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Case Study: Guinness Trust installs LoftZone

Guinness South becomes first affordable housing provider to adopt LoftZone system

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Guinness South has installed the LoftZone insulation protection and safe access system in 65 of its properties in south London.

The work was done in conjunction with a re-roofing contract and was managed by Lakehouse Contracts Ltd. In addition to the standard LoftZone deck, handrails and toe-guards were fixed alongside the deck, for additional safety.



LoftZone has developed a raised decking for lofts, which protects insulation from compression, whilst allowing safe access to workers. Recent research by the National Physical Laboratory and Carbon Trust has shown that loft insulation is compressed in most UK houses, and that this reduces its effectiveness by 50-60%. The LoftZone raised decking won Best New Invention 2013 at the Ideal Home Show in London.

Chris Wait, Head of Programme and Planning, was pleased that the LoftZone loft decking product had come onto the market. He said: "We find that there's a lack of knowledge out there about the importance of protecting loft insulation, as it doesn't perform as well if it's squashed. The LoftZone platforms provide that protection and they also provide safe access routes to components that need repairing; such as water tanks. We intend to continue using the systems when replacing roof coverings."

"Increasingly there is more and more need to enter lofts to maintain equipment there. Safe access is something that we take very seriously, but until we saw the LoftZone product, there was no easy way to provide this without compromising on the insulation".

"Guinness South is on the lookout for innovations that help our customers and increase safety; LoftZone's products do both."

Paul Gooch, Business Development Director of LoftZone, welcomed the leadership shown by Guinness and said: "LoftZone's raised decking will be popular as it is the only way to meet Parts K, L and P of Building Regulations, as well as the Working at Height safety Directive"

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