

Breakout Session 2:

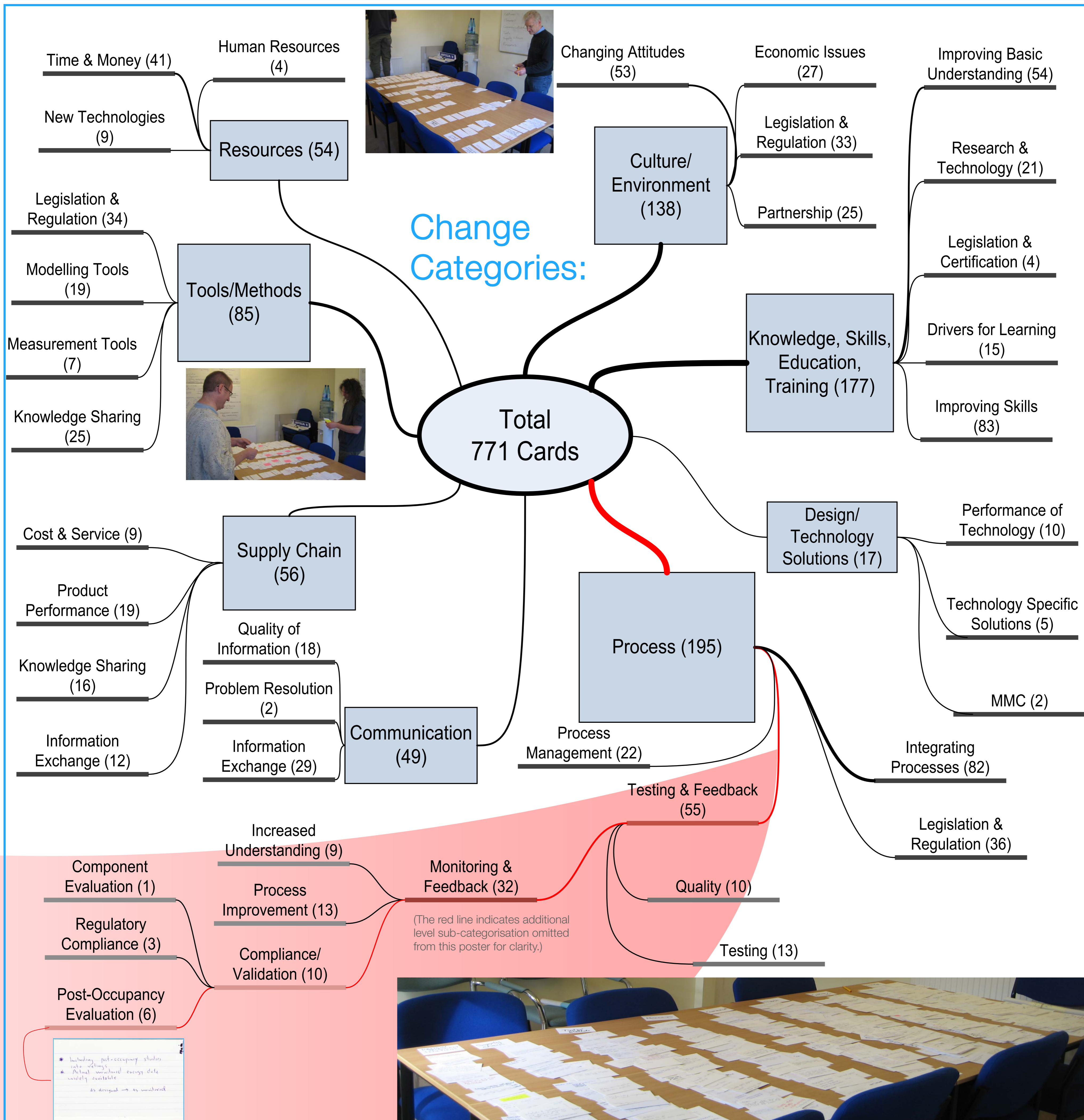
With workshop participants divided into smaller breakout groups, these sessions used brainstorming to collect ideas from the participants on what is required to facilitate the necessary changes. These were collated, counted and classified into 8 'Change Categories', and sub-categorised as outlined below.



Starter Question: What do designers & constructors 'need' in order to be able to design and construct low carbon housing that is effective, robust and works every time?

For this exercise, 'Need' was defined very loosely, and could include personal, technological, cultural or environmental needs, or indeed the needs of input from others.

Ideas were written on index cards (one per card); in total 771 cards emanated from all the breakout sessions. A number of additional degrees of sub-categorisation was also performed to augment the analysis process.



LowCarb4Real Workshop Participants

One of the successes of the LowCarb4Real project was managing to get such a diverse mix of skills within the house-building industry in the same room and engaged in open discussion. As a result of this the cards analysed above are not just representative of a single sector of the industry, but represent a much broader spectrum.

The range of roles provided discussion of issues from a number of different, and often opposing, perspectives.

Although there was unanimity amongst participants of the need to act quickly and effectively if we are to approach the Government's target of Zero Carbon Housing by 2016, there were differences of opinion over what strategies should be best adopted in each of the change categories to meet the more demanding requirements of the future and reduce the gap between theoretical performance and that realised in practice.