

## Notting Hill Housing Trust – Bounds Green Enfield Main Contractor Durkan



More than 250 homes which have lain unused in North London for three decades have been brought back to life with windows and doors from social housing fenestration specialist Asset Finline.

Working in conjunction with Main contractor Durkan, refurbishments on the 1920s-built properties in the Bounds Green area of North London have provided much needed affordable houses and flats in the Enfield Council area.

Durkan was appointed by Notting Hill Housing Trust, who, working in partnership with Enfield Council acquired the homes from Transport for London (TfL) in 2010, to refurbish the properties.

Despite the shortage of housing in the capital, the homes have been largely uninhabited since the 1970s when the government purchased them with a view to demolishing them as part of expansion plans for the busy A406 North Circular Road. That ambition was never realised and the homes simply fell into disrepair,

with many attracting squatters. Other social problems developed including fly tipping, neglect, and overgrown vegetation which made some of the homes in the area uninhabitable.

As many as 50 homes were illegally occupied which required all contractors and sub-contractors to work in partnership with Notting Hill Housing Trust and the local community police to sensitively evict squatters and secure the properties as quickly as possible.

*"Their continued service from survey through to install and their quality product has been essential to the success of the programme and I look forward to working with Asset Finline again in the future."*

**Michael Wright, Senior Contracts Manager for Durkan**

### Key deliverables for project;

- Significant programme
- Working in partnership
- Variety of subcontractors working together
- Transformation from squats to decent homes

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