

# Energy Efficient Warmer Homes

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12.9t CO<sub>2</sub>e\*

per-household consumption footprint  
(p.a.)

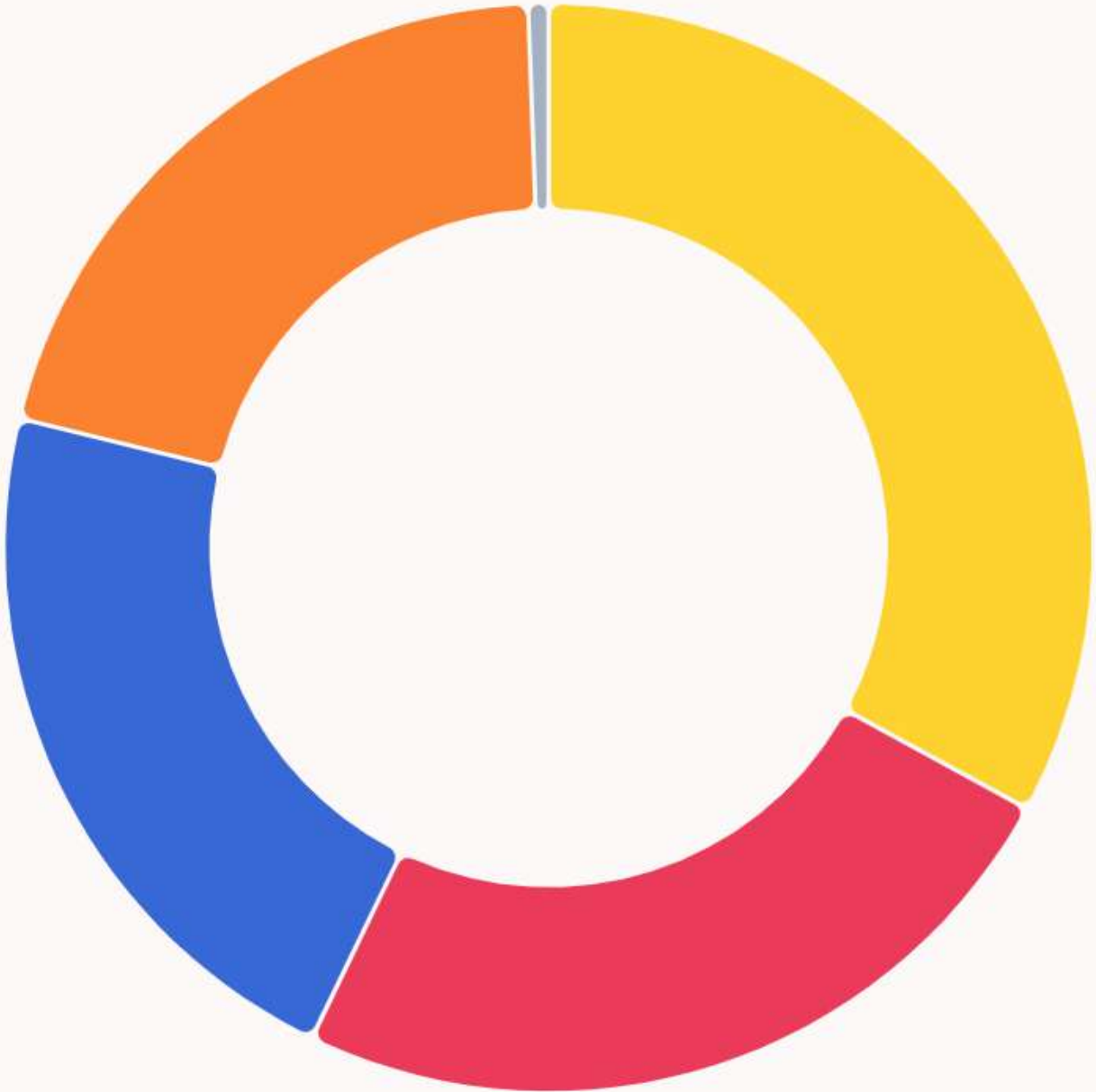
EMISSIONS BREAKDOWN (t CO<sub>2</sub>e)

|                                   |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Consumption of goods and services | 4.26 |
| Housing                           | 3.13 |
| Travel                            | 2.8  |
| Food and diet                     | 2.66 |
| Waste                             | 0.08 |

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Download your full footprint report for detailed breakdowns of emissions in each category and resources to help you take action to reduce them. (PDF, 800kB)

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**Well thought out  
Insulated house**

**Poorly  
Insulated house**

**Cheaper to run  
and less  
renewables  
required**



**More expensive  
to run with more  
renewables &  
space required**

So why is  
thermal  
imaging  
important?



