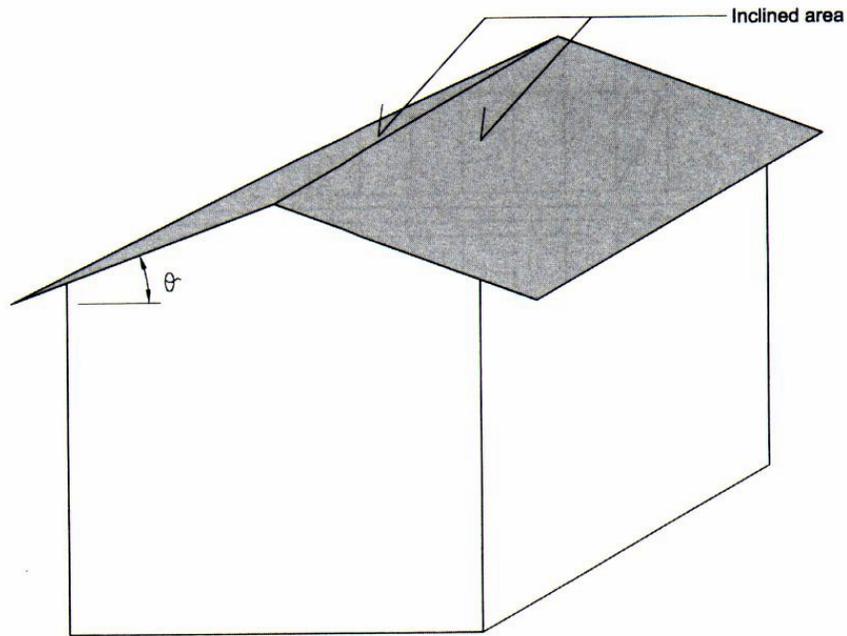


**c. Flat Roof Area ( $\leq 7\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  inclination)**

The flat roof is to be measured on plan area, if the inclination is  $7\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  or less.

**d. Pitch Roof Area ( $> 7\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  inclination)**

For pitch roof with an inclination of more than  $7\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ , the roof area is to be measured on inclined area.

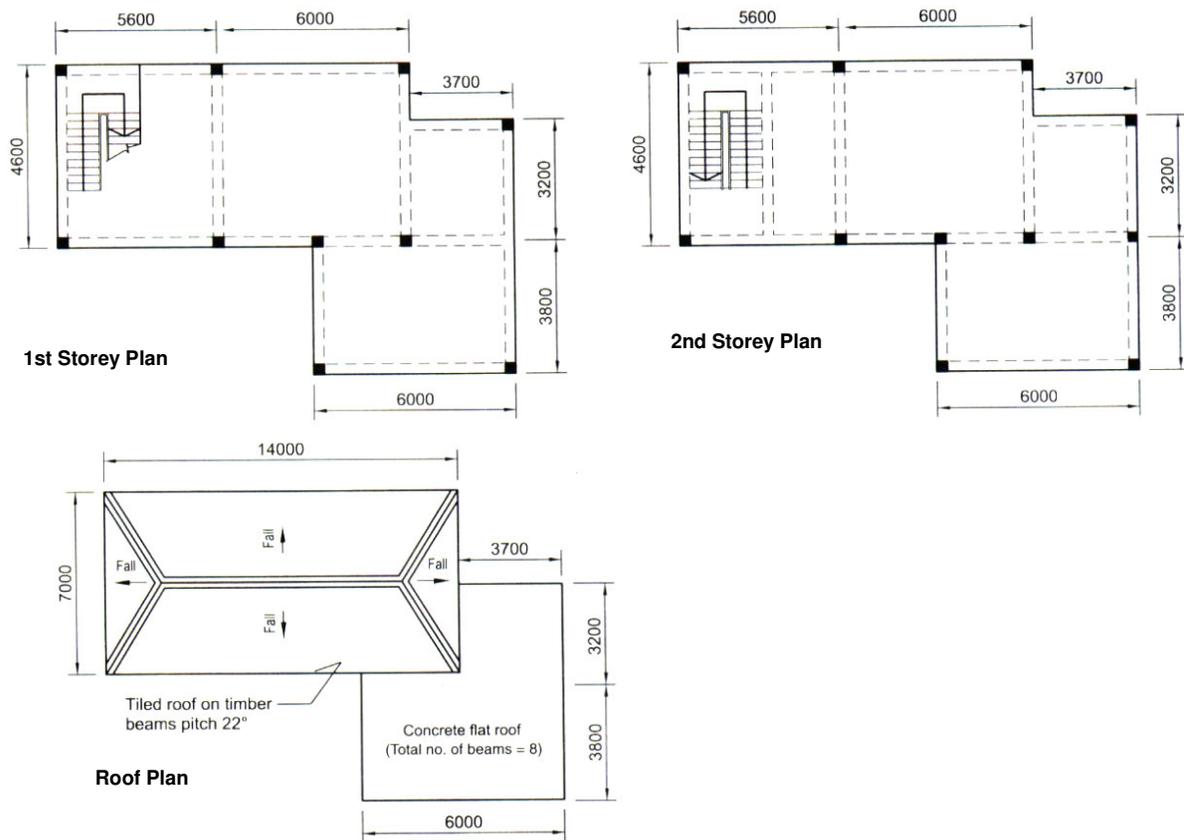


$$\text{Inclined area} = \frac{\text{Plan area}}{\text{Cos } \theta}$$

Note: Other than the above-mentioned flat roof and pitch roof, please check with BCA before proceeding with the design.

## 6 Worked Examples

### Example S1 : Computation of Buildability Score for Structural System



**Step 1: Identify the structural systems used and determine the relevant labour saving index (LSI) for the particular structural system**

Structural System	LSI(a)
1 <sup>st</sup> storey (Cast in-situ system – Two-way or Two-directional beam)	0.65 or 0.50
2 <sup>nd</sup> storey (Cast in-situ system – Two-way or Two-directional beam)	0.65 or 0.50
Roof (Cast in-situ system – Two-way or Two-directional beam)	0.65 or 0.50
Roof (Tiled roof on timber beam)	0.75

The LSI to be used for cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam would depend on the value of slab/beam.

**Step 2: Calculate the percentage of total floor area using a particular structural system.**

Structural System	Floor Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	% of Total Floor Area
1 <sup>st</sup> storey (Cast in-situ)	(11.6 x 4.6) + (6 x 3.8) + (3.7 x 3.2) = 88.00	88.00/316.34 x 100% = 27.82%
2 <sup>nd</sup> storey (Cast in-situ)	(11.6 x 4.6) + (6 x 3.8) + (3.7 x 3.2) = 88.00	88.00/316.34 x 100% = 27.82%
Roof (Cast in-situ)	(6 x 3.8) + (3.7 x 3.2) = 34.64	34.64/316.34 x 100% = 10.95%
Roof (Tiled roof on timber beam)	(14 x 3.7)/cos 22° = 105.70	105.70/316.34 x 100% = 33.41%
Total	Σ (Floor Area) = 316.34	100.00%

**Step 3: For cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam, check for value of slab/beam**

1<sup>st</sup> storey slab area = 88m<sup>2</sup>

No. of beams on 1<sup>st</sup> storey slab = 13

$$\frac{\text{Slab area}}{\text{No. of beams}} = \frac{88}{13} = 6.8 < 10$$

*With slab / beam ≤ 10, the relevant LSI should be 0.50*

2<sup>nd</sup> storey slab area = 88m<sup>2</sup>

No. of beams on 2<sup>nd</sup> storey slab = 14

$$\frac{\text{Slab area}}{\text{No. of beams}} = \frac{88}{14} = 6.3 < 10$$

*With slab/beam ≤ 10, the relevant LSI should be 0.50*

Concrete flat roof area = 34.64m<sup>2</sup>

No. of beams on the flat roof = 8

$$\frac{\text{Slab area}}{\text{No. of beams}} = \frac{34.64}{8} = 4.3 < 10$$

*With slab/beam ≤ 10, the relevant LSI should be 0.50*

Therefore, we have

Structural System	LSI (a)	Floor Area (m <sup>2</sup> ) (b)	% Area (c)
1 <sup>st</sup> storey (Cast in-situ) (slab/beam ≤ 10)	0.50	88.00	27.82%
2 <sup>nd</sup> storey (Cast in-situ) (slab/beam ≤ 10)	0.50	88.00	27.82%
Roof (Cast in-situ) (slab/beam ≤ 10)	0.50	34.64	10.95%
Roof (Tiled roof on timber beam)	0.75	105.70	33.41%
Total:		316.34	100.00%

#### Step 4: Identify the cast in-situ floor with transfer beam and its percentage of total floor area (if any)

For cast in-situ floor with transfer beam, an index of -0.10 shall be applied to the entire cast in-situ floor area. In this example, this step is not applicable.

An index of 0.03 each would be given if prefabricated reinforcement/cage is used in cast in-situ slab, beam and column as shown in following Step 5.

#### Step 5: Determine the percentage of prefabricated reinforcement/cage used in cast in-situ slab, beam and column (where applicable)

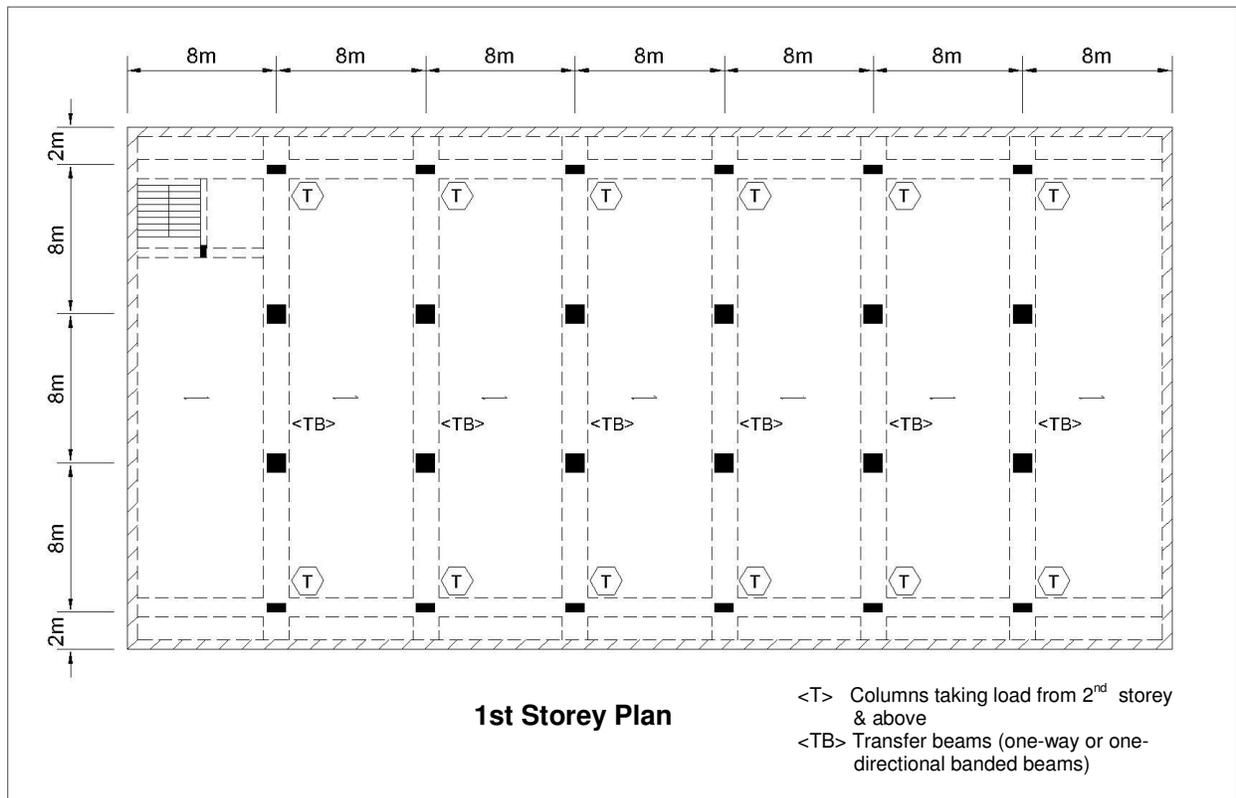
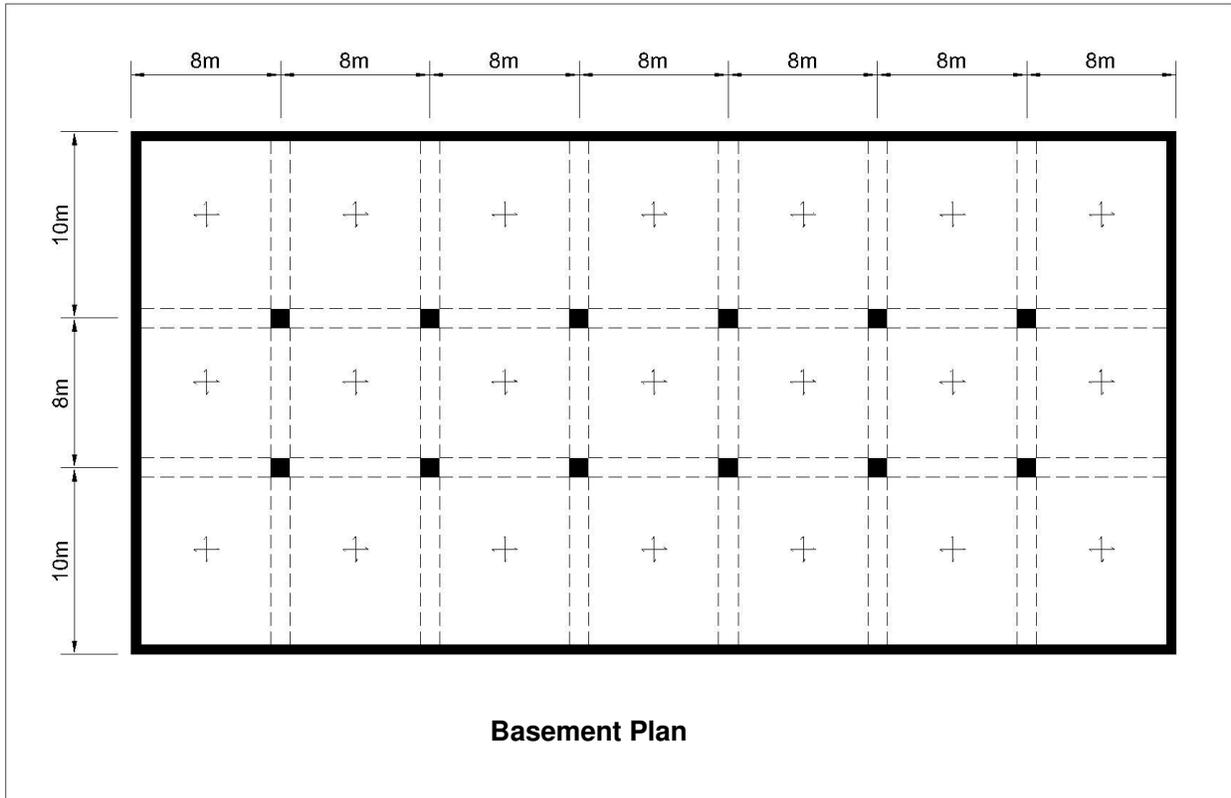
Cast In-situ System	LSI (a)	Floor Area or No. of beams/columns using prefab reinforcement/cage (b)	Total Floor Area or No. of beams /columns (b1) *see note	% Coverage (c)
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> storey & Roof – Floor (mesh) in areas	0.03	210.64 m <sup>2</sup>	316.34 m <sup>2</sup>	66.59%
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> storey & Roof – Beam Cage in nos.	0.03	27 nos.	27 nos.	100.00%
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> storey & Roof – Column Cage in nos.	0.03	21 nos.	21 nos.	100.00%

