



Improving Resident Satisfaction with Retrofit

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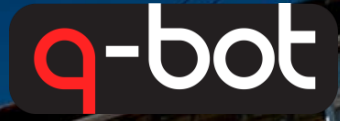


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2. Background – Q-Bot



2. Background – Many of our homes are > 100 years old



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OF N. EUROPE'S HOMES
ARE 'HARD TO TREAT'

THE UK HAS

6.5m

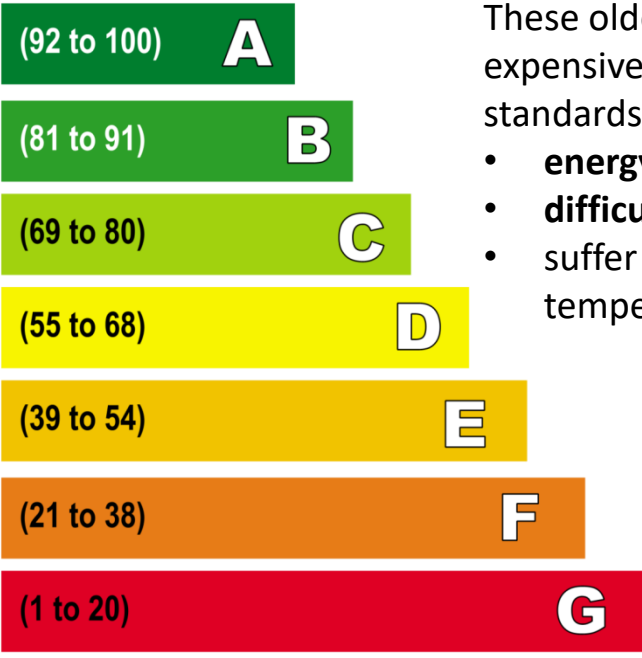
'HARD TO TREAT' HOMES

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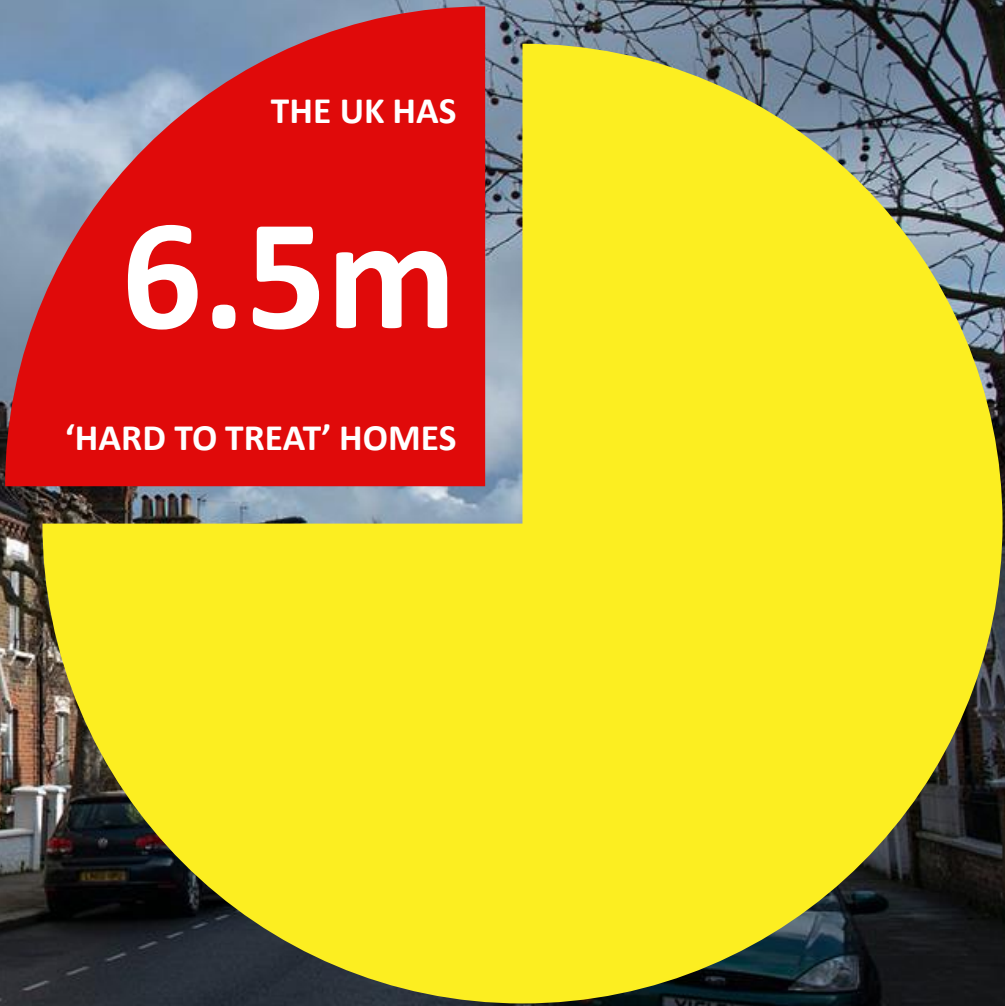
1. Opportunity – These older homes are energy inefficient