When carried out by people in the community, it opens doors.

When it opens doors, it opens minds and conversation.

When conversations start, knowledge is shared.

You are trusted

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What do Thermal Images identify:

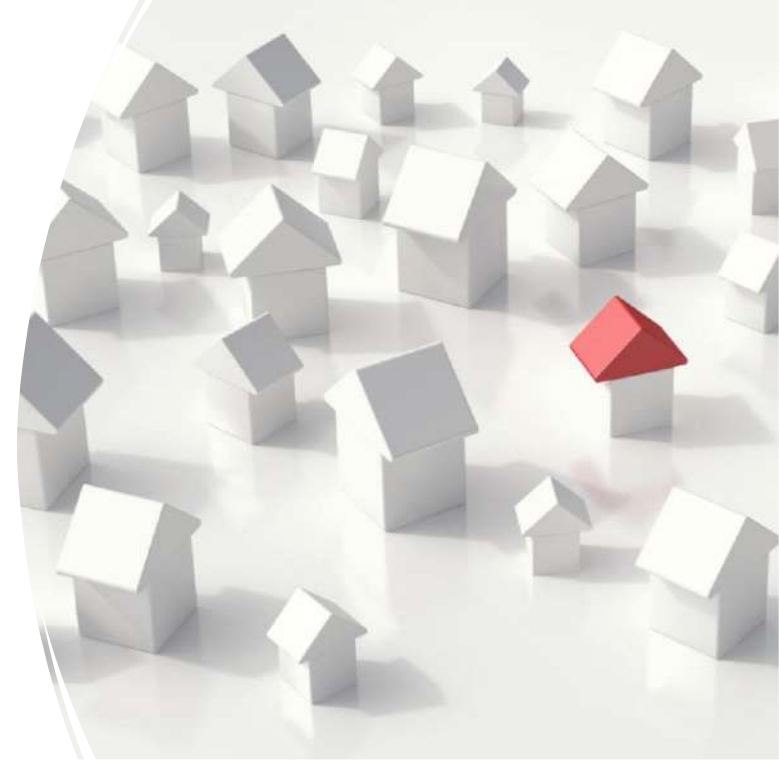
- Causes of Heat Loss
- Causes of Draughts & Air Ingress
- Assess Insulation Performance
- Identify Thermal Bridging
- Assess Performance of Windows & Frames
- Structural defects

**Where heat and money leave your home!**

# Why do people want to see a thermal image of their home?

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- Curious
- Save money on bills
- Make their homes warmer and more comfortable
- Reduce carbon emissions
- Improve health



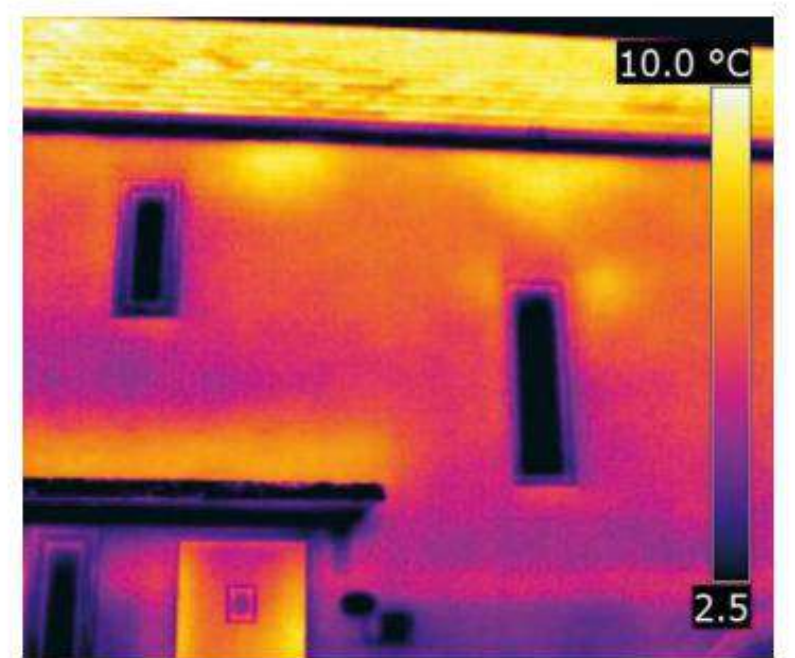


Higher Temperatures

Lower Temperatures

# Misleading images

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- Reflective surfaces such as glass and metal
- Stored heat (on a sunny day, brick and concrete can store heat and take a long time to cool down)