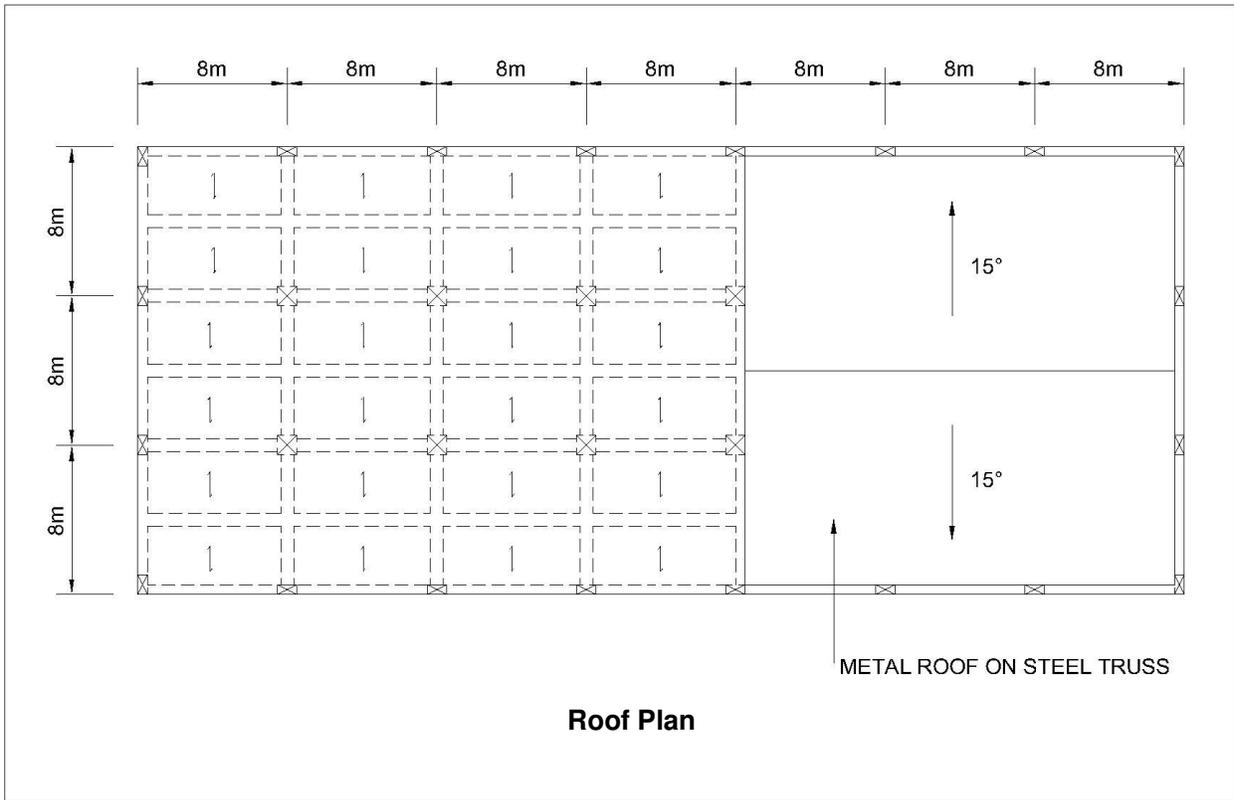
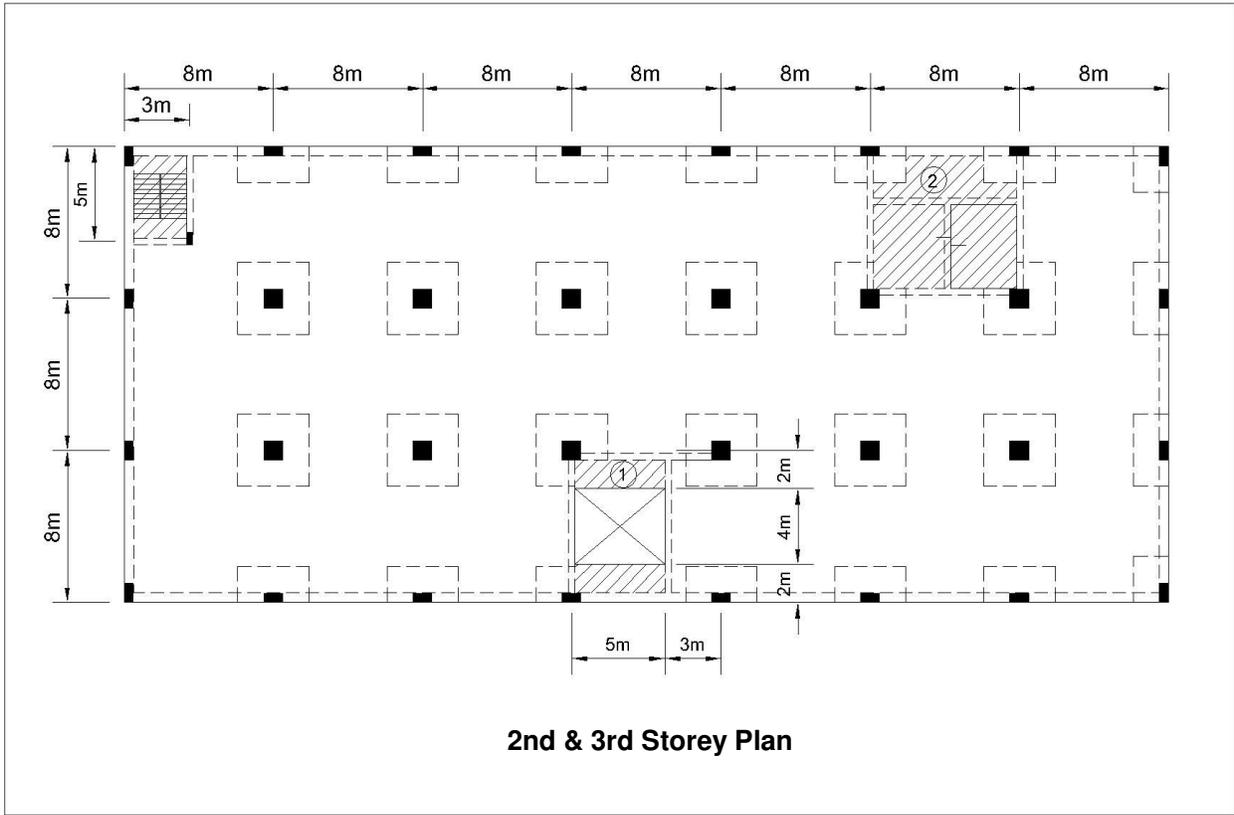
Note : The total floor area refers to the total constructed floor area for the block, and includes roof (projected area) and basement area where applicable. The total number of beams/columns refers to all beams and columns used in the project including precast and steel components

#### Step 6: Multiply the percentage of area / coverage by the corresponding LSI and the weight factor 50 to obtain the buildability score

Structural System	LSI (a)	Floor Area (m <sup>2</sup> ) (b)	% Area (c)	Buildability Score
				(a) x (c) x 50
1 <sup>st</sup> storey (Cast in-situ) (slab/beam ≤ 10)	0.50	88.00	27.82%	6.96
2 <sup>nd</sup> storey (Cast in-situ) (slab/beam ≤ 10)	0.50	88.00	27.82%	6.96
Roof (Cast in-situ) (slab/beam ≤ 10)	0.50	34.64	10.95%	2.74
Roof (Tiled roof on timber beam)	0.75	105.70	33.41%	12.53
Sub-total for structural system (A1):				29.19
Prefabricated reinforcement for cast in-situ components	LSI (a)	% Coverage (c)	Buildability Score	
			(a) x (c) x 50	
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> storey & Roof – Floor (mesh) in areas	0.03	66.59%	1.00	
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> storey & Roof – Beam Cage in nos.	0.03	100.00%	1.50	
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> storey & Roof – Column Cage in nos.	0.03	100.00%	1.50	
Sub-total for using prefabricated reinforcement (A2):				4.00
Total Buildability Score for Structural System (BS) = (A1 + A2): (maximum 50 points)				33.19

## Example S2 : Computation of Buildability Score for Structural System





## Step 1: Identify the structural systems used and determine the relevant labour saving index (LSI) for the particular structural system

Structural System		LSI (a)
Basement	Cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam	0.65 or 0.50
1 <sup>st</sup> storey	Cast in-situ system with one-way or one-directional banded beams (& transfer beam)	0.75
2 <sup>nd</sup> storey & 3 <sup>rd</sup> storey	Flat slab with perimeter beams	0.85 or 0.75
	Cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam (slab next to opening)	0.65 or 0.50
	Cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam (slab area at drop)	0.65 or 0.50
	Precast staircase	0.75
Roof	Cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam (roof slab)	0.65 or 0.50
	Metal roof on steel truss	0.85

The LSI to be used for cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam and flat slab would depend on the value of slab/beam

## Step 2: Calculate the percentage of total floor area using a particular structural system

Structural System		Floor Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	% of Total Floor Area
Basement	Cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam	$56 \times 28 = 1568.00 \text{ m}^2$	$1568.00/7148.32 \times 100\% = 21.94\%$
1 <sup>st</sup> storey	Cast in-situ system with one-way or one-directional banded beams (& transfer beam)	$56 \times 28 = 1568.00 \text{ m}^2$	$1568.00/7148.32 \times 100\% = 21.94\%$
2 <sup>nd</sup> storey	Flat slab with perimeter beams	$(56 \times 24) - [(5 \times 2)(2) + (3 \times 5) + (8 \times 8) + (4 \times 5)] = 1225.00 \text{ m}^2$	$1225.00/7148.32 \times 100\% = 17.14\%$
	Cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam (slab next to opening)	$(2 \times 5) + (2 \times 5) = 20.00 \text{ m}^2$	$20.00/7148.32 \times 100\% = 0.28\%$
	Cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam (slab area at drop)	$8 \times 8 = 64.00 \text{ m}^2$	$64.00/7148.32 \times 100\% = 0.89\%$
	Precast staircase	$3 \times 5 = 15.00 \text{ m}^2$	$15.00/7148.32 \times 100\% = 0.21\%$
3 <sup>rd</sup> storey	Flat slab with perimeter beams	$(56 \times 24) - [(5 \times 2)(2) + (3 \times 5) + (8 \times 8) + (4 \times 5)] = 1225.00 \text{ m}^2$	$1225.00/7148.32 \times 100\% = 17.14\%$
	Cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam (slab next to opening)	$(2 \times 5) + (2 \times 5) = 20.00 \text{ m}^2$	$20.00/7148.32 \times 100\% = 0.28\%$
	Cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam (slab area at drop)	$8 \times 8 = 64.00 \text{ m}^2$	$64.00/7148.32 \times 100\% = 0.89\%$
	Precast staircase	$3 \times 5 = 15.00 \text{ m}^2$	$15.00/7148.32 \times 100\% = 0.21\%$
Roof	Cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam (roof slab)	$32 \times 24 = 768.00 \text{ m}^2$	$768.00/7148.32 \times 100\% = 10.74\%$
	Metal roof on steel truss	$[(12 \times 24) + (12 \times 24)]/\cos 15^\circ = 596.32 \text{ m}^2$	$596.32.00/7148.32 \times 100\% = 8.34\%$
Total :		$\Sigma(\text{Floor Area}) = 7148.32 \text{ m}^2$	100.00%

### Step 3: For cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam and flat slab, check for value of slab/beam

#### Basement

Slab area = 1568m<sup>2</sup>

No. of beams on basement slab = 32

$$\frac{\text{Slab area}}{\text{No. of beams}} = \frac{1568}{32}$$

$$= 49 > 10$$

*With slab / beam > 10, the relevant LSI should be 0.65*

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Storey (3<sup>rd</sup> Storey Similar)

(i) Flat slab area = 1225m<sup>2</sup>

No. of perimeter beams bounding flat slab = 20

$$\frac{\text{Flat slab area}}{\text{No. of perimeter beams}} = \frac{1225}{20}$$

$$= 61.25 > 15$$

*With slab / beam > 15, the relevant LSI should be 0.85*

(ii) Slab area 1 = 20 m<sup>2</sup>  
(next to opening)

No. of beams on slab area 1 = 4

$$\frac{\text{Slab area}}{\text{No. of beams}} = \frac{20}{4}$$

$$= 5 < 10$$

*With slab / beam ≤ 10, the relevant LSI should be 0.50*

(iii) Slab area 2 = 64 m<sup>2</sup>  
(at drop area)

No. of beams on slab area 2 = 6

$$\frac{\text{Slab area}}{\text{No. of beams}} = \frac{64}{6}$$

$$= 10.67 > 10$$

*With slab / beam > 10, the relevant LSI should be 0.65*

#### Roof

(i) Concrete flat roof area = 768 m<sup>2</sup>

No. of beams on concrete flat roof area = 43

$$\frac{\text{Slab area}}{\text{No. of beams}} = \frac{768}{43}$$

$$= 17.86 > 10$$

*With slab / beam > 10, the relevant LSI should be 0.65*

Therefore, we have

Structural System		LSI (a)	Floor Area (m <sup>2</sup> ) (b)	% Area (c)
Basement	Cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam	0.65	1568.00	21.94%
1 <sup>st</sup> storey	Cast in-situ system with one-way or one-directional banded beam (& transfer beam)	0.75	1568.00	21.94%
2 <sup>nd</sup> storey	Flat slab with perimeter beams	0.85	1225.00	17.14%
	Cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam (slab next to opening)	0.50	20.00	0.28%
	Cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam (slab area at drop)	0.65	64.00	0.89%
	Precast staircase	0.75	15.00	0.21%
3 <sup>rd</sup> storey	Flat slab with perimeter beams	0.85	1225.00	17.14%
	Cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam (slab next to opening)	0.50	20.00	0.28%
	Cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam (slab area at drop)	0.65	64.00	0.89%
	Precast staircase	0.75	15.00	0.21%
Roof	Cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam (roof slab)	0.65	768.00	10.74%
	Metal roof on steel truss	0.85	596.32	8.34%
Total :			7148.32	100.00%

An index of -0.10 shall be applied to the entire cast in-situ floor area as shown in the following Step 4.