These older properties are difficult and expensive to bring up to modern standards. This means they are often:

- **energy inefficient;**
- **difficult to heat;** and
- suffer from **cold draughts** and uneven temperatures.

They therefore have some of the worse EPC ratings, typically E-G.



1. DECC, Digest of UK Energy Statistics, 2012
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2. Background – Not many have been insulated



3%

SOLID WALLS & FLOORS

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OLDER, 'HARD TO TREAT' HOMES

70%

OF CAVITY WALLS

2. Background – Heat loss from suspended timber floors



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OF THE TOTAL HEAT LOSS CAN BE
ATTRIBUTED TO SUSPENDED FLOORS

2. Background – Heat loss from suspended timber floors



The heat loss from suspended timber ground floors includes not just **conductive heat loss** to the ground and surroundings, but also the **infiltration of cold air** through the void and floorboards, driving heat loss through the rest of the property.



The Air Changes per Hour (ACH) can be as high as **0.5 to 1** for a property with a suspended timber floor. This means that the air in a room is completely replaced every **1-2 hours**, therefore the air in the room also has to be reheated every 1-2 hours or temperatures will quickly fall when the heating is turned off.

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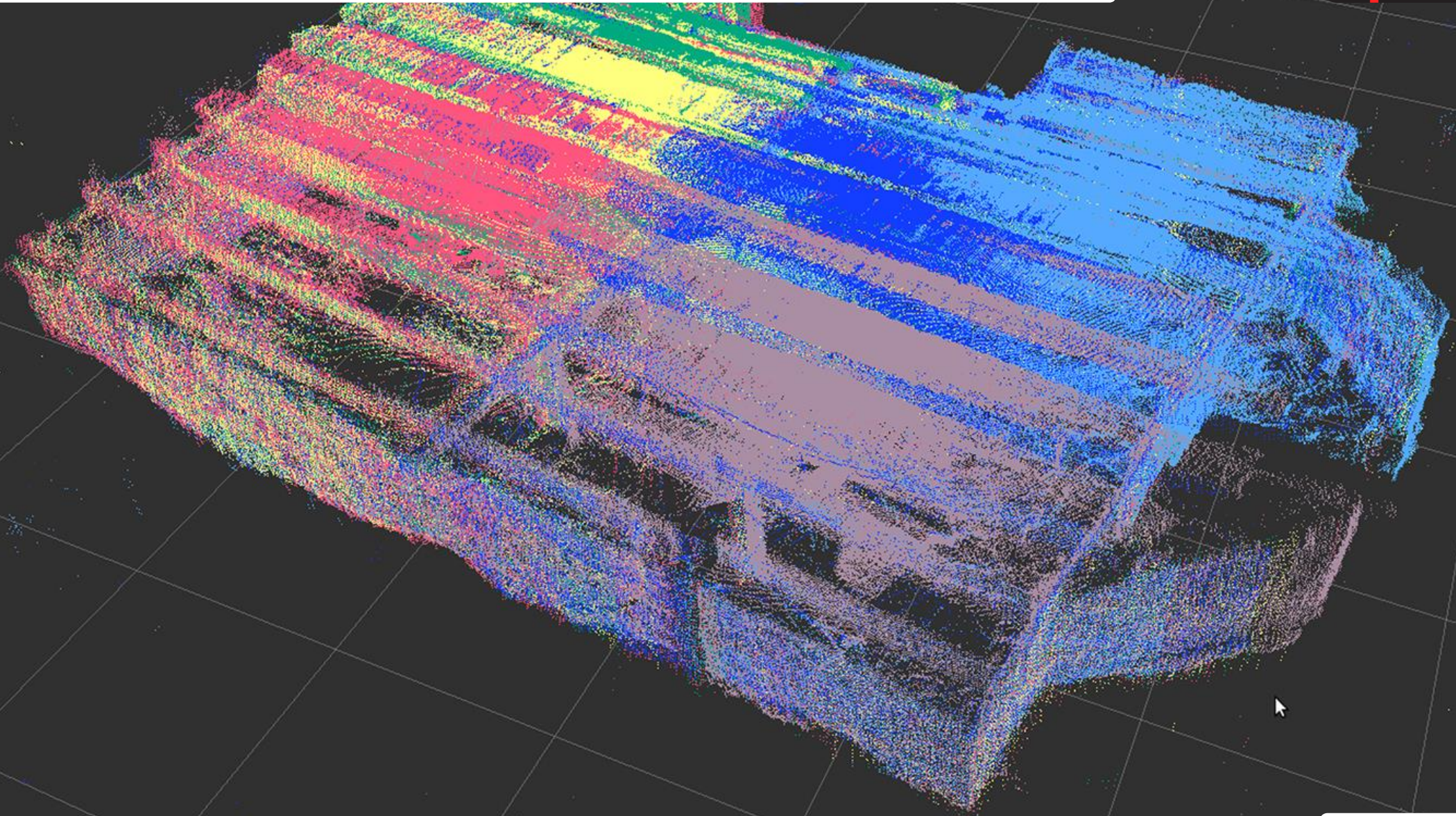
2. Background – SprayBot



