Regeneration: Innovative low energy design

Hobart and Pitcairn, Nottingham demonstrates a shining example of how to blend innovative low energy design, with the reality of building desirable homes in a commercially driven environment.

Blueprint, the joint venture developer between Aviva Investors and Nottingham City Council, worked on a design that delivered a high specification of fabric efficiency merged with economic use of hot water, ensuring that there was minimal wasted energy.

“Our objective was to build a quality family environment, which was competitively priced to own and run. The inclusion of Showersave has helped greatly in achieving this” Rachel Hopwell, Blueprint.

The 35 homes designed by Blueprint are now sold and occupied. Over the last 12 months the owners have seen utility bills that most of us could only dream of. Typically the average gas bill on these family homes is coming in at less than £30 per month, with some homes hovering nearer to £15 per month.

“The low running costs experienced by our customers are a tremendous vindication of the hard work we put into these house designs” Ashley Walters, Igloo Regeneration.
Benefits:

- Low capex and a hugely competitive £ per point in SAP
- Offers developer a cheaper alternative to MVHR, Solar PV or Triple glazing
- The RV3 remains one of the most cost effective solutions to achieve the new demands of Part L 2013
- The RV3 is around 60% efficient, depending on flow rate
- Customers benefit from reduced heating costs
- Zero issues with RV3, post installation on units installed
- Showersave is a “fit and forget” technology

The aim of this project was to design and build homes which were energy efficient and commercial viable. The Showersave RV3, albeit only one element of the overall build has contributed towards achieving the project objectives. The simplicity and cost-effectiveness of Showersave makes it an attractive technology for projects aimed at reducing energy and maintenance costs.

In bringing the Hobart and Pitcairn project to market, Blueprint has demonstrated that commercially funded private housing can be delivered alongside greatly increased energy efficiency.

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