#### Step 4: Identify the cast in-situ floor with transfer beam and its percentage of total floor area (if any)

Negative Impact		LSI (a)	Floor Area (m <sup>2</sup> ) (b)	% Area (c)
1 <sup>st</sup> storey	Cast in-situ system with transfer beam (one-way or one-directional banded beam)	-0.10	1568.00	21.94%

An index of 0.03 each would be given if prefabricated reinforcement/cage is used in cast in-situ slab, beam and column as shown in following Step 5.

#### Step 5: Determine the percentage of prefabricated reinforcement/cage used in cast in-situ slab, beam and column (where applicable)

Cast in-situ System	LSI (a)	Floor Area or No. of beams/columns using prefab reinforcement/cage (b)	Total Floor Area or No. of beams/columns (b1) <sup>*see note</sup>	% Coverage (c)
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> storey & Roof – Floor (mesh) in areas	0.03	2450.00 m <sup>2</sup>	7148.32 m <sup>2</sup>	34.27%
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> storey & Roof – Beam Cage in nos.	0.03	105 nos.	169 nos.	62.13%
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> storey & Roof – Column Cage in nos.	0.03	103 nos.	103 nos.	100.00%

*Note : The total floor area refers to the total constructed floor area for the block, and includes roof (projected area) and basement area where applicable. The total number of beams/columns refers to all beams and columns used in the project including precast and steel components*

**Step 6: Multiply the percentage of coverage by the corresponding LSI and the weight factor 50 to obtain the buildability score**

Structural System		LSI (a)	Floor Area (m <sup>2</sup> ) (b)	% Area (c)	Buildability Score
					(a)x(c)x50
Basement	Cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam	0.65	1568.00	21.94%	7.13
1 <sup>st</sup> storey	Cast in-situ system with one-way or one-directional banded beam (& transfer beam)	0.75	1568.00	21.94%	8.23
2 <sup>nd</sup> storey	Flat slab with perimeter beams	0.85	1225.00	17.14%	7.29
	Cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam (slab next to opening)	0.50	20.00	0.28%	0.07
	Cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam (slab area at drop)	0.65	64.00	0.89%	0.29
	Precast staircase	0.75	15.00	0.21%	0.08
3 <sup>rd</sup> storey	Flat slab with perimeter beams	0.85	1225.00	17.14%	7.29
	Cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam (slab next to opening)	0.50	20.00	0.28%	0.07
	Cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam (slab area at drop)	0.65	64.00	0.89%	0.29
	Precast staircase	0.75	15.00	0.21%	0.08
Roof	Cast in-situ system with two-way or two-directional beam (roof slab)	0.65	768.00	10.74%	3.49
	Metal roof on steel truss	0.85	596.32	8.34%	3.54
Sub-total for structural system (A1):					37.85
Negative Impact		LSI (a)	Floor Area (m <sup>2</sup> ) (b)	% Area (c)	Buildability Score
					(a)x(c)x50
1 <sup>st</sup> storey	Cast in-situ system with transfer beam (one-way or one-directional banded beam)	-0.10	1568.00	21.94%	-1.10
Sub-total for negative impact (A2):					-1.10
Prefabricated reinforcement for cast in-situ components		LSI (a)	% Coverage (c)	Buildability Score	
				(a)x(c)x50	
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> storey & Roof – Floor (mesh) in areas		0.03	34.27%	0.51	
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> storey & Roof – Beam Cage in nos.		0.03	62.13%	0.93	
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> storey & Roof – Column Cage in nos.		0.03	100.00%	1.50	
Sub-total for the use of prefabricated reinforcement (A3):					2.94
<b>Total Buildability Score for Structural System (BS) = (A1 + A2 + A3):</b>					<b>39.69</b>
					<b>(maximum 50 points)</b>

## **Part 2 Wall Systems**

- ❖ **Labour Saving Indices for Different Wall Systems**
- ❖ **Wall Length Consideration**
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## Part 2 Wall Systems

### 1 Labour Saving Indices for Different Wall Systems

The labour saving index derived for each wall system is as shown in the following Table 2.

**Table 2 Wall System - Sw Value**

WALL SYSTEM	LABOUR SAVING INDEX $S_w$	
Curtain wall/full height glass partition/dry partition wall <sup>(2)</sup> /prefabricated railing	0.70	1.00 <sup>(1)</sup>
Precast concrete panel/wall <sup>(3)</sup>	0.80	0.90 <sup>(1)</sup>
PC formwork <sup>(4)</sup>	0.50	0.75 <sup>(1)</sup>
Cast in-situ RC wall	0.50	0.70 <sup>(1)</sup>
Cast in-situ RC wall with prefabricated reinforcement	0.54	0.74 <sup>(1)</sup>
Precision block wall (internal wall)	0.40	0.45 <sup>(1)</sup>
Precision block wall (external wall)	0.30	
Brickwall	0.30	

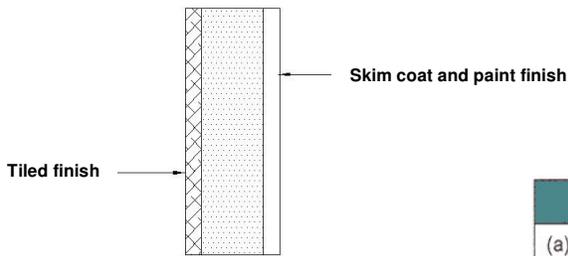
**NOTE:**

- (1) The higher indices apply to no finishes, finishes done off-site or where skim coat and/or paint is applied on site.
- (2) Dry partition walls include sandwich panel wall systems, stud and sheet partition wall systems, demountable wall systems.
- (3) Precast concrete panels/walls include normal weight concrete panels, lightweight concrete panels, autoclaved aerated concrete panels.
- (4) PC formwork refer to precast formwork panel with concrete infill.

Indices for other systems that are not shown in this table shall be determined by BCA on a case-by-case basis. For such cases, the Qualified Persons (QPs) are advised to seek BCA's comments before proceeding with the design.

The relevant labour saving indices to be adopted in buildability score computation for wall system depend on (a) types of wall system and (b) wall finishes used. Where there is a combination of wall systems and/or wall finishes, the lowest labour saving index should be adopted for the entire wall length as shown in the following illustrations:

### Illustration 1 - Same wall system with different finishes

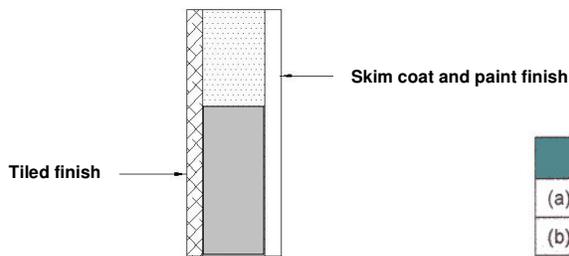


**Sectional View of Precision Block Wall**

Wall System	Labour Saving Index
(a) Precision block with skim coat & paint finish	0.45
(b) Precision block with tiled finish	0.40

Labour saving index = 0.40 (based on lowest labour saving index for the entire wall)

### Illustration 2 - Different wall systems with different finishes

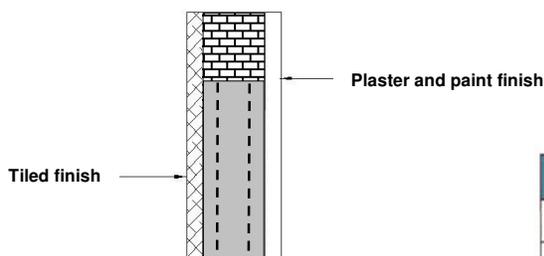


**Sectional View of Precision Block Wall with Cast in-situ Wall**

Wall System	Labour Saving Index
(a) Precision block with skim coat & paint finish	0.45
(b) Precision block with tiled finish	0.40
(c) Cast in-situ wall with skim coat & paint finish	0.70
(d) Cast in-situ wall with tiled finish	0.50

Labour saving index = 0.40 (based on lowest labour saving index for the entire wall)

### Illustration 3 - Different wall systems with different finishes



**Sectional View of Brickwall with Cast in-situ Wall (with prefab reinforcement)**

Wall System	Labour Saving Index
(a) Brickwall with plaster and paint finish	0.30
(b) Cast in-situ wall with plaster and paint finish OR with tiled finish (Use of Prefab Reinforcement)	0.54

Labour saving index = 0.30 (based on lowest labour saving index for the entire wall)

## 2 Wall Length Consideration

Generally, the buildability score computation for wall system includes all wall lengths, with some exceptional cases as listed below.

### Include

- External and internal walls
- Full height windows and doors
- Lining walls to external basement wall
- Parapet walls

### Exclude

- External basement wall
- Hand-rails mounted on staircases and parapet walls
- Toilet cubicle walls and doors
- Sun-shades or any sun-shading devices
- "Collapsible" wall that divides rooms
- Vertical barrier at air-con ledges

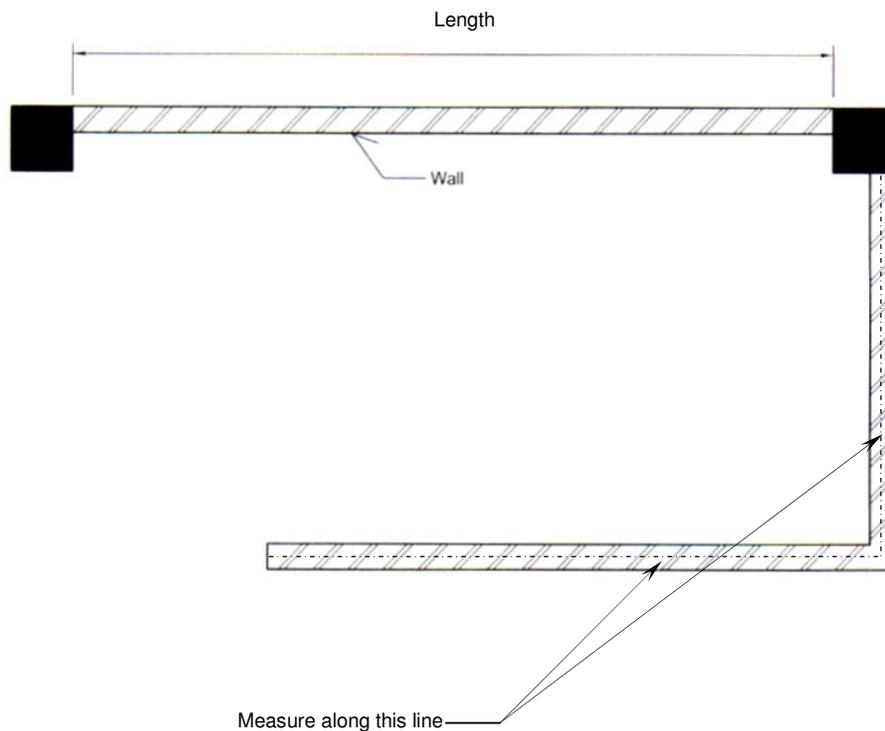
## 3 Prefabricated Reinforcement Consideration

The labour saving indices given to cast in-situ RC wall with prefabricated reinforcement in Table 2 only apply to RC wall that uses welded wire mesh from factory. The indices cannot apply to RC wall with prefabricated reinforcement tied on site and prefabricated reinforcement in precast concrete panel/wall.

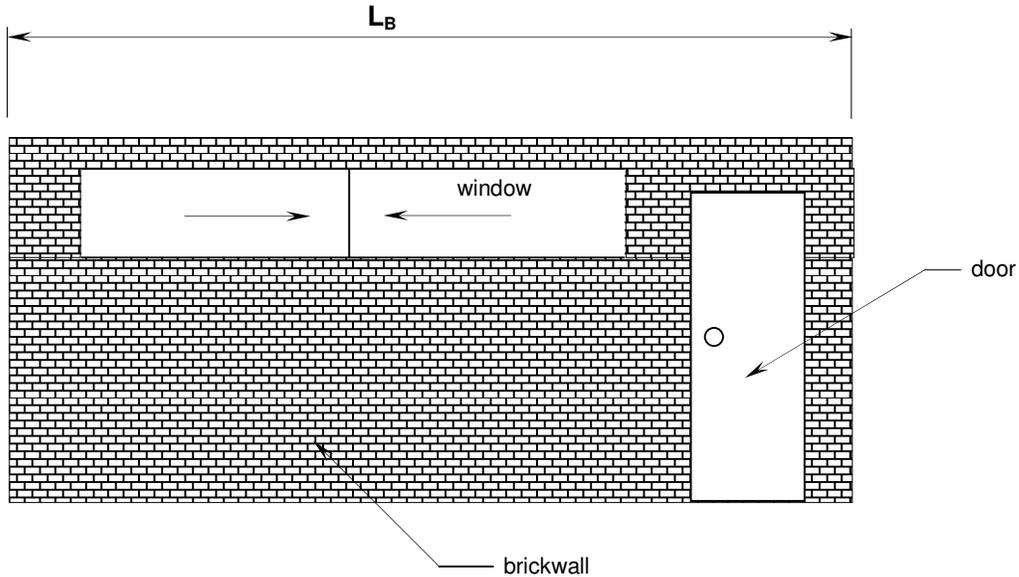
## 4 Measurement

### a. Wall Length

The length of the wall is to be measured along its centre line as follows:



In the case where there are windows and doors, the wall length is measured on plan accordingly. Doors and windows are measured as part of wall systems as illustrated below :



$$\text{Buildability Score}_{\text{Wall System}} = 40 \left[ \sum (\% \text{ of total wall length of the building using a particular wall system} \times \text{respective labour saving index for wall system (Table 2)}) \right]$$

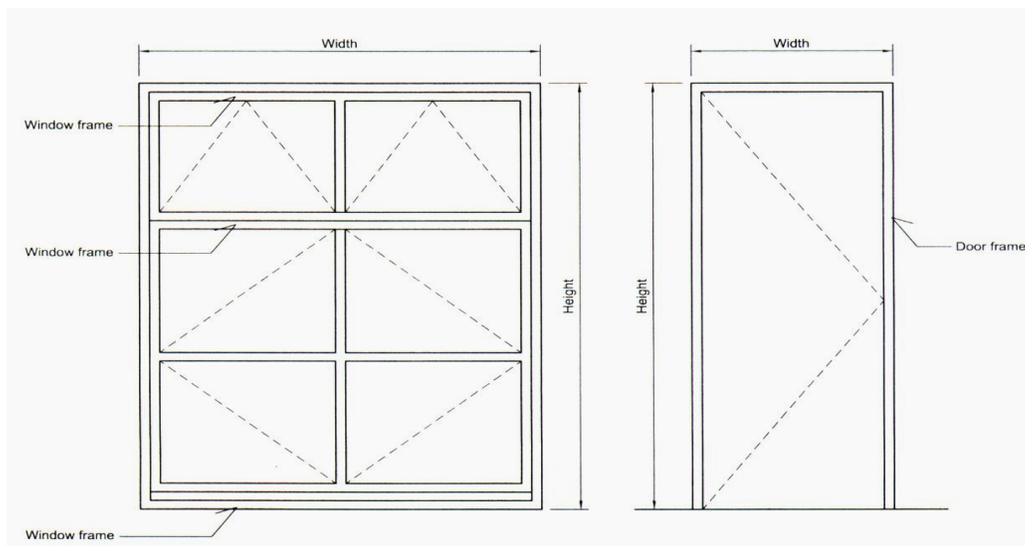
Assume total wall length for the whole block to be  $L_T$

$$\text{Buildability score}_{\text{Brickwall}} = 40_{(\text{weightage})} \times [L_B / L_T \times \text{LSI}_{(\text{brick})}]$$

Note: If full height windows & doors are used, the labour saving index of 1.00 can be applied for the subjected window & door length.