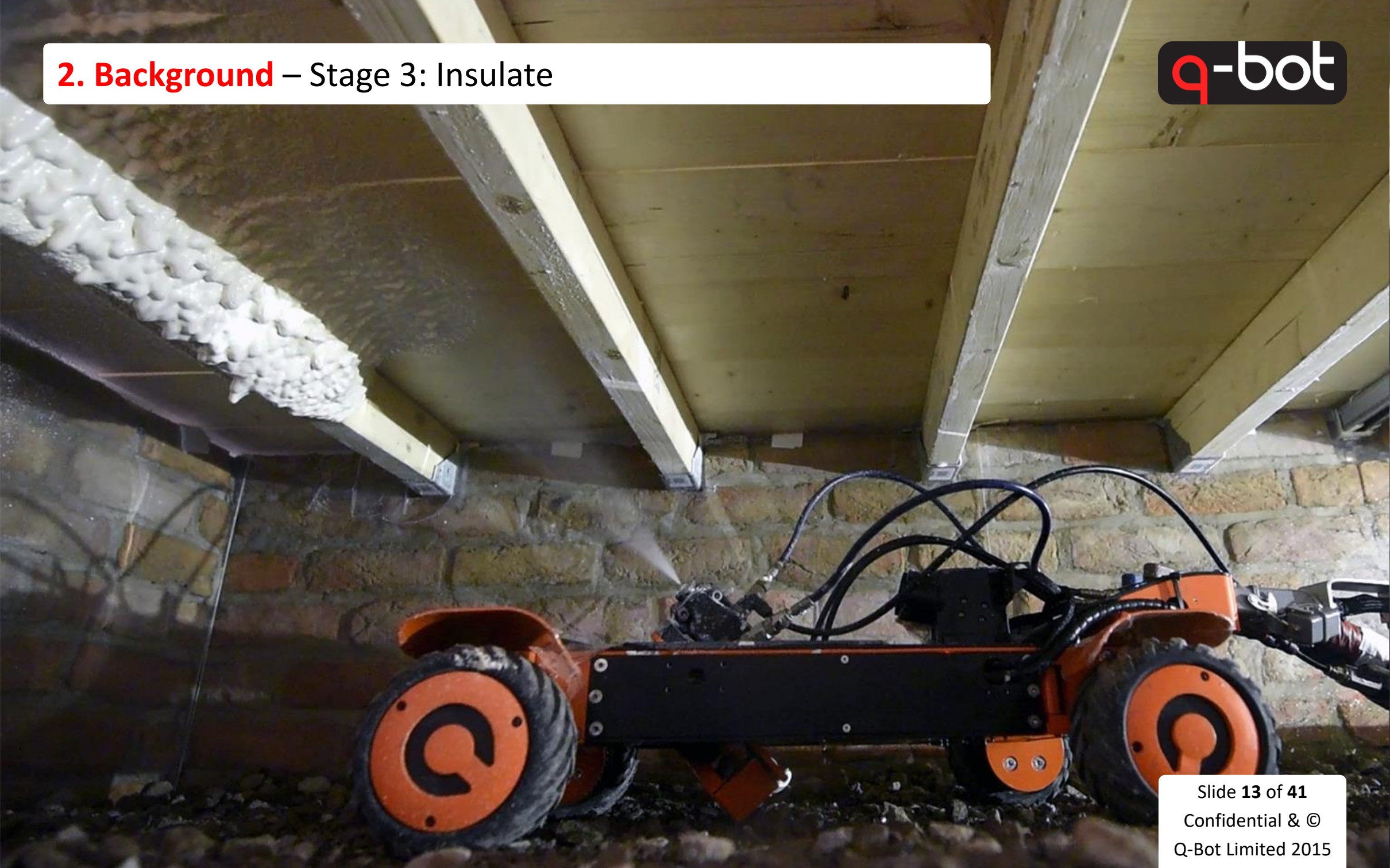
2. Background – Stage 1: Access



2. Background – Stage 2: Survey



2. Background – Stage 3: Insulate



2. Background – Stage 4: Validation of area and depth



2. Background – Customers



Camden Council



Argyll Community Housing



Metropolitan Housing Trust