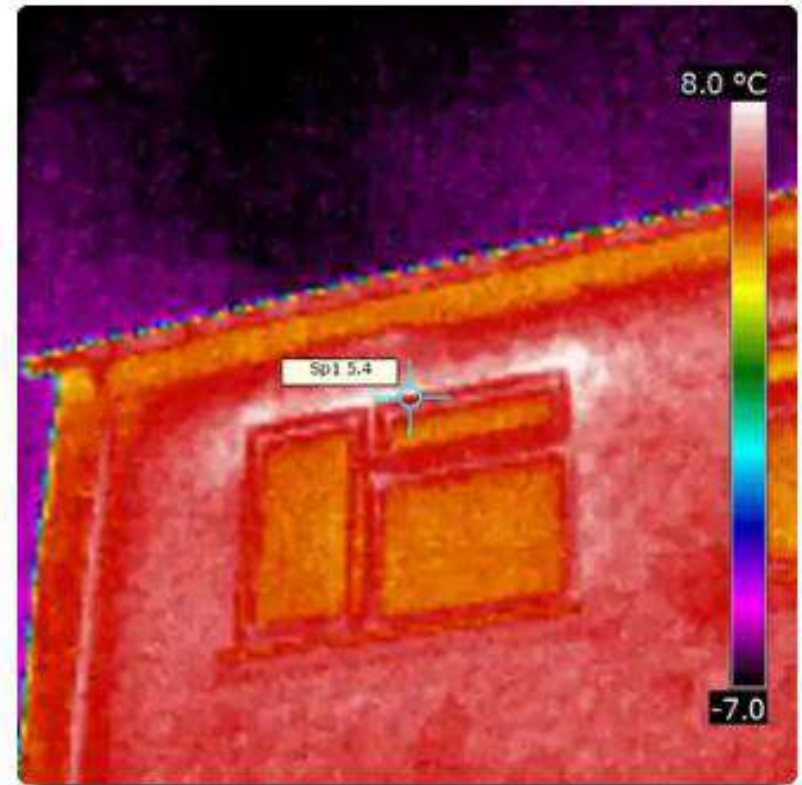
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Good insulation as the house walls are a similar colour and temperature to the garden wall and the ground, meaning that the heat is trapped inside the house.