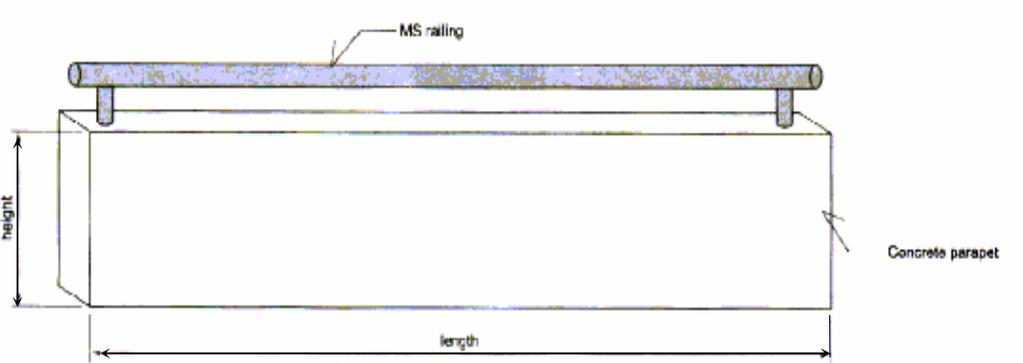
## b. Full Height Windows & Doors

Length of windows and doors could be separately considered in wall measurement if they are full height. Labour saving Index of 1.00 could be applied for the length of full height window, door and sliding door used. The lengths measured (i.e. the width of windows or doors) are inclusive of frame.

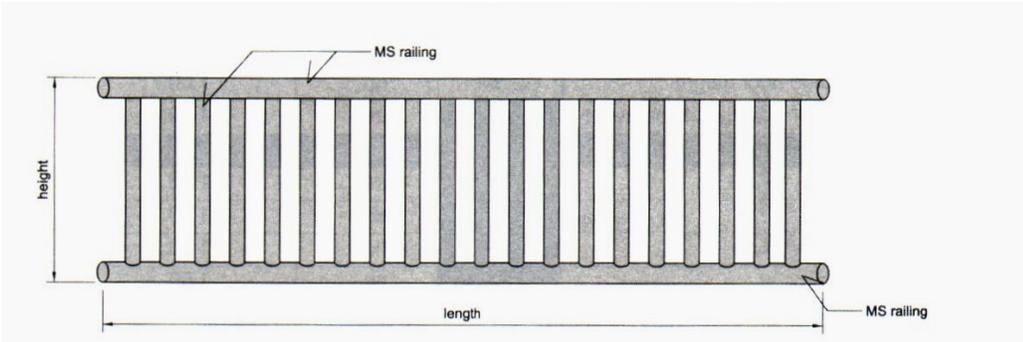


**c. Parapet Wall**

Only the length of the parapet wall is to be considered in computation.



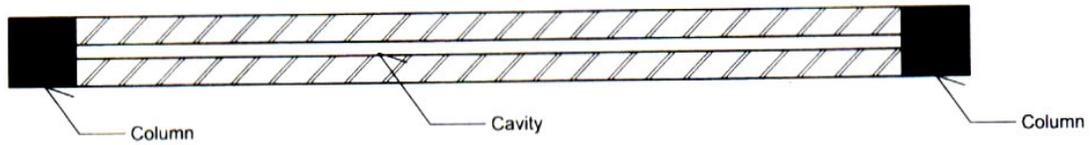
In the case of a parapet wall consisting of mild steel (MS) railing, the length of the wall should be considered as shown in the illustration below.



Note : Labour saving index for MS railing = 1.00

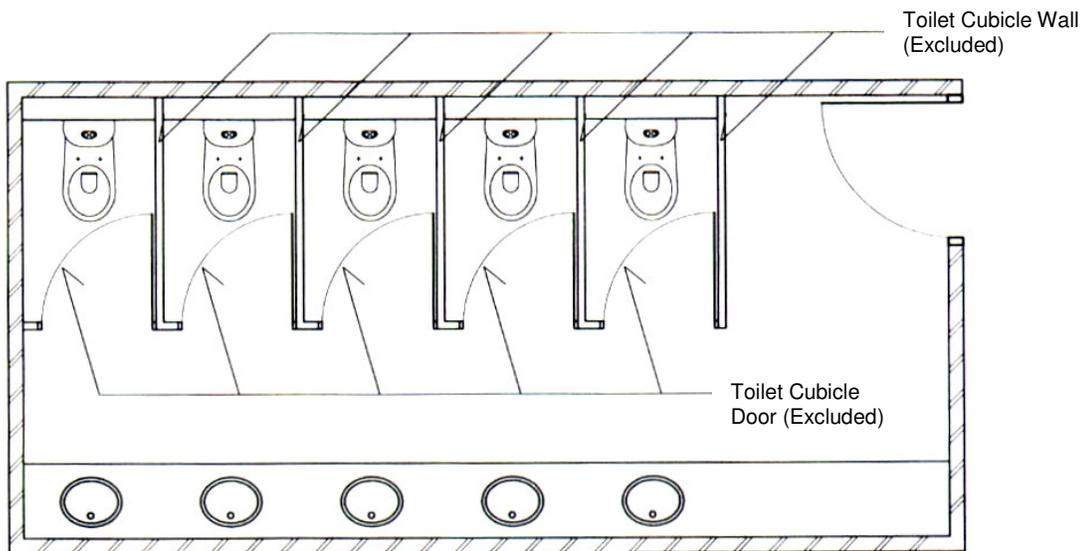
#### d. Cavity Walls

Cavity walls are considered as 2 separate walls. Therefore, the wall lengths are to be measured twice.



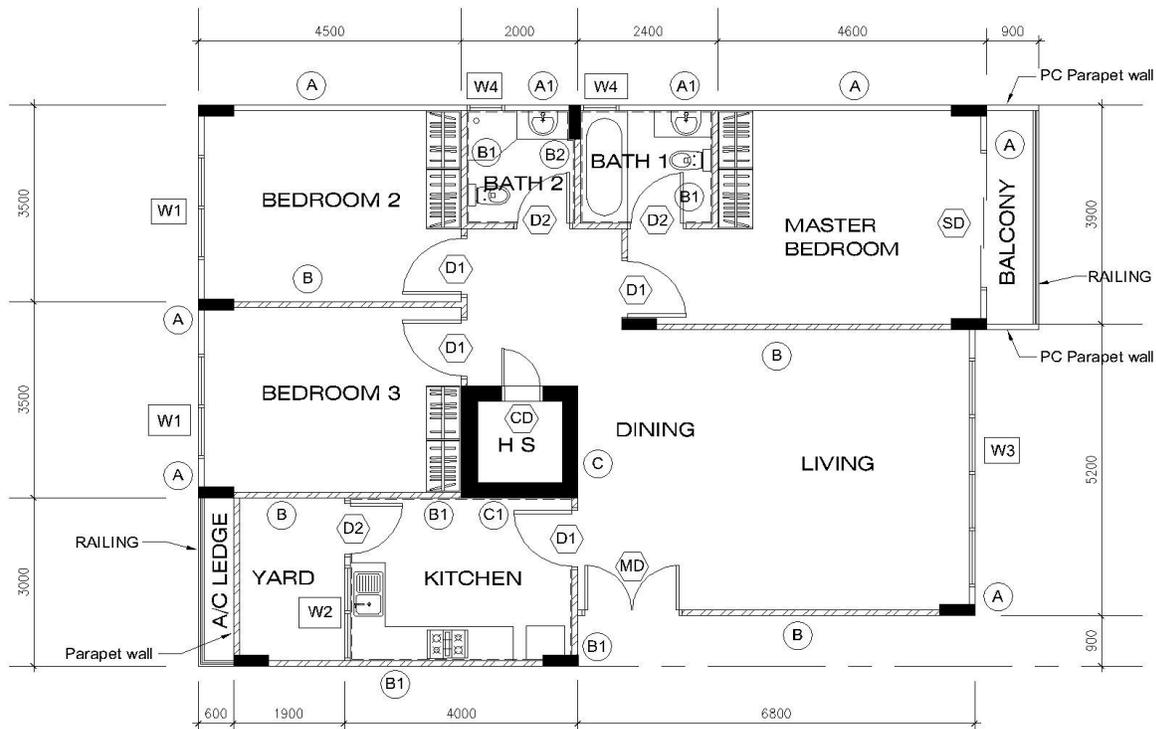
#### e. Toilet Cubicle Walls and Doors

Toilet cubicle walls and doors are to be excluded from computation of wall lengths.



## 5 Worked Examples

### Example W1 – Computation of Buildability Score for Wall System



Typical Floor Plan

**Step 1: Identify the wall system and finishes used and determine the relevant labour saving index (LSI) for the particular wall system**

Type	Wall System	Wall finishes	LSI (c)
A	PC wall with skim coat & paint finish on both sides	Skim & paint	0.90
A1	PC wall with tiled finish (installed at site) on one side and skim coat & paint finish on the other side	Tiled finish	0.80*
		Skim & paint	0.90
B	Brickwall with plaster & paint finish on both sides	Plaster & paint finish	0.30
B1	Brickwall with tiled finish on one side & plaster & paint finish on the other side	Tiled finish	0.30
		Plaster & paint	0.30
B2	Brickwall with tiled finish on both sides	Tiled finish	0.30
C	RC wall (for HS) with paint finish on one side and plaster & paint finish on the other side	Paint finish	0.70
		Plaster & paint	0.50*
C1	RC wall (for HS) with paint finish on one side and tiled finish on the other side	Paint finish	0.70
		Tiled finish	0.50*
	Railing	-	1.00
	Full height sliding door	-	1.00

Note: \* denotes Lowest LSI to be adopted

**Step 2: Calculate the wall length (include doors and windows) and the percentage of total wall length using a particular wall system**

Type	Wall System	Length (m) (a)	% of Total Length (b)
A	PC wall with skim coat & paint finish on both sides	21.90	25.31%
A1	PC wall with tiled finish on one side and skim coat & paint finish on the other side	4.20	4.85%
B	Brickwall with plaster & paint finish on both sides	24.20	27.97%
B1	Brickwall with tiled finish on one side & plaster & paint finish on the other side	20.46	23.65%
B2	Brickwall with tiled finish on both sides	1.39	1.61%
C	RC wall (for HS) with paint finish on one side and plaster & paint finish on the other side	5.93	6.85%
C1	RC wall (for HS) with paint finish on one side and tiled finish on the other side	1.98	2.29%
	Railing	3.75	4.33%
	Full height sliding door	2.70	3.12%
Total :		86.51	100.00%

Note :

- (1) Length of walls is measured from plans.
- (2) Railing for air-con ledge is to be excluded in computation.

**Step 3: Multiply the percentage of wall length by the corresponding LSI and the weight factor 40 to obtain the buildability score**

Type	Wall System	Length (m) (a)	% of Total Length (b)	LSI (c)	Buildability Score
					(d) = (b)x(c)x40
A	PC wall with skim coat & paint finish on both sides	21.90	25.31%	0.90	9.11
A1	PC wall with tiled finish on one side and skim coat & paint finish on the other side	4.20	4.85%	0.80	1.55
B	Brickwall with plaster & paint finish on both sides	24.20	27.97%	0.30	3.36
B1	Brickwall with tiled finish on one side & plaster & paint finish on the other side	20.46	23.65%	0.30	2.84
B2	Brickwall with tiled finish on both sides	1.39	1.61%	0.30	0.19
C	RC wall (for HS) with paint finish on one side and plaster & paint finish on the other side	5.93	6.85%	0.50	1.37
C1	RC wall (for HS) with paint finish on one side and tiled finish on the other side	1.98	2.29%	0.50	0.46
	Railing	3.75	4.33%	1.00	1.73
	Full height sliding door	2.70	3.12%	1.00	1.25
Buildability Score for Wall System : (Maximum 40 points)					21.87

Note: The above example consists of only one apartment with different wall types for illustration purpose.

# **Part 3 Other Buildable Design Features**

## **Points Awarded for Other Buildable Design Features**

### **❖ Standardisation**

- Columns**
- Beams**
- Door Leaf Openings**
- Windows**

### **❖ Grids**

- Repetition of Floor to Floor Height**
- Vertical Repetition of Structural Floor Layout**

### **❖ Others**

- Multi-tier Precast Columns**
- Precast or Pre-assembled/Metal Staircases**
- Precast Meter Chambers**
- Precast Refuse Chutes**
- Precast Service Risers**
- Non-screed Floor**
- Columns Sit Directly on Top of Piles**
- Ground Beams on Top of Pilecaps And/Or Integrated with Pilecaps**
- No column stumps**
- Precast bay windows**
- Precast planter boxes**

### **❖ Single Integrated Components (Bonus Points)**

- Prefabricated Bathroom/Toilet Units complete with piping/wiring**
- Precast Household Shelters**

### **❖ Demerit Points**

- Non-functional Void on Slab**

## Part 3 Other Buildable Design Features

### Points awarded for Other Buildable Design Features

The points given to each buildable design feature is as shown in Table 3.