Islington Council

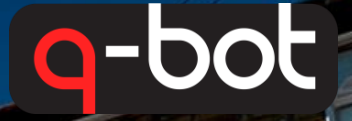


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3. Social Landlords



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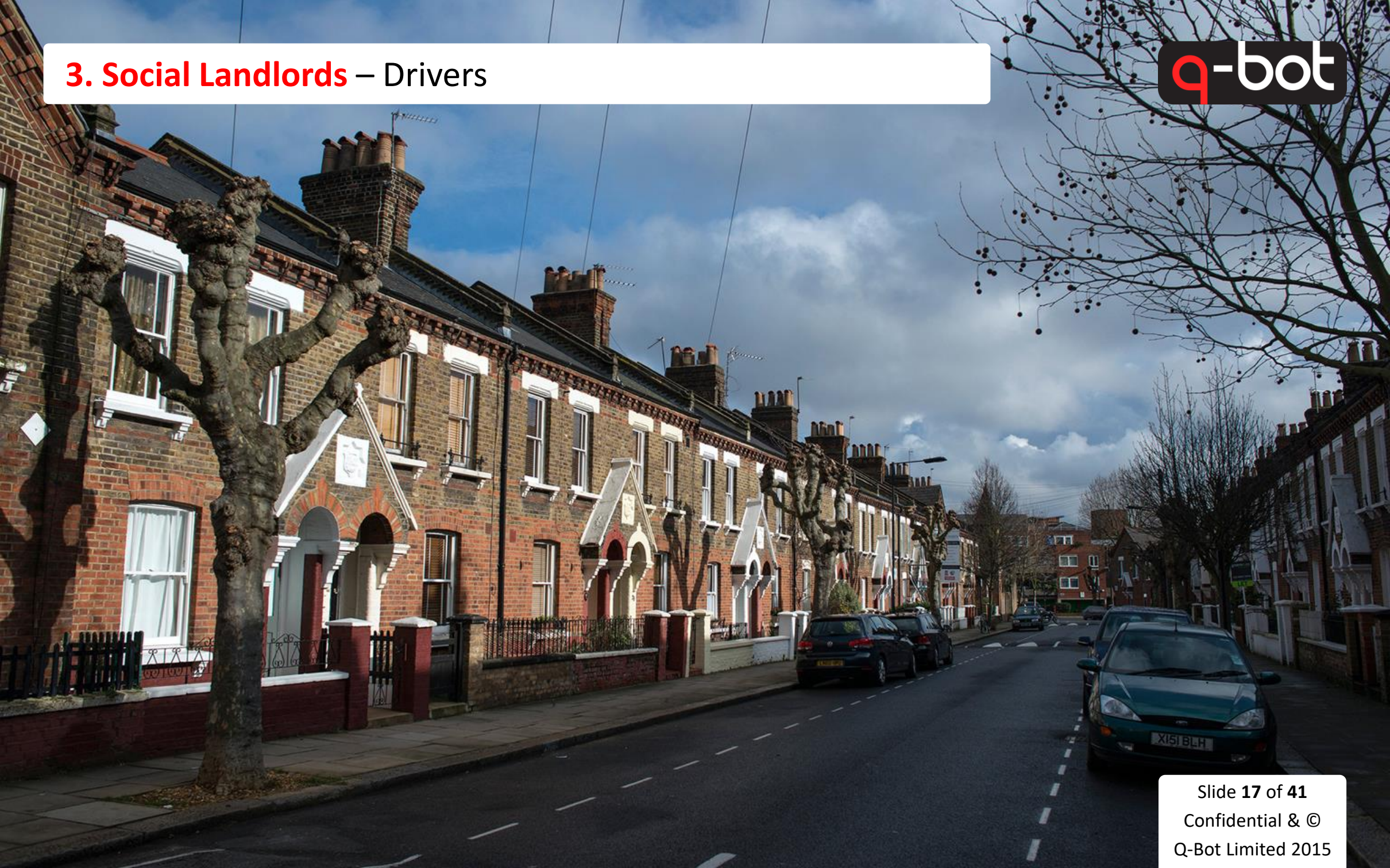
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**Decent Homes
Standards**

