



Case Study:

Wigan - Renewal Area facelift schemes



The Scheme: Wigan Council often has to rebuild the external skin of terraced houses as part of its Renewal Area Facelift Schemes. These houses usually have solid walls or very narrow cavities.

Construction: Wigan have taken the approach of stepping the new skin of brickwork out by 20 mm at DPC level and, together with the fact that new metric bricks are slightly narrower than the old ones they replace, they create a cavity in which up to 50 mm of Dry Therm or Kingspan insulation is installed.

This has proved to be an excellent method of adding wall insulation to traditionally hard to treat homes, thereby improving Energy Efficiency and reducing Fuel Poverty.

In 2006/07, Wigan Council completed 167 Renewal Area Assistance schemes at a cost of £2.7 million with the aim of increasing the supply of affordable decent homes and preventing area decline. The average cost of an RAA scheme for each house is £16,000 from the Council and £1,800 from the householder.

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