**Table 3 Other Buildable Design Features - N Value**

*(to be used for projects with planning applications made from 1<sup>st</sup> Sep 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2006)*

BUILDABLE FEATURES		MODULE	UNIT OF COVERAGE	N VALUE	
				PERCENTAGE OF COVERAGE <sup>(4)</sup>	
				≥65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
<b>1. Standardisation</b>					
1.1	Columns (3 most common sizes)	0.5M <sup>(2)</sup>	no.		2.00
1.2	Beams (3 most common sizes)	0.5M <sup>(2)</sup>	no.		2.00
1.3	Door leaf openings (width) (3 most common sizes)	0.5M	no.		1.00
1.4	Windows (3 most common sizes) <sup>(1)</sup>	1M/1M <sup>(3)</sup>	no.		1.00
<b>2. Grids</b>					
2.1(a)	Repetition of floor-to-floor height For blocks more than 6 storey <i>The repetition should omit bottom floor, top floor and above.</i>	0.5M	no.	1.50	2.00
2.1(b)	Repetition of floor-to-floor height For blocks up to 6 storey <i>The repetition should omit bottom floor, top floor and above. Only applicable if there are at least 2 floors remaining after the floor omission.</i>	0.5M	no.	0.75	1.00
2.2(a)	Vertical repetition of structural floor layout For blocks more than 6 storey <i>The repetition should omit bottom floor, top floor and above.</i>		area	1.50	2.00
2.2(b)	Vertical repetition of structural floor layout For blocks up to 6 storey <i>The repetition should omit bottom floor, top floor and above. Only applicable if there are at least 2 floors remaining after the floor omission.</i>		area	0.75	1.00
<b>3. Others</b>					
3.1	Multi-tier precast columns		no.		2.00
3.2	Precast or pre-assembled/ metal staircases		no.		2.00
3.3	Precast meter chambers		no.		1.50
3.4	Precast refuse chutes		no.		1.50
3.5	Precast service risers		no.		1.00
3.6	Non-screed floor		area		1.00
3.7	Columns sit directly on top of piles		no.		1.00
3.8	Ground beams on top of pilecaps and/or integrated with pilecaps		no.		1.00
<b>A. Single Integrated Components (Bonus Points)</b>					
A.1	Prefabricated bathroom/toilet units complete with piping/wiring		no.	2.00	3.00
A.2	Precast household shelters <i>Household shelter is considered as precast if the total length of the in-situ joints is not more than 20% of its wall perimeter on plan.</i>		no.	2.00	3.00

**NOTE:**

- (1) Sizes based on dimensions of frames.
- (2) The module of 0.5M does not apply to steel columns and beams.
- (3) 1M for width and 1M for height (1M = 100 mm).
- (4) Percentage of coverage is to be based on total floor area or on total number of components such as columns, beams, doors, windows etc.
- \* For void on slab that does not serve any functional requirement and is enclosed by walls, 1.00 point will be deducted even if there is only one such void within a block.

**Table 3 Other Buildable Design Features - N Value**  
(to be used for projects with planning applications made on or after 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2007)

BUILDABLE FEATURES		MODULE	UNIT OF COVERAGE	N VALUE	
				PERCENTAGE OF COVERAGE <sup>(4)</sup>	
				≥ 65% TO < 80%	≥ 80%
<b>1. Standardisation</b>					
1.1	Columns (3 most common sizes)	0.5M <sup>(2)</sup>	no.		2.00
1.2	Beams (3 most common sizes)	0.5M <sup>(2)</sup>	no.		2.00
1.3	Door leaf openings (width) (3 most common sizes)	0.5M	no.		1.00
1.4	Windows (3 most common sizes)	1M/1M <sup>(3)</sup>	no.		1.00
<b>2. Grids</b>					
2.1(a)	Repetition of floor-to-floor height For blocks more than 6 storey <i>The repetition should omit bottom floor, top floor and above.</i>	0.5M	no.	1.50	2.00
2.1(b)	Repetition of floor-to-floor height For blocks up to 6 storey <i>The repetition should omit bottom floor, top floor and above. Only applicable if there are at least 2 floor heights remaining after the floor omission.</i>	0.5M	no.	0.75	1.00
2.2(a)	Vertical repetition of structural floor layout For blocks more than 6 storey <i>The repetition should omit bottom floor, top floor and above.</i>		area	1.50	2.00
2.2(b)	Vertical repetition of structural floor layout For blocks up to 6 storey <i>The repetition should omit bottom floor, top floor and above. Only applicable if there are at least 2 floor heights remaining after the floor omission.</i>		area	0.75	1.00
<b>3. Others</b>					
3.1	Multi-tier precast columns		no.		2.00
3.2	Precast or pre-assembled/metal staircases		no.		2.00
3.3	Precast meter chambers		no.		1.50
3.4	Precast refuse chutes		no.		1.50
3.5	Precast service risers		no.		1.00
3.6	Non-screed floor		area		1.00
3.7	No column stumps		no.		1.00
3.8	Precast bay windows		no.		1.00
3.9	Precast planter boxes		no.		1.00
<b>A. Single Integrated Components (Bonus Points)</b>					
A.1	Prefabricated bathroom/toilet units complete with piping/wiring		no.	2.00	3.00
A.2	Precast household shelters <i>Household shelter is considered as precast if the total length of the in-situ joints is not more than 20% of its wall perimeter on plan.</i>		no.	2.00	3.00

NOTE:

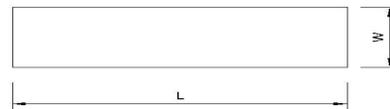
- (1) Sizes based on dimensions of frames.  
(2) The module of 0.5M does not apply to steel columns and beams.  
(3) 1M for width and 1M for height (1M = 100 mm).  
(4) Percentage of coverage is to be based on total floor area or on total number of components such as columns, beams, doors, windows etc.  
\* For void on slab that does not serve any functional requirement and is enclosed by walls, 1.00 point will be deducted even if there is only one such void within a block.

# 1 Standardisation

## 1.1 Columns (3 most common sizes)

All structural columns should be accounted for. Stumps at foundation level need not be considered. The sectional length (L) of the concrete column is to be equal or less than four times its width (W).

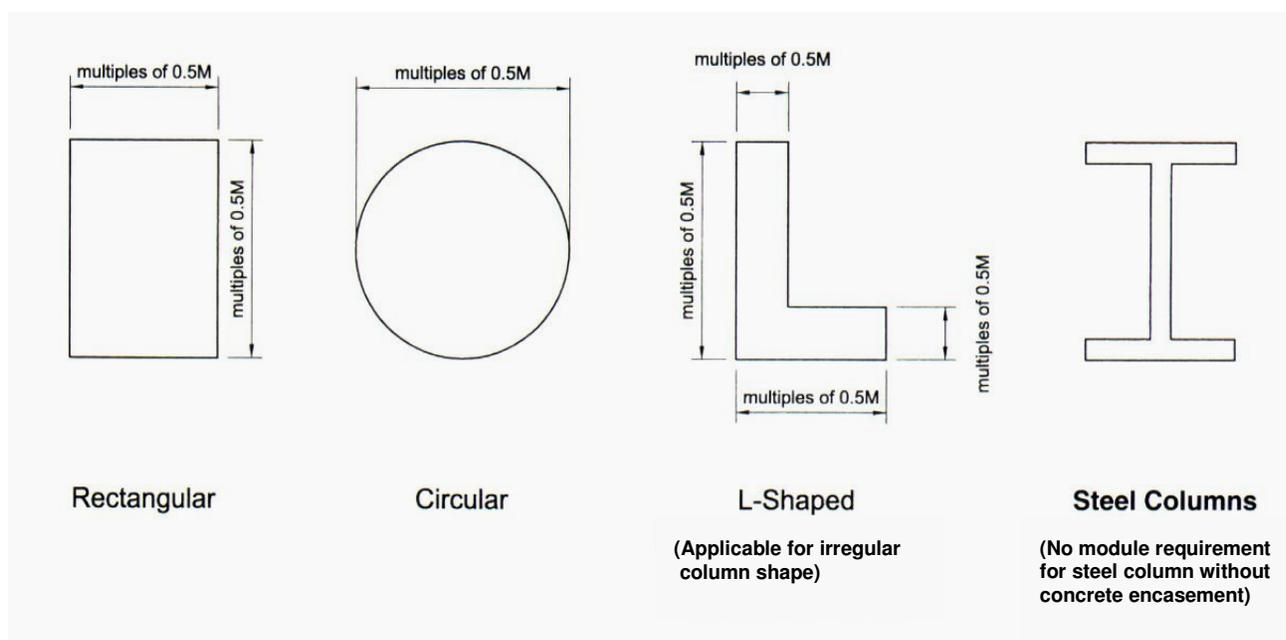
For steel columns encased in concrete, the dimension including the encasement should be used as the size of the column in computation.



Definition of concrete column :  $L \leq 4W$

### Module

The 3 most common sizes of all column shapes must fit the module requirement of 0.5M, with the exception for steel column (without encasement) as illustrated below:



Module requirement for various column shapes

### Coverage

$$\frac{\text{No. of columns (3 most common sizes in 0.5M)}}{\text{Total no. of columns}} \times 100 \%$$

### Measurement – Number of Columns

Description	Method of Measurement
Typical Column	Floor-to-floor height = 1 column
Multi-tier Precast Column	2-tier precast column = 2 columns 3-tier precast column = 3 columns

## Grouping Sizes

Column Sizes	Group
400 x 600 and 600 x 400	Considered as same size

**Note :** The reinforcement details need not be considered in computation.

## Points awarded based on module and percentage of coverage

Module	≥ 65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
0.5M	-	2.00 points

## Example BF1 : Computation of Standardisation of Columns

A typical column schedule is shown as follows:

LEVEL	C1,C2,C3,C4	C5,C6,C7,C8	C9,C10,C11	C12,C13,C14 C15,C16,C17	C18,C19,C20	C21,C22,C23 C24,C25,C26	C27,C28,C29,C30
UPPER ROOF	as below	as below	/	as below	as below	as below	as below
ROOF	as below	as below	/	as below	as below	as below	as below
9TH STOREY	as below	as below	as below	as below			as below
2ND TO 8TH STOREY	as below	as below	as below	as below	as below	/	as below
1ST STOREY	as below			as below		/	as below
BASEMENT	/	/	/	/	/	/	as below
FOUNDATION TOP			/			/	
COLUMN MARKING	C1,C2,C3,C4	C5,C6,C7,C8	C9,C10,C11	C12,C13,C14 C15,C16,C17	C18,C19,C20	C21,C22,C23 C24,C25,C26	C27,C28,C29,C30
COLUMN SIZES	250x600	250x705	250x250	250x650	(1) 250x600 (2) 150x600	250x250	250x600
NO OF COLUMNS	40	40	27	60	(1) 24 (2) 6	12	44

Note:

Assume 1 column marking represents 1 number of column.

C9, C10, C11, C21, C22, C23, C24, C25, C26 are cast in-situ columns.

All other columns are precast columns.

The steps to calculate standardisation of columns are as follows:

Step 1: Group and count columns with same cross-sectional dimension.

Step 2: Identify groups that have the module of 0.5M for cross-sectional dimension.

Step 3: Extract 3 most common sizes with the module of 0.5M.

Step 4: Divide the number of 3 most common sizes by the total number of columns.

Step 5: Points are awarded according to the percentage of coverage.

### Step 1: Group and count columns with same cross-sectional dimension

Column Marking	Column Size	Numbers
C1, C2, C3, C4, C18, C19, C20, C27, C28, C29, C30	250 x 600	108
C5, C6, C7, C8	250 x 705	40
C9, C10, C11, C21, C22, C23, C24, C25, C26	250 x 250	39
C12, C13, C14, C15, C16, C17	250 x 650	60
C18, C19, C20	150 x 600	6
	Total	253

### Step 2: Identify groups that have the module of 0.5M for cross-sectional dimension

Column Marking	Column Size		Numbers
C1, C2, C3, C4, C18, C19, C20, C27, C28, C29, C30	250 x 600	0.5M	108
C5, C6, C7, C8	250 x 705	Not in module	40
C9, C10, C11, C21, C22, C23, C24, C25, C26	250 x 250	0.5M	39
C12, C13, C14, C15, C16, C17	250 x 650	0.5M	60
C18, C19, C20	150 x 600	0.5M	6

### Step 3: Extract 3 most common sizes with the module of 0.5M

Column Marking	Column Size		Numbers
C1, C2, C3, C4, C18, C19, C20, C27, C28, C29, C30	250 x 600	0.5M	108
C5, C6, C7, C8	250 x 705	Not in module	40
C9, C10, C11, C21, C22, C23, C24, C25, C26	250 x 250	0.5M	39
C12, C13, C14, C15, C16, C17	250 x 650	0.5M	60
C18, C19, C20	150 x 600	0.5M	6

### Step 4: Divide the number of 3 most common sizes by the total number of columns

Number of columns (3 most common sizes) = 108 + 39 + 60

$$= 207$$

Total number of columns = 253

Percentage of coverage =  $207/253 \times 100\%$

$$= 82\%$$

### Step 5: Points are awarded according to module and percentage of coverage

Module	≥ 65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
0.5M	-	2.00 points

Points awarded = 2.00

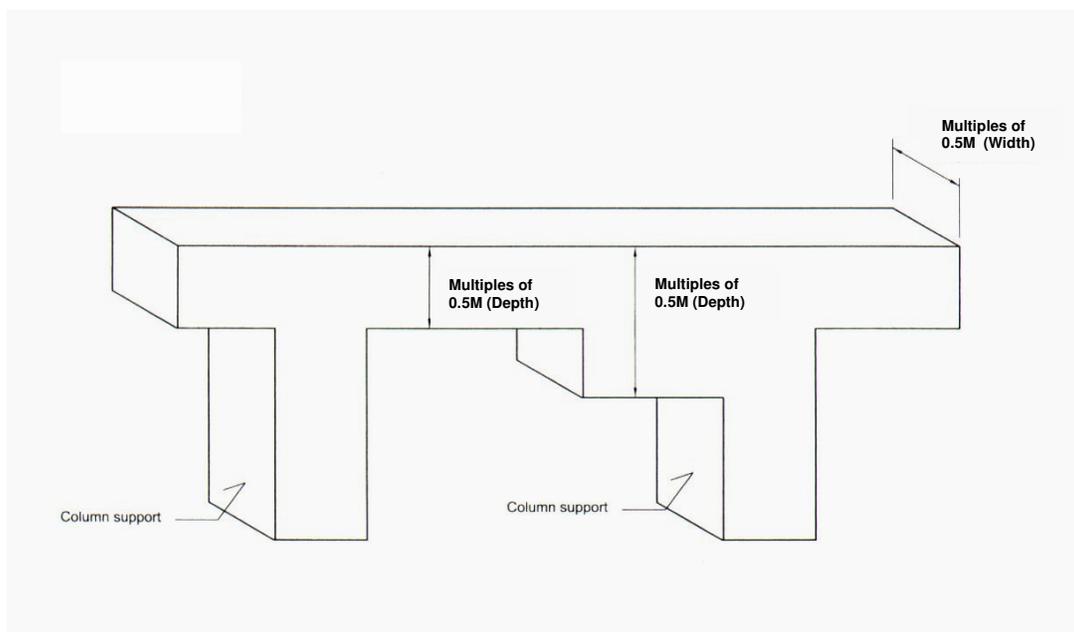
## 1.2 Beams (3 most common sizes)

All beams should be accounted for. For steel beams encased in concrete, the dimension including the encasement should be used as the size of the beam in computation.