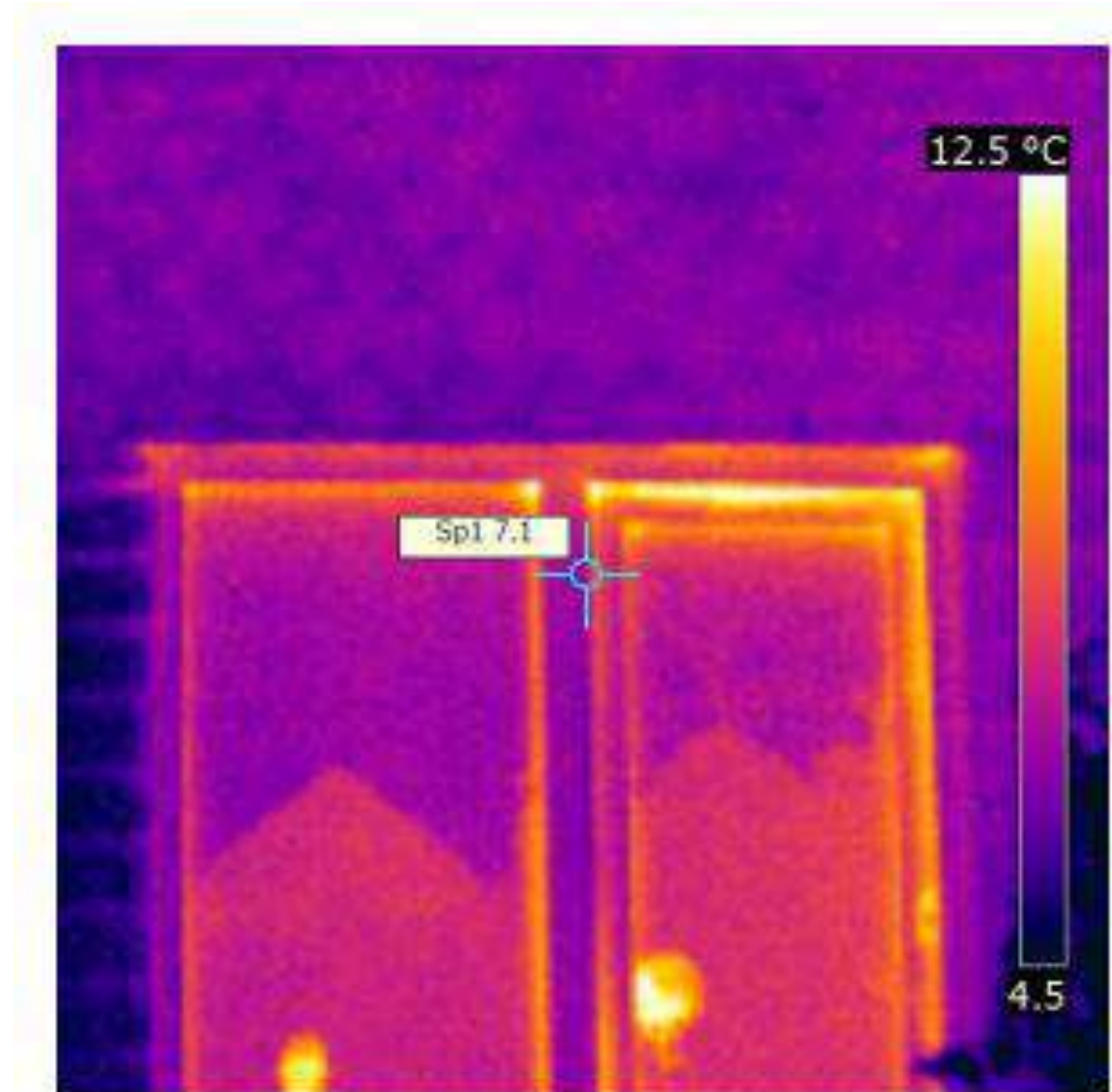
# Windows

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Heat escaping from above and down the side of the window suggesting a bad seal around the frame.

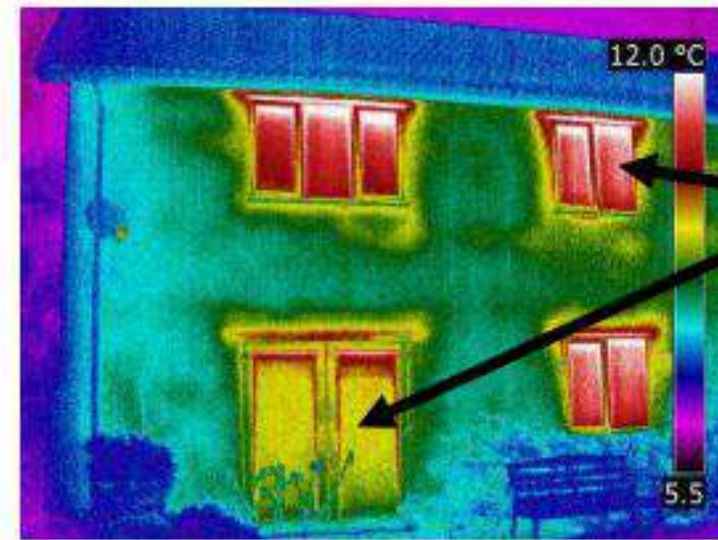


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- Demonstrates the reflective properties of glass as can see the house behind.
  - Leaking from top of door/window can sometimes be corrected by adjusting the hinge.



