

People Exploring Low Energy Homes

Fallowfield, CB4 1PG

Ginnah Bakri:

Ginnah began renting her semi-detached home in 2004. She became interested in eco renovation when her property was renovated by her landlords the Hundred Houses Association.

Overview

Age, Type: Built 1938, semi-detached.
Wall type: Solid wall, 56m²
Project timescale: Approx. 2.5 months
Cost of build: £12,000 VAT, less £4,000 plus VAT as a grant

Savings: A similar Hundred Houses tenant is saving almost half of what they used to pay for gas.

Key features

- External wall insulation
- Loft insulation
- V Meter
- New double glazing
- Low energy lighting
- Low energy appliances



Low Energy Measures

Insulation and glazing: Insulation is one of the key strengths of this home, having been fitted with external wall insulation. Their neighbour has also had it fitted which has maintained a uniform appearance to the both houses. New double glazing has also been fitted.

Appliances and lighting: Another main feature in Ginnah's home is that she installed low energy lighting throughout the property as well as uses low energy appliances for her day to day living.



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Performance

The house now performs to meet Ginnah's needs for a more comfortable home all year round. She says that it has allowed her to make major savings to her gas bill in winter. Prior to the renovation she was only heating 2 or three rooms in the house and even keeping all of the doors closed with the thermostat set on level 4 of the house was still cold. After the renovations Ginnah finds that she can switch the thermostat on to level 2 and the whole house is very comfortable. She's also found a significant improvement in summer, with house remaining much cooler on hot days.

Future Plans

Ginnah is happy with the result and has no immediate plans for further changes.

Professional Contacts

Hundred Houses Asset Manager – Gavin Solomon

Employers Agent and CDM co-ordinator – Paul O'Leary
BS Initiatives

Contractor – Ben Warren Building Contractor or
Fordham

Project Manager – Samantha Moor, Icen Homes Limited
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