### Module

The 3 most common sizes of all beam shapes must fit the module requirement of 0.5M, with the exception for steel beam (without encasement). The module requirement for beams with two or more depths/widths is illustrated as follows:

**Illustration 1 - Module requirement for beams with 2 or more depths/widths**



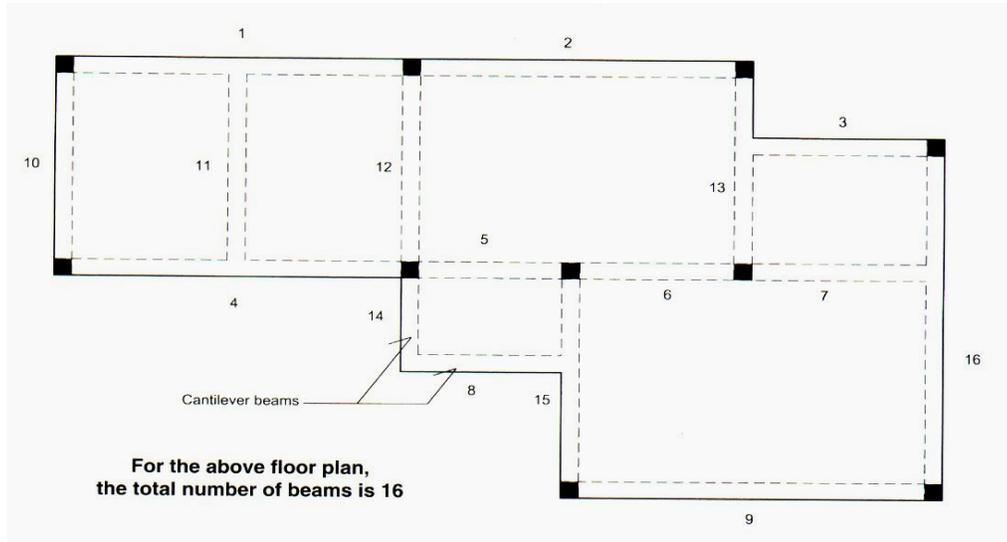
### Coverage

$$\frac{\text{No. of beams (3 most common sizes in 0.5M)}}{\text{Total no. of beams}} \times 100 \%$$

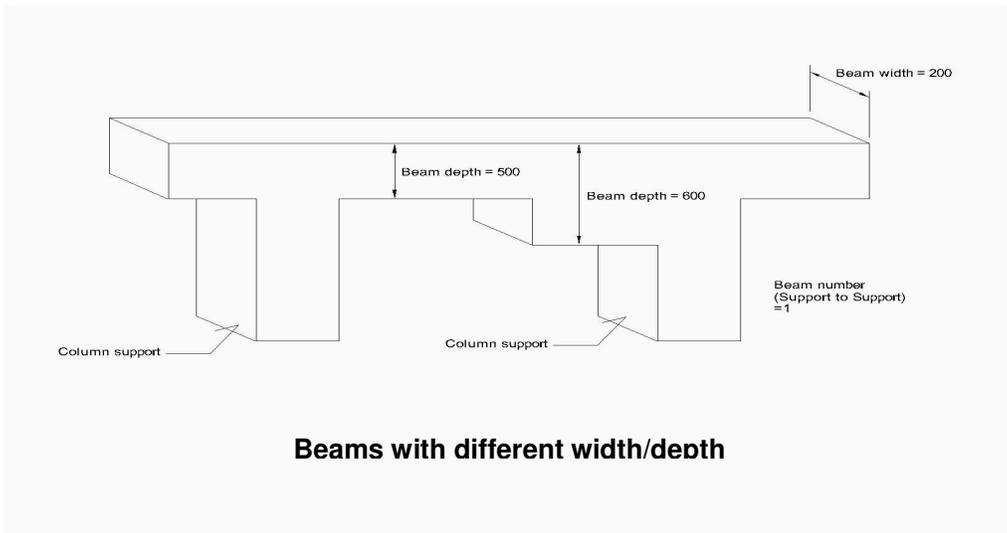
### Measurement – Number of Beams

Description	Method of Measurement
Typical Beam	Support to Support = 1 beam *see illustration 2
Cantilever Beam	Support to Free end = 1 beam *see illustration 2
Beam with different width/depth	Support to Support = 1 beam *see illustration 3

**Illustration 2 - Number of beams to be accounted**



**Illustration 3 - Beam with different depth between supports are considered as one beam**



**Grouping Sizes**

Beam Sizes	Group
400 x 600 and 600 x 400	Considered as 2 different sizes

*Note : The reinforcement details need not be considered in computation.*

**Points awarded based on module and percentage of coverage**

Module	≥ 65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
0.5M	-	2.00 points

Points awarded = 2.00 points

## Example BF2: Computation of Standardisation of Beams

Assume the following information for a 2-storey detached dwelling house:

### 1st Storey Beams

Beam Marking	Beam Size	Numbers
1B1	300 x 500	15
1B2	300 x 500/800	1
1B3	300 x 600	22
1B4	300 x 600/525	4
1B5	300 x 700	3
1B6	300 x 750	1
1B7	300 x 750/675	1
1B8	300 x 500/700	2
	Total	49

### 2nd Storey Beams

Beam Marking	Beam Size	Numbers
2B1	300 x 500	14
2B2	300 x 500/800	1
2B3	300 x 600	10
2B4	300 x 700	13
2B5	300 x 800	24
2B6	300 x 500/700	1
	Total	63

### Roof Beams

Beam Marking	Beam Size	Numbers
RB1	300 x 500	11
RB2	300 x 600	8
RB3	300 x 700	10
RB4	300 x 800	18
	Total	47

The steps to calculate Standardisation of Beams are as follows:

Step 1: Group and count beams with same cross-sectional dimension.

Step 2: Identify groups that have 0.5M for same cross-sectional dimension.

Step 3: Extract 3 most common sizes with module of 0.5M.

Step 4: Divide the number of 3 most common sizes by the total number of beams.

Step 5: Points are awarded according to the percentage of coverage.

## Step 1: Group and count beams with same cross-sectional dimension

Beam Marking	Beam Size	Numbers
1B1	300 x 500	15
2B1	300 x 500	14
RB1	300 x 500	11
1B2	300 x 500/800	1
2B2	300 x 500/800	1
1B8	300 x 500/700	2
2B6	300 x 500/700	1
1B3	300 x 600	22
2B3	300 x 600	10
RB2	300 x 600	8
1B4	300 x 600/525	4
1B5	300 x 700	3
2B4	300 x 700	13
RB3	300 x 700	10
1B6	300 x 750	1
1B7	300 x 750/675	1
2B5	300 x 800	24
RB4	300 x 800	18
	Total	159

## Step 2: Identify groups that have 0.5M for same cross-sectional dimension

Beam Marking	Beam Size		Numbers
1B1, 2B1, RB1	300 x 500	0.5M	40
1B2, 2B2	300 x 500/800	0.5M	2
1B8, 2B6	300 x 500/700	0.5M	3
1B3, 2B3, RB2	300 x 600	0.5M	40
1B4	300 x 600/525	Not in module	4
1B5, 2B4, RB3	300 x 700	0.5M	26
1B6	300 x 750	0.5M	1
1B7	300 x 750/675	Not in module	1
2B5, RB4	300 x 800	0.5M	42

### Step 3: Extract 3 most common sizes with the module of 0.5M

Beam Marking	Beam Size		Numbers
1B1, 2B1, RB1	300 x 500	0.5M	40
1B2, 2B2	300 x 500/800	0.5M	2
1B8, 2B6	300 x 500/700	0.5M	3
1B3, 2B3, RB2	300 x 600	0.5M	40
1B4	300 x 600/525	Not in module	4
1B5, 2B4, RB3	300 x 700	0.5M	26
1B6	300 x 750	0.5M	1
1B7	300 x 750/675	Not in module	1
2B5, RB4	300 x 800	0.5M	42

### Step 4: Divide the number of 3 most common sizes by the total number of beams

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Number of beams (3 most common sizes)} &= 40 + 40 + 42 \\ &= 122 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Total number of beams} = 159$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Percentage of coverage} &= 122/159 \times 100\% \\ &= 77\% \end{aligned}$$

### Step 5: Points are awarded according to module and percentage of coverage

Module	≥ 65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
0.5M	-	2.00 points

Points awarded = 0.00 points

### 1.3 Door Leaf Openings (width) (3 most common sizes)

All door leaf opening for doors (see definition below) should be accounted for, with consideration of the following:

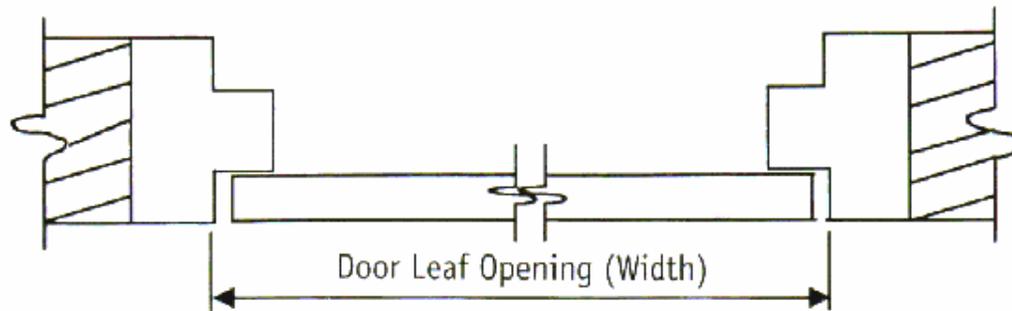
#### Include

- Roller shutters
- Sliding doors
- Glass doors
- Service doors for substation, switchroom & AHU

#### Exclude

- Doors for services (M&E risers, TAS risers, fire service risers)
- Doors for civil defence shelters
- Doors for substations

**Note :** *The type of door material does not affect this computation*



**Definition of Door Leaf Opening (3 most common sizes)**

#### Coverage

$$\frac{\text{No. of door leaf openings (width) (3 most common sizes)}}{\text{Total no. of door leaf openings}} \times 100 \%$$

#### Points awarded based on module and percentage of coverage

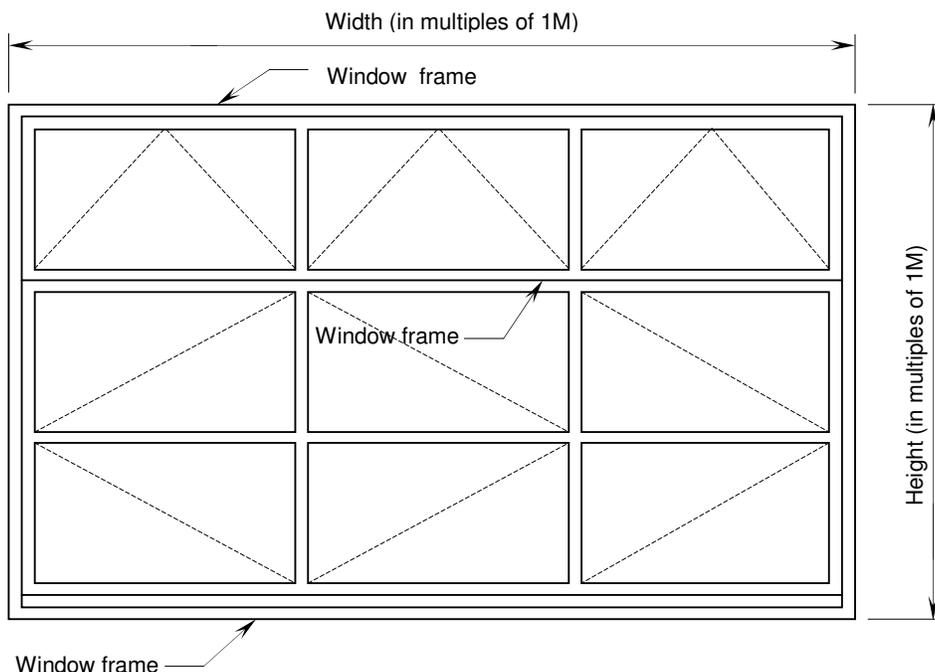
Module	≥ 65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
0.5M (width)	-	1.00 points

## 1.4 Windows (3 most common sizes)

All windows should be accounted for, including louvres. Non-operable glass within curtain wall system is not to be included in computation.

### Module

The 3 most common sizes of windows must fit the module requirement of 1M width and 1M height as illustrated below:



### Module Requirement for Window (3 most common sizes)

Note :

- (1) The type of window material does not affect this computation.
- (2) Window size includes window frame.

### Coverage

$$\frac{\text{No. of windows (3 most common sizes in 1M/1M)}}{\text{Total no. of windows}} \times 100 \%$$

### Points awarded based on module and percentage of coverage

Module (Width & Height)	≥ 65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
1M /1M	-	1.00 points

## 2 Grids

### 2.1 Repetition of Floor-to-Floor Height

2.1a Repetition of Floor-to-Floor Height (For block more than 6 storeys)

2.1b Repetition of Floor-to-Floor Height (For block up to 6 storeys)

The floor-to-floor height of all levels inclusive of mezzanine floor level should be accounted for, with the following exceptions:

#### Exclude

- Top floor and above
- Bottom floor

#### Criteria

Applicable if there are at least 2 floors after the floor omissions.

#### Module

The most common floor height must fit the module requirement of 0.5M.

#### Coverage

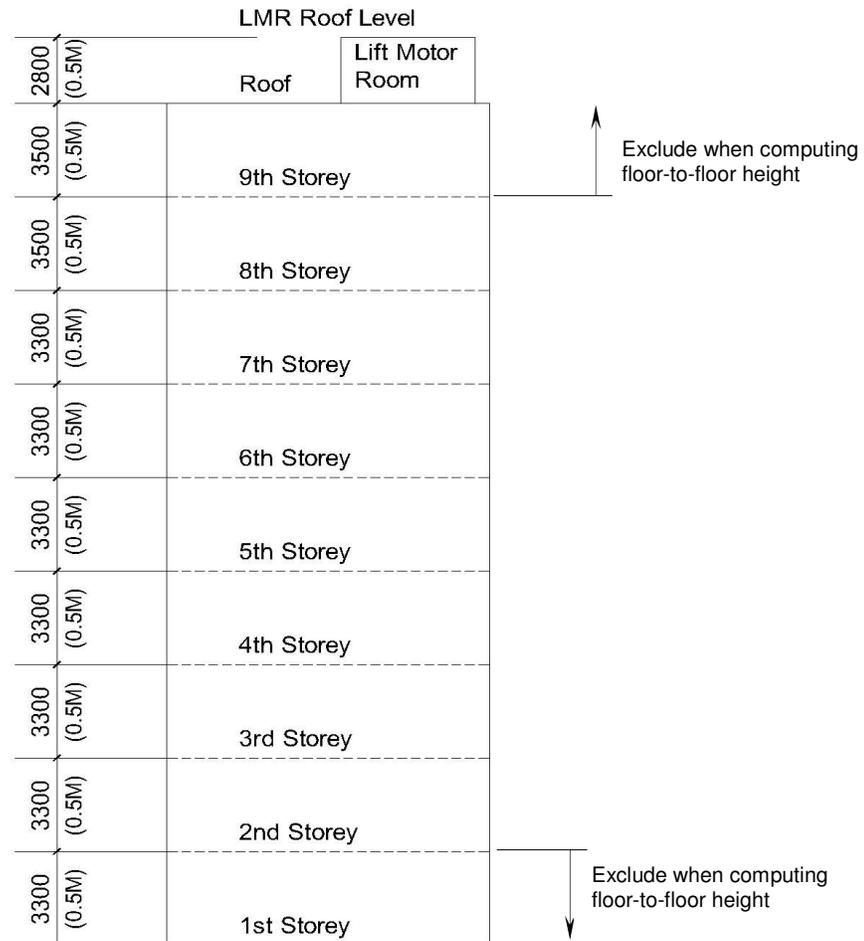
$$\frac{\text{No. of most commonly repeated floor heights with 0.5M}}{\text{Total no. of floor heights}} \times 100\%$$

#### Points awarded based on module and percentage of coverage

Item	Module	≥ 65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
2.1a	0.5M	1.50 points	2.00 points
2.1b	0.5M	0.75 points	1.00 points

## Example BF5 : Computation of Repetition of Floor-to-Floor Height (For block more than 6 storeys)

A typical elevation is shown as follows:



The steps to calculate the repetition of floor-to-floor height are as follows:

Step 1: Group and count number of floor heights.

