



Case Study

Coach House - Graven Hill



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Interview with the client Erlind Hoxha

1. What made you choose Graven Hill?

I was initially attracted to Graven Hill because the proximity of the train station nearby made it a very convenient location for me.

2. What attracted you to the Coach House?

I loved the modern design and the contemporary aesthetic - its the building style of the future! It was much more interesting to me than the boring, old-fashioned red brick houses. It was also way under budget for me, and I really feel like it was a fantastic offer for the price.



3. What do you like best about your new home?

The MVHR (Mechanical Ventilation with Heat Recovery) system, I like it a lot. I really appreciate the cleaner air! I also love how energy efficient the house is as this was an important factor for me. Its much bigger than I thought as well; its a one-bedroom house but I could very easily turn the office into a second bedroom if I ever need it.



4. Did you know anything about Passivhaus prior to enquiring about the Coach House?

I'd heard about eco-houses and things like that before but I have to be honest I didn't know that much about Passivhaus or the Beattie Passive system. However after doing my research, I was very impressed with how energy efficient a Passivhaus is, and so become more interested in owning a Passivhaus home.

5. Have you noticed any of the benefits of Passivhaus during the short while you have been in your new home?

The bills! I've not been here for long, but already I've noticed a significant reduction in my gas bill. The new triple-glazed windows are excellent for noise cancellation - I shut my windows and I can't hear anything from outside, even with builders all around the house! I've also noticed that, with the MVHR, bad smells from cooking

and condensation in the bathroom are removed so quickly and these are never a problem anymore.

6. Any additional benefits you have experienced?

At some point in the future, I would like to build an extension onto my home. That's why the Beattie Passive system is so good - I know the house was built in a way to make future work like this easy to accommodate.

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