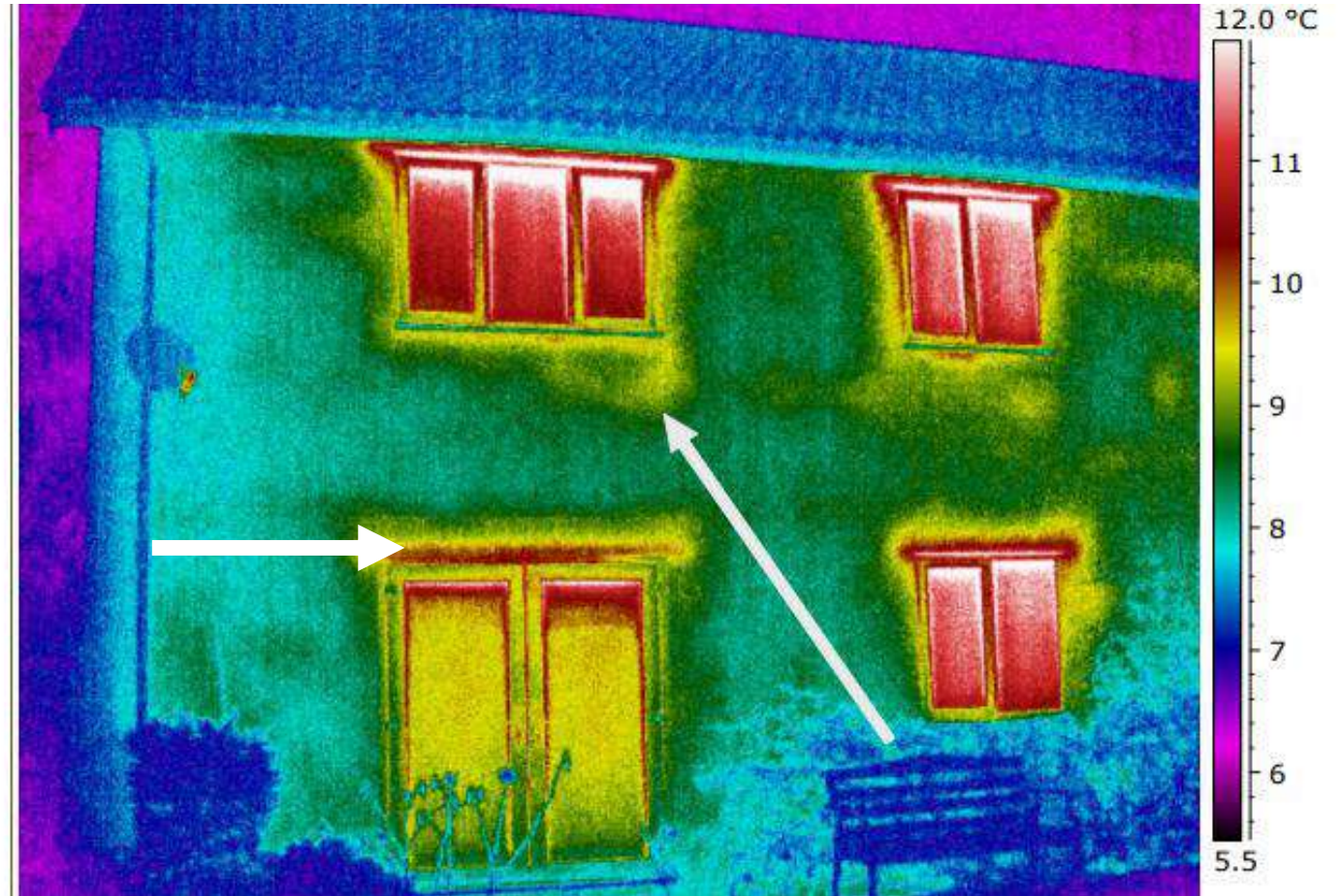
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Different effectiveness of double-glazed units in terms of insulation performance. The windows may have lost gas or vacuum over time and now result in higher heat loss. The glazed patio door seems to be a newer unit.