Step 2: Identify floor heights that have the module of 0.5M.

Step 3: Extract the most common floor heights with the module of 0.5M.

Step 4: Divide the number of the most common floor heights by the total number of floor heights.

Step 5: Points are awarded according to the percentage of coverage.

### Step 1: Group and count number of floor heights

Dimensions	Numbers
3500	1
3300	6
Total	7

Note : Top floor & above and bottom floor are excluded

### Step 2: Identify floor heights which have the module of 0.5M

Dimensions	Numbers
3500      0.5M	1
3300      0.5M	6

### Step 3: Extract the most common floor heights with the module of 0.5M

Dimensions	Numbers
3500      0.5M	1
3300      0.5M	6

### Step 4: Divide the number of the most common floor heights by the total number of floor heights

Number of the most common floor heights = 6  
 Total number of floor heights = 7  
 Percentage of Coverage =  $\frac{6}{7} \times 100\%$   
 = 85.71%

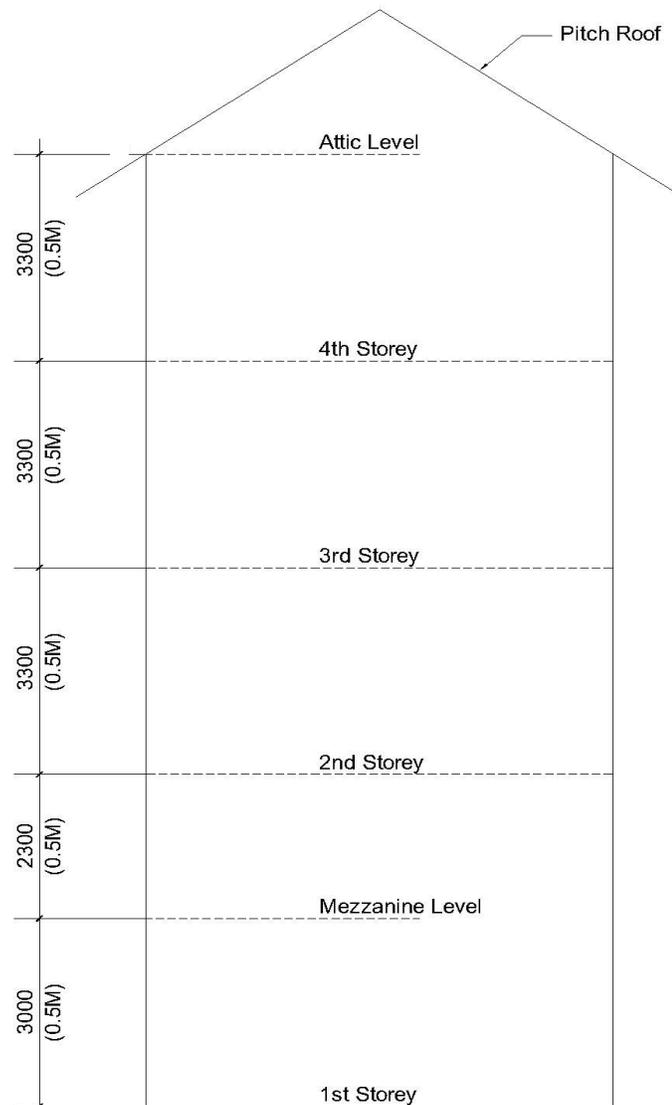
### Step 5: Points are awarded according to module and percentage of coverage

Module	≥ 65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
0.5M	1.50 points	2.00 points

Points awarded = 2.00 points

## Example BF6: Computation on Repetition of Floor-to-Floor Height (For block up to 6 storeys)

A typical elevation is shown as follows:



The steps to calculate the repetition of floor-to-floor height are as follows:

Step 1: Group and count number of floor heights.

Step 2: Identify floor heights that have the module of 0.5M.

Step 3: Extract the most common floor heights with the module of 0.5M.

Step 4: Divide the number of the most common floor heights by the total number of floor heights.

Step 5: Points are awarded according to the percentage of coverage.

### Step 1: Group and count number of floor heights

Dimensions		Numbers
3300		2
2300		1
Total		3

Note : Top floor & above and bottom floor are excluded

### Step 2: Identify floor height which have the module of 0.5M

Dimensions		Numbers
3300	0.5M	2
2300	0.5M	1

### Step 3: Extract the most common floor heights with the module of 0.5M

Dimensions		Numbers
3300	0.5M	2
2300	0.5M	1

### Step 4: Divide the number of the most common floor heights by the total number of floor heights

Number of most common floor heights = 3  
 Total number of floor heights = 2  
 Percentage of Coverage =  $\frac{2}{3} \times 100\%$   
 = 67%

### Step 5: Points are awarded according to module and percentage of coverage

Item	Module	≥ 65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
2.1b	0.5M	0.75 points	1.00 points

Points awarded = 0.75 points

**2.2 Vertical Repetition of Structural Floor Layout**

2.2a Vertical Repetition of Structural Floor Layout (For block more than 6 storeys)

2.2b Vertical Repetition of Structural Floor Layout (For block up to 6 storeys)

All floors should be accounted for, with consideration of the following:

**Exclude**

- Top floor & above
- Bottom floor

**Criteria**

Applicable if there are at least 2 floors after the floor omissions.

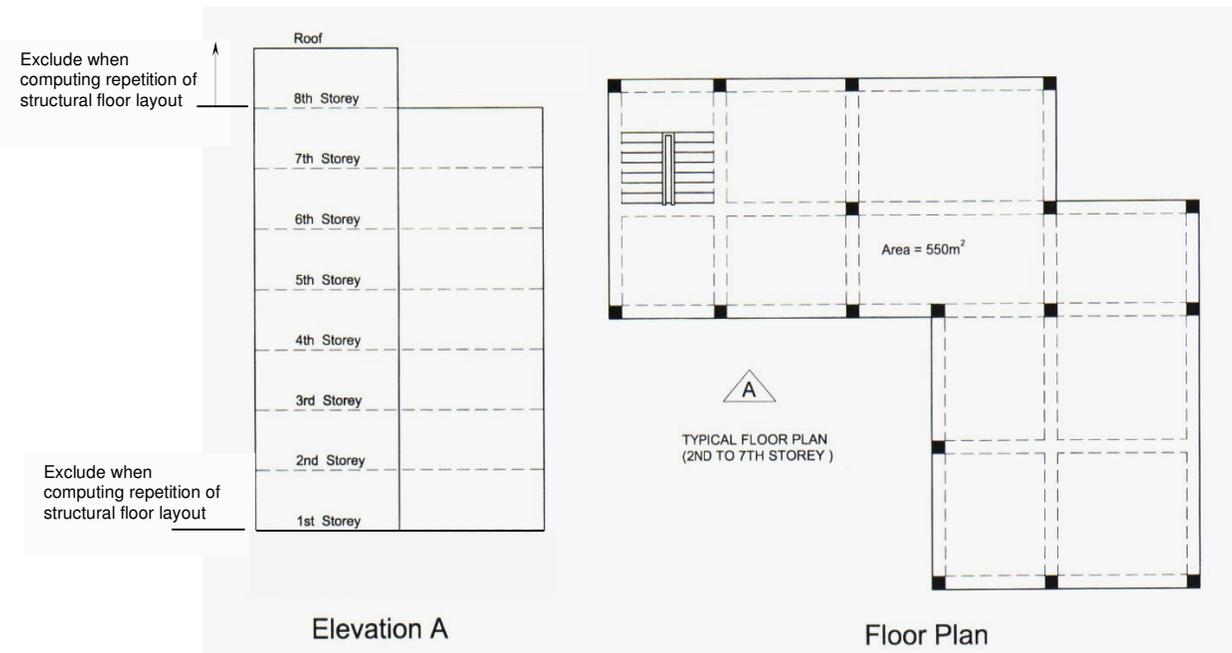
**Coverage**

$$\frac{\text{Area of floors with most repeated structural floor layout}}{\text{Total floor area}} \times 100 \%$$

**Points awarded based on percentage of coverage**

Item	Module	≥ 65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
2.2a	-	1.50 points	2.00 points
2.2b	-	0.75 points	1.00 points

## Example BF7: Computation on Vertical Repetition of Structural Floor Layout (For block more than 6 storeys)



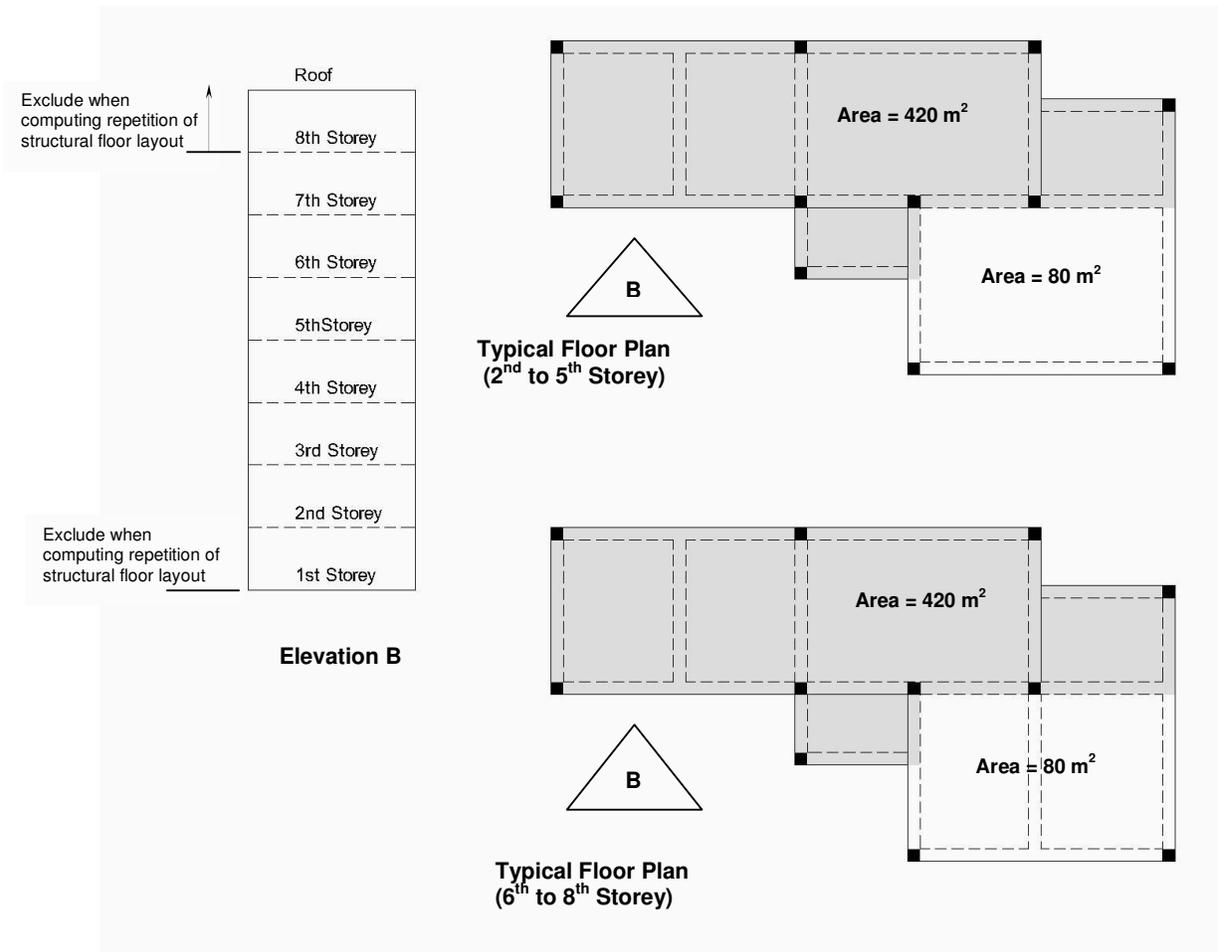
Total area per floor	= 550m <sup>2</sup>
Total floor area	= 3300m <sup>2</sup>
Area of floors with the most repeated structural floor layout	= 550 x 6 = 3300m <sup>2</sup>
Percentage of Coverage	= 3300/3300 x 100% = 100%

### Points awarded based on percentage of coverage

Item	Module	≥ 65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
2.2a	-	1.50 points	2.00 points

Points awarded = 2.00 points

## Example BF8: Computation on Vertical Repetition of Structural Floor Layout (For block more than 6 storeys)



Total area per floor = 500m<sup>2</sup>

Total floor area = 500m<sup>2</sup> x 6

= 3000m<sup>2</sup>

Area of floors with the most repeated  
Structural floor layout (shaded portion) = 420m<sup>2</sup> x 6

= 2520m<sup>2</sup>

Percentage of Coverage = 2520/3000 x 100%

= 84%

### Points awarded based on percentage of coverage

Item	Module	≥ 65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
2.2b	-	0.75 points	1.00 points

Points awarded = 1.00 points

### 3 Others

#### 3.1 Multi-tier Precast Columns

##### Criteria

At least 80% of the total number of columns are precast multi-tier concrete columns.

##### Coverage

$$\frac{\text{No. of precast columns (multi-tier)}}{\text{Total no. of columns}} \times 100 \%$$

##### Measurement – Number of Columns

Each tier is considered as one column. For example, a 3-tier precast columns is considered as 3 columns.

##### Points awarded based on percentage of coverage

Module	≥ 65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
-	-	2.00 points

##### Example:

Number of precast multi-tier columns = 85  
Total number of columns = 100  
Percentage of coverage =  $85/100 \times 100\%$   
= 85%

Therefore

Points awarded = 2.00 points

### 3.2 Precast or Pre-assembled/Metal Staircases

#### Criteria

At least 80% of the total number of staircases are precast or pre-assembled.

#### Include

- Precast staircases
- Prefabricated permanent steel stairform complete with reinforcement bars (if required)
- Metal staircases

#### Coverage

$$\frac{\text{No. of precast or pre-assembled/metal staircases}}{\text{Total no. of staircases}} \times 100\%$$

#### Measurement – Number of Flights

Every flight of staircase is considered as one number of staircase.

