

Case Study: Housing Association Flats - Bridgwater

Somerset-based Housing Association Homes in Sedgemoor has once again specified Metrotile lightweight steel roofing, following their use of our roofing products on their successful ongoing Cornish Unit refurbishments. Instead of an estate of homes, the subject for renovation this time was the flats at Canal View, located in Bridgwater, Somerset.

Canal View is a purposed-built block of flats, containing six homes and also a pair of shops at street level. The building has had copper sheet roofing since then and due to its age, it had began to deteriorate. This was enabling water penetration, which in turn caused damage to the strawboards underneath the sheeting before leaking into the homes of residents.

Although minor works had been carried out on the copper sheets over the years, HiS realised that it would be more cost-effective to go ahead with a full roof replacement than to continue the increasingly less-effective repairs and began to weigh up their options for a new roof material in January 2018.

Nick Causer, Surveyor for Homes in Sedgemoor states; *“HiS discussed various options for this, including concrete/clay tiles, corrugated roofing sheets and the Metrotile system. A decision was made, that due to the clean and distinct finish, the pitch of the roof and the cost benefits, HiS opted for the Metrotile system. Another major consideration was that Homes in Sedgemoor has previously worked with Metrotile on numerous projects and was fully aware of the advantages of using the Metrotile products.”*

The low weight of the Metrotile roofing system – just one seventh of the weight of slate or clay roof tiles – ensured Homes in Sedgemoor a rapid installation of the roof at Canal View. Contractors Jones Building group and sub-contractors Davey Roofing – no strangers to installing Metrotile roofing – were able to re-roof the entire building and have the completion signed off in just four weeks during March and April.

The new Metrotile Bond roof – consisting of 640 bronze Metrotile Bond profiles offers a stunning improvement over the previous material in aesthetics, security, insulation and of course protection against the elements – Metrotile roofing is guaranteed weatherproof for forty years, offering extra peace of mind to Homes in Sedgemoor and the residents at Canal View, as noted by Davey Roofing South West’s Project Manager Wayne Middleton:

“The durability of the Metrotile product combined with the fixing method provides a low whole life cost. Only annual clearance of any rainwater goods will be required going forward and with the Metrotile guarantee, this offers complete peace of mind for Homes In Sedgemoor”

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