*Higher heat loss  
from windows  
compared to patio  
door.*

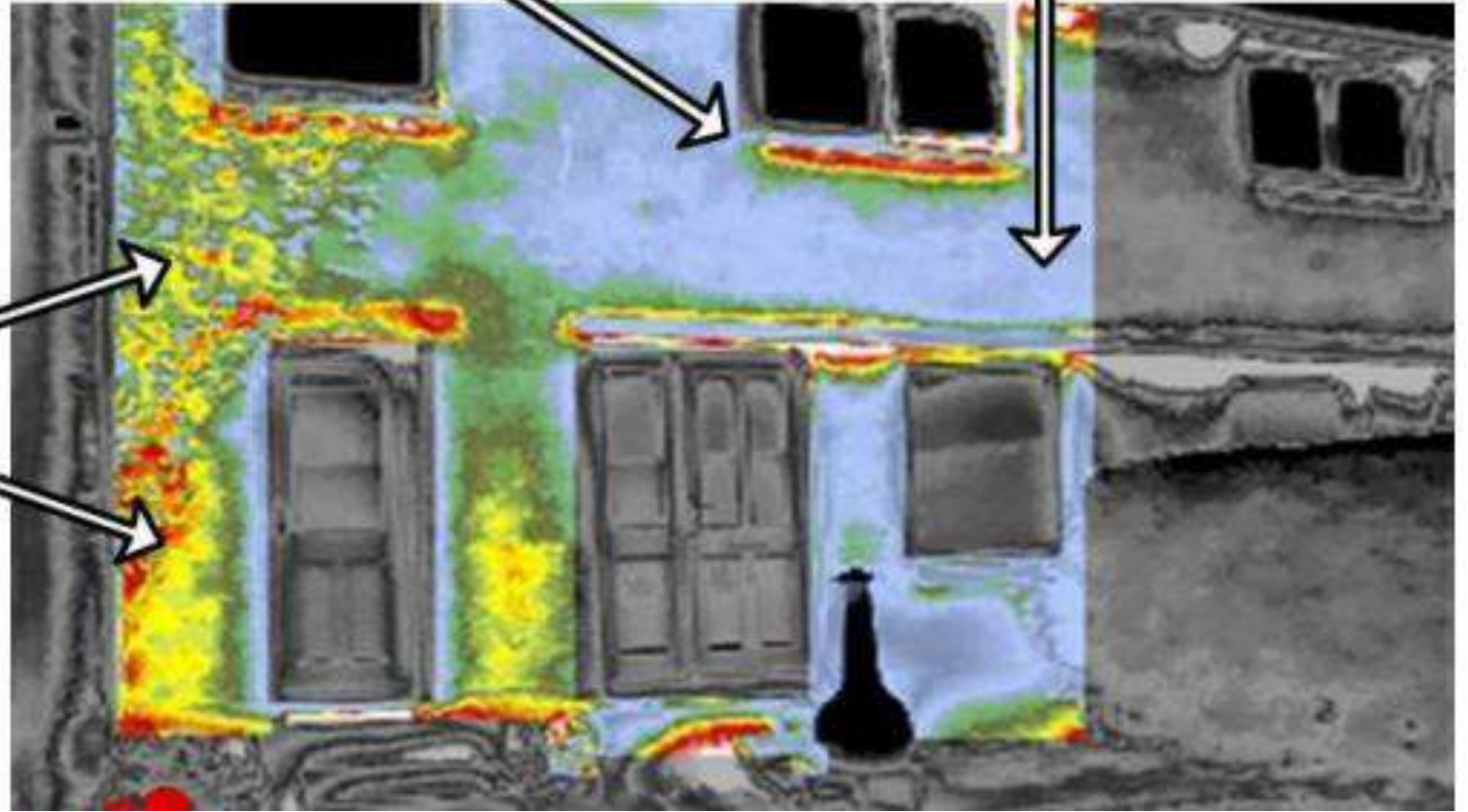
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- Also, the same image highlights possible gaps in cavity wall insulation where it may have settled over time.
  - And thermal bridging above the windows and patio door where lintels or support beams have not been insulated and are conducting heat from the property.