#### Points awarded based on percentage of coverage

Module	≥ 65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
-	-	2.00 points

#### Example:

Number of precast staircases = 36  
Total number of staircases = 40  
Percentage of coverage =  $\frac{36}{40} \times 100\%$   
= 90%

Therefore  
Points awarded = 2.00 points

### 3.3 Precast Meter Chambers

#### Criteria

At least 80% of the total number of meter chambers are precast.

#### Coverage

$$\frac{\text{No. of precast meter chambers}}{\text{Total no. of meter chambers}} \times 100 \%$$

#### Points awarded based on percentage of coverage

Module	≥ 65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
-	-	1.50 points

### 3.4 Precast Refuse Chutes

#### Criteria

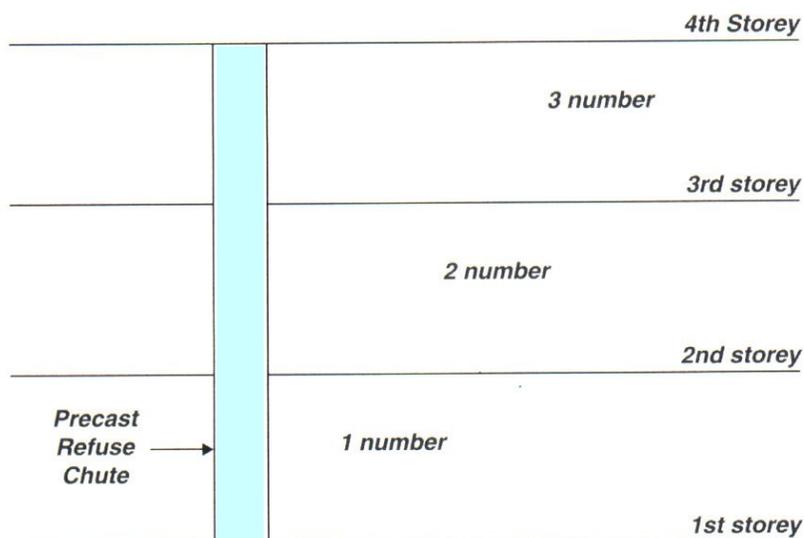
At least 80% of the total number of refuse chutes are precast (i.e. the external walls of the refuse chutes are precast).

#### Coverage

$$\frac{\text{No. of precast refuse chutes}}{\text{Total no. of refuse chutes}} \times 100 \%$$

#### Measurement – Number of Refuse Chutes

A refuse chute within one floor is considered as one number of shaft. For example if a shaft is extended from the first floor to the fourth floor, it is considered as 3 numbers. (See figure below)



Consideration of Numbers of Shafts

#### Points awarded based on percentage of coverage

Module	≥ 65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
-	-	1.50 points

#### Example:

Number of precast refuse chutes = 90  
 Total number of refuse chutes = 100  
 Percentage of coverage =  $90/100 \times 100\%$   
 = 90%

Therefore

Points awarded = 1.50 points

### 3.5 Precast Service Risers

#### Criteria

At least 80% of the total number of service risers are precast.

#### Coverage

$$\frac{\text{No. of precast service risers}}{\text{Total no. of service risers}} \times 100 \%$$

#### Points awarded based on percentage of coverage

Module	≥ 65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
-	-	1.00 points

### 3.6 Non-screed Floor

#### Criteria

At least 80% of the total floor area with no screed (i.e. trowel smooth without adding a layer of screeding).

#### Coverage

$$\frac{\text{Area of non-screed floor}}{\text{Total area of concrete floor}} \times 100 \%$$

#### Points awarded based on percentage of coverage

Module	≥ 65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
-	-	1.00 points

#### Example:

Area of non-screed floor = 4500m<sup>2</sup>  
Total floor area = 5000m<sup>2</sup>  
Percentage of coverage = 4500/5000 x 100%  
= 90%

Therefore

Points awarded = 1.00 points

### 3.7 Columns Sit Directly on Top of Piles (for projects with planning applications made from 1<sup>st</sup> Sep 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2006)

#### Criteria

At least 80% of the total number of columns (at foundation level) sitting directly on top of piles (i.e. no pilecap).

#### Coverage

$$\frac{\text{No. of columns sit directly on top of piles}}{\text{Total no. of columns (at foundation level)}} \times 100\%$$

#### Measurement – Number of Columns (at foundation level)

Every column that sits directly on top of piles is considered as one column.

#### Points awarded based on percentage of coverage

Module	≥ 65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
-	-	1.00 points

#### Example:

Number of columns that sit directly on top of piles = 200  
 Total number of columns (at foundation level) = 250  
 Percentage of coverage =  $200/250 \times 100\%$   
 = 80%

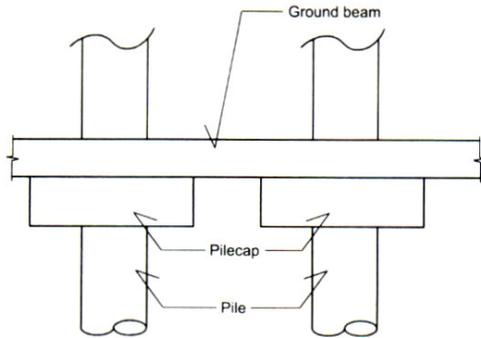
Therefore

Points awarded = 1.00 points

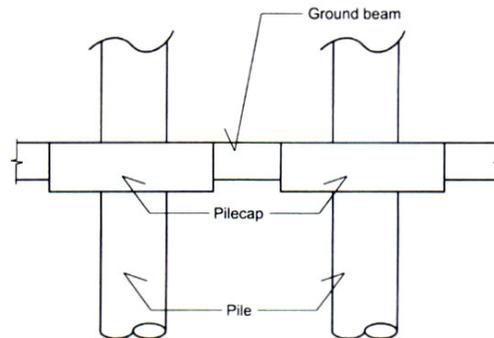
### 3.8 Ground Beams on Top of Pilecaps and/or Integrated into Pilecaps (for projects with planning applications made from 1<sup>st</sup> Sep 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2006)

#### Criteria

At least 80% of the total number of ground beams are on top of pilecaps and/or integrated into pilecaps (i.e. no column stump).



**Ground beams on top of pilecaps**



**Ground beams integrated into pilecaps**

#### Coverage

$$\frac{\text{No. of ground beams on top of pilecaps and/or integrated with pilecaps}}{\text{Total no. of ground beams}} \times 100\%$$

#### Measurement – Number of Ground Beams

Every ground beam from support to support (i.e. pilecaps) is considered as one beam.

#### Points awarded based on percentage of coverage

Module	≥ 65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
-	-	1.00 points

#### Example:

Number of ground beams on top of pilecaps = 220  
 Total number of ground beams = 250  
 Percentage of coverage =  $220/250 \times 100\%$   
 = 88%

Therefore

Points awarded = 1.00 points

**3.7 No Column Stumps**  
*(for projects with planning applications made on or after 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2007)*

**Criteria**

At least 80% of the total number of columns (at foundation level) have no column stumps.

**Coverage**

$$\frac{\text{No. of columns with no stumps}}{\text{Total no. of columns (at foundation level)}} \times 100\%$$

**Points awarded based on percentage of coverage**

Module	≥ 65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
-	-	1.00 points

**Example:**

Number of columns with no stumps = 220  
 Total number of columns (at foundation level) = 250  
 Percentage of coverage = 220/250 x 100%  
 = 88%

Therefore

Points awarded = 1.00 points

**3.8 Precast Bay Windows**  
*(for projects with planning applications made on or after 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2007)*

**Criteria**

At least 80% of the total number of bay windows are precast.

**Coverage**

$$\frac{\text{No. of precast bay windows}}{\text{Total no. of bay windows}} \times 100\%$$

**Points awarded based on percentage of coverage**

Module	≥ 65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
-	-	1.00 points

**Example:**

Number of precast bay windows = 150  
 Total number of bay windows = 180  
 Percentage of coverage = 150/180 x 100%  
 = 83%

Therefore

Points awarded = 1.00 points

### 3.9 Precast Planter Boxes

*(for projects with planning applications made on or after 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2007)*

#### Criteria

At least 80% of the total number of planter boxes are precast.

#### Coverage

$$\frac{\text{No. of precast planter boxes}}{\text{Total no. of planter boxes}} \times 100\%$$

#### Points awarded based on percentage of coverage

Module	≥ 65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
-	-	1.00 points

#### Example:

Number of precast planter boxes = 120  
Total number of planter boxes = 140  
Percentage of coverage =  $120/140 \times 100\%$   
= 86%

Therefore

Points awarded = 1.00 points

## A Single Integrated Components (Bonus Points)

### A.1 Prefabricated Bathroom/Toilet Units Complete with Piping/Wiring

#### Criteria

At least 65% of the total number of bathroom/toilet units are prefabricated.

#### Coverage

$$\frac{\text{No. of prefabricated bathroom/toilet units}}{\text{No. of bathroom/toilet units}} \times 100\%$$

#### Measurement – Number of Bathroom/Toilet Units

Every bathroom/toilet unit is considered as one number.

#### Bonus points awarded based on percentage of coverage

Module	≥ 65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
-	2.00 points	3.00 points

#### Example:

Number of prefabricated bathroom/toilet units = 50  
Total number of bathroom/toilet units = 60  
Percentage of Coverage =  $50/60 \times 100\%$   
= 83%

Therefore

Points awarded = 3.00 points

## A.2 Precast Household Shelters

### Criteria

At least 65% of the total number of household shelters are precast.

Household shelter is considered as precast if the total length of the in-situ joints is not more than 20% of its wall perimeter on plan.

### Coverage

$$\frac{\text{No. of precast household shelters}}{\text{Total no. of household shelters}} \times 100\%$$

### Measurement – Number of Precast Household Shelters

Every individual precast household shelter unit is considered as one number.

### Bonus points awarded based on percentage of coverage

Module	≥ 65% to < 80%	≥ 80%
-	2.00 points	3.00 points

### Example:

If cast in-situ joints are used, first check on the percentage of cast in-situ joint length over its wall perimeter on plan.

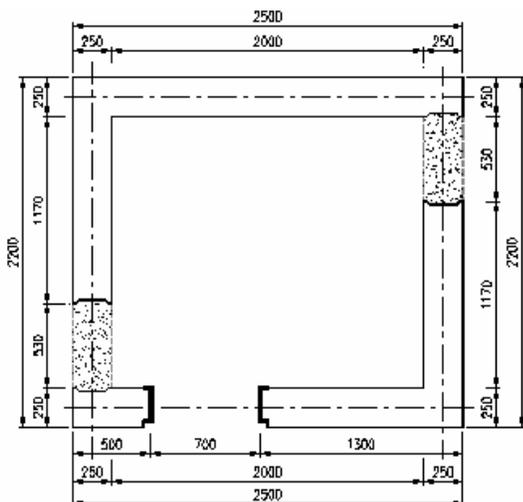
#### Criteria Check

Total length of cast in-situ joint =  $530 \times 2 = 1060$  mm

Total wall perimeter =  $(2500-125-125) + (2200-125-125) \times 2 + (2500-700-125-125)$

(measured along centerline) = 7700 mm

% Cast in-situ joint length over its wall perimeter =  $1060/7700 \times 100\% = 13.77\% < 20\%$



Typical Precast Household Shelter  
SECTIONAL PLAN

Therefore, the household shelter shown on the plan can be considered as precast.

Number of precast household shelters = 75  
 Total number of household shelters = 100  
 Percentage of coverage =  $75/100 \times 100\% = 75\%$

Therefore

Points awarded = 2.00 points

## B Demerit Points

### B.1 Non-functional Void on Slab

#### Criteria

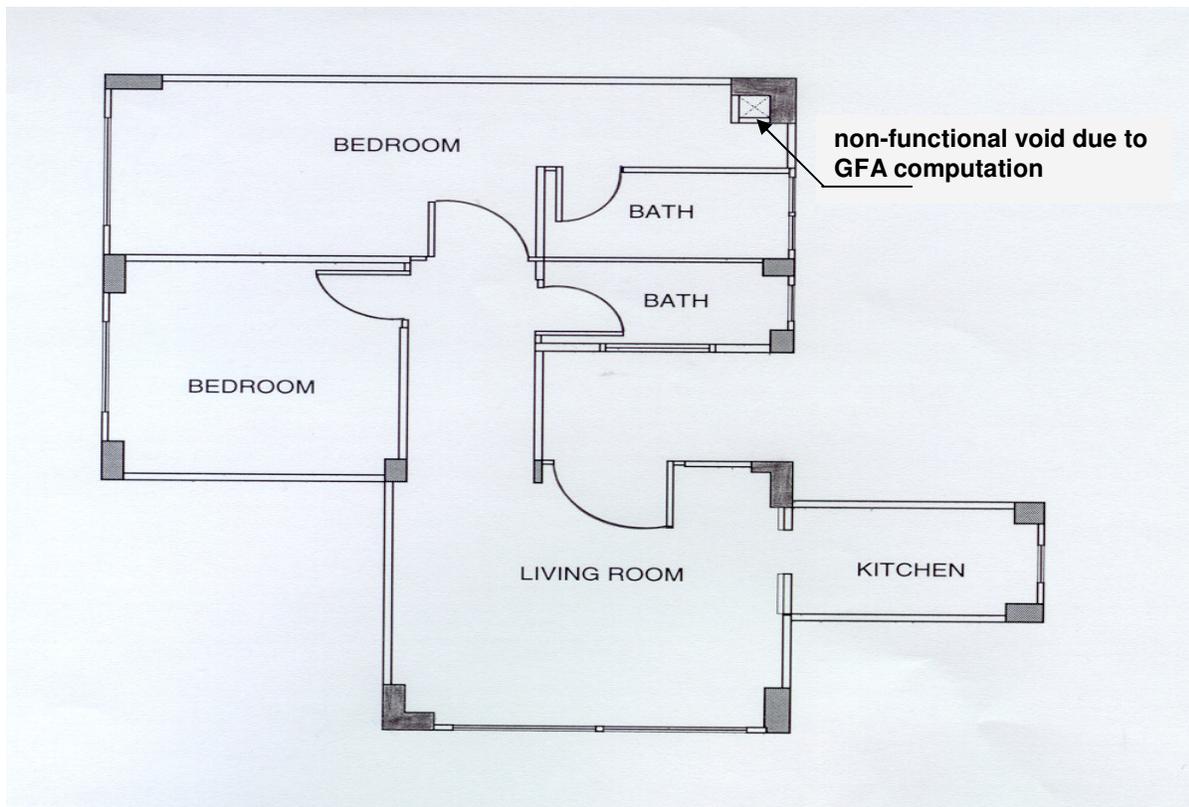
A void on a slab enclosed by full walls / columns that do not serve any functional requirement such as a void that results solely from a design to suit GFA computation. On the other hand, a void such as a duct for services is considered a functional void.

#### Coverage

As long as there is a non-functional void within a block.

#### Demerit Points given

Module	Point deduction
-	-1.00 point



**Illustration of a non-functional void within a dwelling unit**