

Local Charity Residents given Level Access Showering thanks to Marmox

As a manufacturer whose product range is synonymous with wet rooms and high specification bathrooms, Marmox has supplied ten of its specialist Showerstone level access trays for an apartment development in Newark, aimed at those likely to have mobility issues. The new-build project at Parsons Mount on the town's King's Road, is being built for a local charity by Taylor Pearson Construction Ltd., and will eventually provide 22 high specification dwellings for retirees.

Guy Taylor Associates is the regional architectural practice leading the widely acclaimed and sustainable project. Phase 2, where the trays have been used, has created ten, one bedroom flats, on two floors where, on the ground floor the Marmox Showerstone trays were set within a screeded floor, while those upstairs have been installed into the timber joists to maintain level access.

All of the 1200 x 1200mm Marmox trays were supplied via the Chesterfield branch of SIG. The Contracts Manager for Taylor Pearson Construction, Matt Hodgkins commented: "Although we are active across all sectors in the Lincolnshire/Nottinghamshire area, we had not previously used Marmox products. We were seeking a high quality shower tray to meet all the challenges for this job and actually identified Marmox Showerstone, working with the architect, on the Internet. The feedback that I got from our operatives on site who fitted them was that they were not difficult to install and they offer a good base for the vinyl flooring to be applied."



A spokesperson at Guy Taylor Associates added: "Sustainability was a major criterion from the start and the properties were designed with this in mind and have achieved high scores in rating systems such as the Code for Sustainable Homes, Housing Quality Indicators and Lifetime Homes. All units feature full disabled access as well as flexible living spaces which can be customised to suit the needs of individual occupants and specifying the Marmox level access shower trays matched in perfectly with the accessibility requirements."

The Showerstone is a solid shower base that can be laid directly onto timber joists without any further support needed but in this instance, it was the ideal solution for the whole project, being that it could also be sited into conventional cement based screed.

Strong enough to support a load of 600kg, the Showerstone is made with a combination of polymer-concrete and GRP material, which makes it almost unbreakable and robust enough to allow vinyl or mosaic tiles to be laid on top, without the risk of compression through point loading.

The base profile, which slopes from an outside thickness of 22mm down to 5mm, is designed to be compatible with the Marmox McAlpine drain which is supplied in two versions: for tile or the vinyl flooring applications.

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