Heat loss through lintels

Low heat loss

Potential  
deteriorated  
insulation



Poorly insulated dormer space

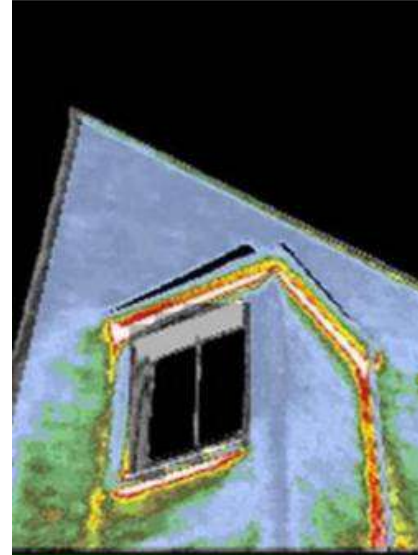
Windows also losing heat

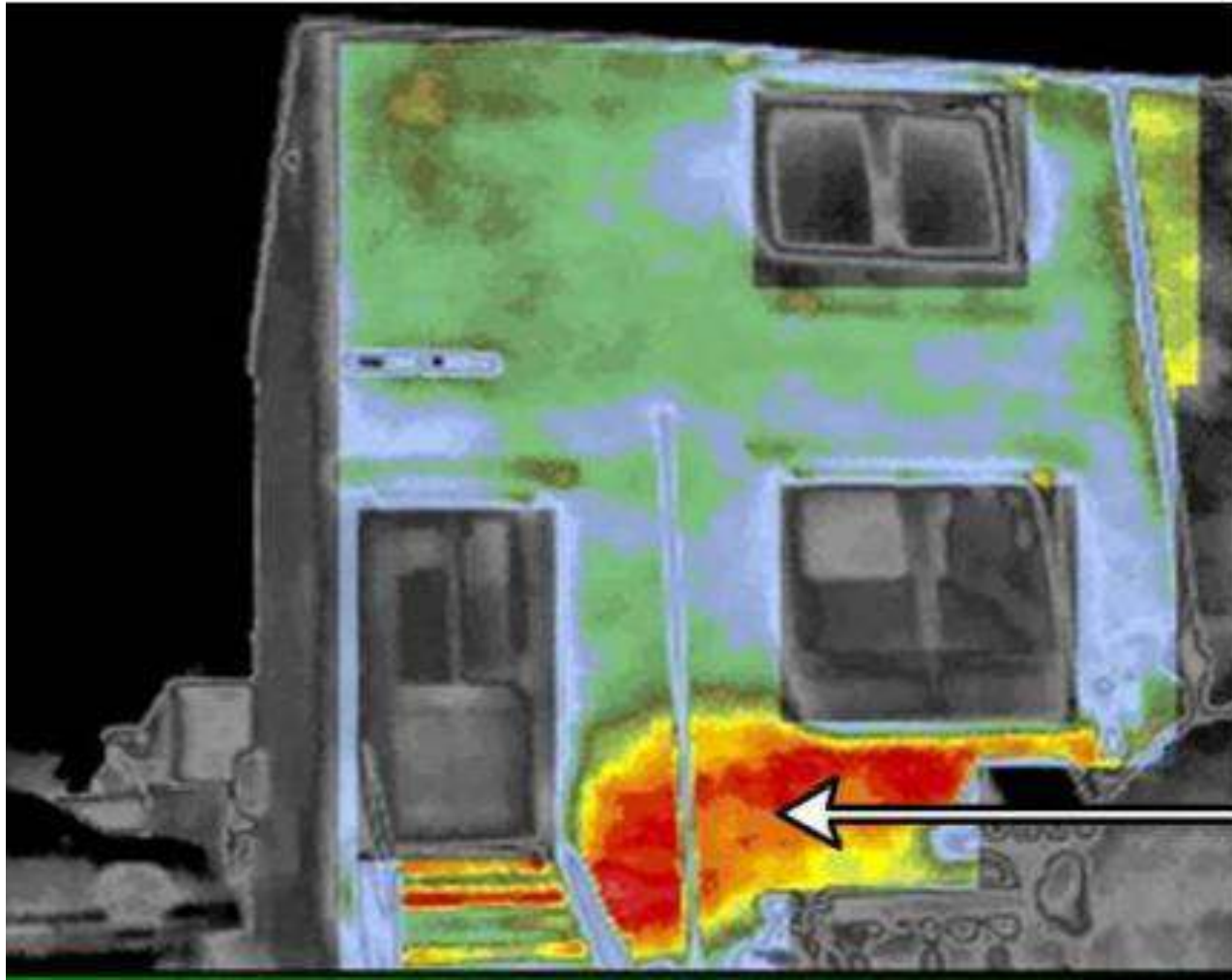


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- Insulation has not reached the roof apex
  - Insulation not between the ceiling joists creating a bridge

