

## Case Study: New Charter Housing Trust

**New Charter Housing Trust is one of the UK's premier Social Landlords and is responsible for a stock of over 18000 homes in the Manchester and Cheshire areas. To maintain such a large stock of homes requires the use of reliable, durable materials and the rooftops are no exception to this rule.**

For New Charter Housing, the specification of an apparently 'niche' product on a special requirement project lead to the discovery of a roof tile with an abundance of benefits that would soon be applied to many New Charter Housing Trust Projects.

The Housing Trust's first encounter with Metrotile Lightweight Steel Roof Systems was during a refurbishment project at Pendle House, Denton. A home for the elderly, the building needed a new roof but couldn't accommodate traditional products due to large spans between the trusses and the need for reduced weight on the supporting structure. Metrotile was chosen due to the lightweight and eight-pan profile design. It was after this project that the many benefits of Metrotile Lightweight Steel Roofing became apparent to New Charter Housing Trust and more projects swiftly followed;

Paul Hadfield, Senior Quantity Surveyor and Project Manager, New Charter Housing stated – *"We were able to install large areas of roof quickly thanks to the lightweight nature of the material. The finished rooftops looked like a traditional tiled roof and completely transformed the area"*

Bushyfield in Hyde is an estate that consists of prefab BISF homes. Due to the nature of BISF building structures, a lightweight roofing material was required and once again New Charter Housing Trust chose Metrotile, reinvigorating the BISF rooftops with a modern material that doesn't inflict unnecessary strain on the structure and foundations of the homes.

When discussing this, Paul Hadfield stated; *"We had particular structures that required a light weight solution which also had the benefit of giving the appearance of a traditional tile. Your system proved ideal for the light weight structures of the BISF homes on the Bushyfield Estate in Hyde"*

Metrotile looks forward to the continuing relationship with New Charter Housing in the years ahead.