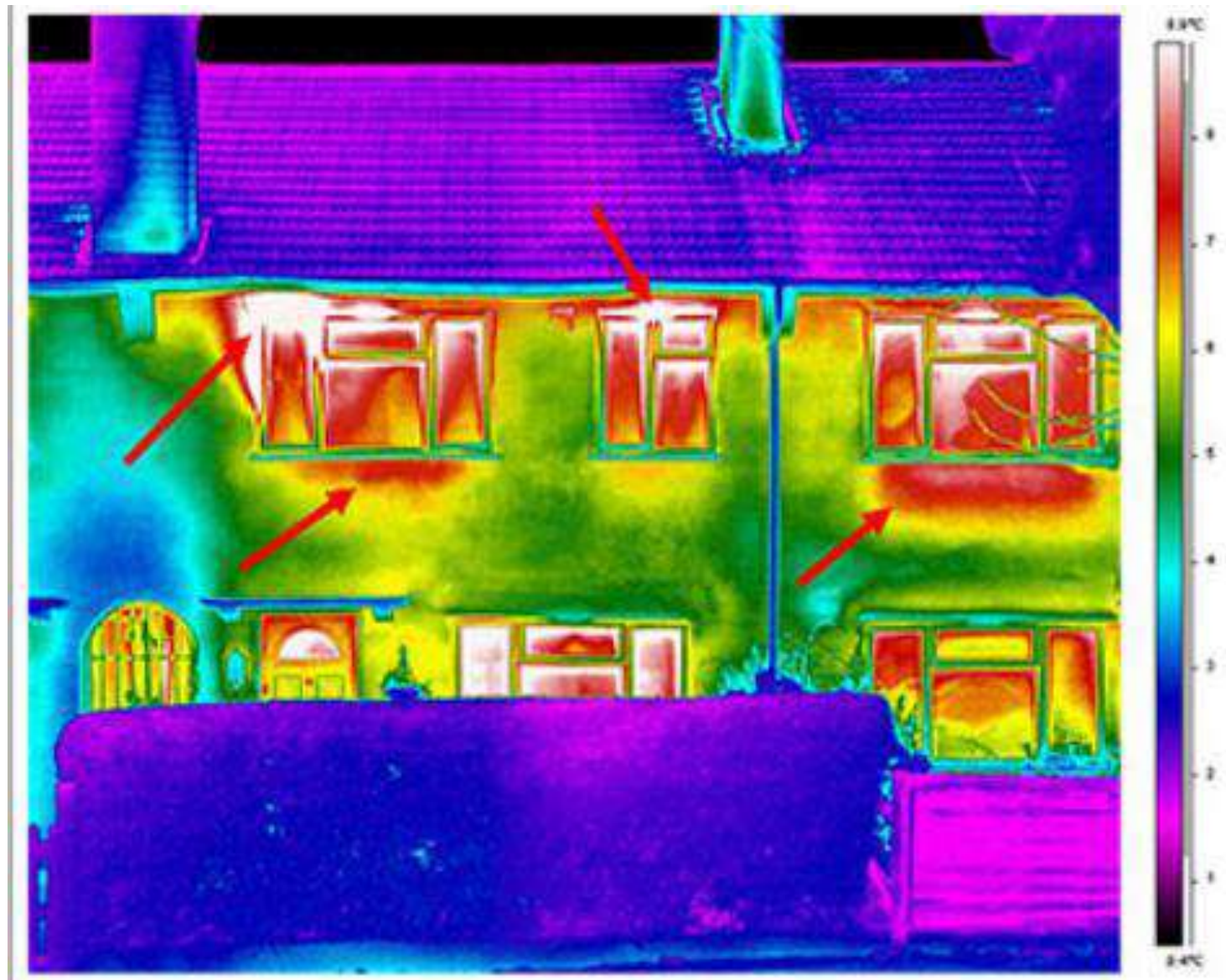


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- Heat leaking from where different sections of the building join incorrectly allowing heat to escape

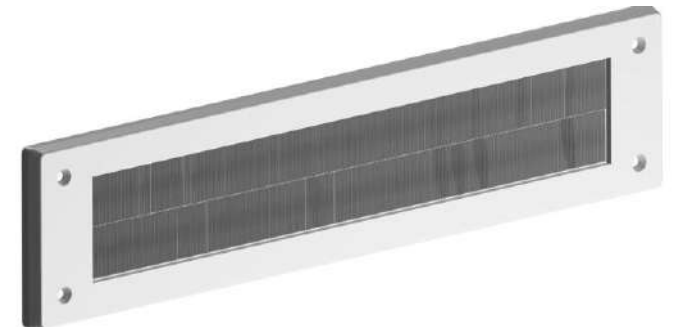




Possible  
heat loss  
from radiator



# Home Hacks



# Blocks to change

- money (or lack of it)
- worried about making big changes to their homes we understand a conservatory but are less sure about insulation techniques
- Don't know which surveyors to trust
- Don't know which installers to trust
- Products have huge delays which puts people off
- Don't want the upheaval of clearing the loft or rooms for internal insulation
- Some people are renting so do not have full control



Feedback is as important  
as the imaging

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<https://greening-campaign.org/home-thermal-imaging-feedback/>

# Health & Climate Change

24 degrees is risk

Those outside  
Those with existing  
conditions

Young children

People 65+

Pregnant

Homeless folk

Those exercising in heat



A thermal image showing a street, with houses and the road radiating heat

On a thermal camera it's clear to see the heat radiating from hard surfaces such as brick, steel, concrete and asphalt.

**ALWAYS**

**If in doubt about anything structural or about anything you do not fully understand**

**GET AN EXPERT TO PROVIDE ADVICE**

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