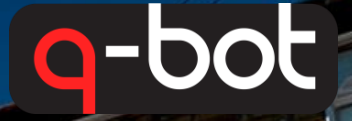
**Energy
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**Health and
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**Maximise
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**Minimise
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4. Impact



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4. Impact – How we measure impact



- 1. U-Values** – Calculated using ISO standard method.
- 2. Air-Tightness** – Tested according to ATTMA standard.
- 3. SAP Assessment** – Completed by qualified third party.
- 4. Questionnaires** – Speaking to the person who lives in the home.

4. Impact – Cost effective energy saving solution



Measurement	Before	After
U-Value:	0.7 to 1.3 W/m ² K	0.2 W/m ² K
Air Permeability:	8.4 to 20.7 m ³ /m ² .h	4.4 to 16.5 m ³ /m ² .h

80%

IMPROVEMENT IN U-VALUE

27%

IMPROVEMENT IN AIR PERM.

5.7pts

IMPROVEMENT EPC SCORE

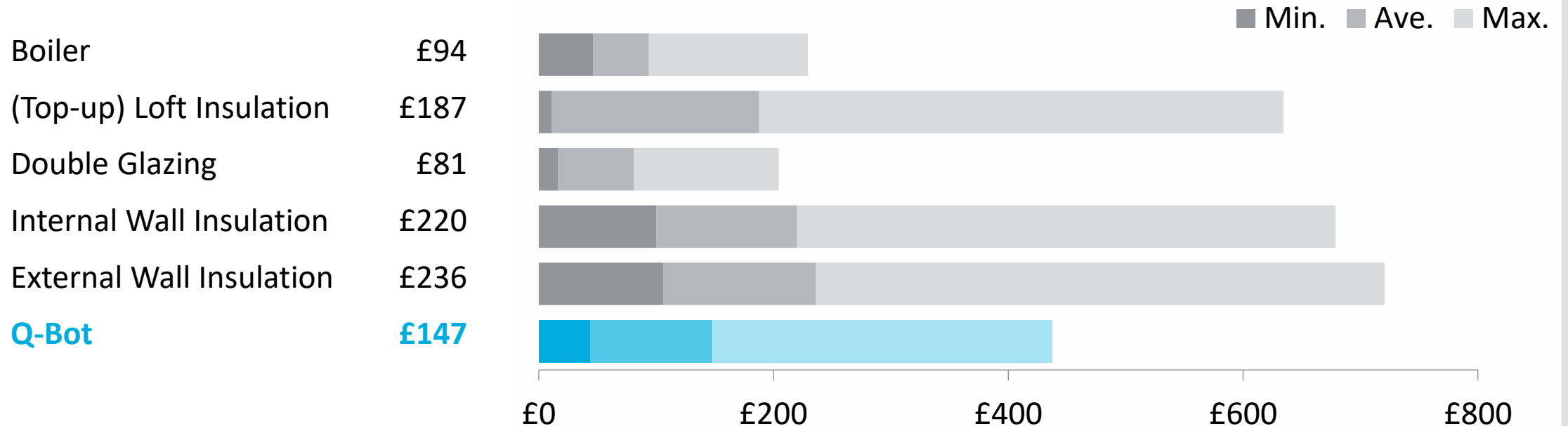
24%

REDUCTION IN ENERGY USE
CO-HEAT TEST

4. Impact – Cost effective energy saving solution



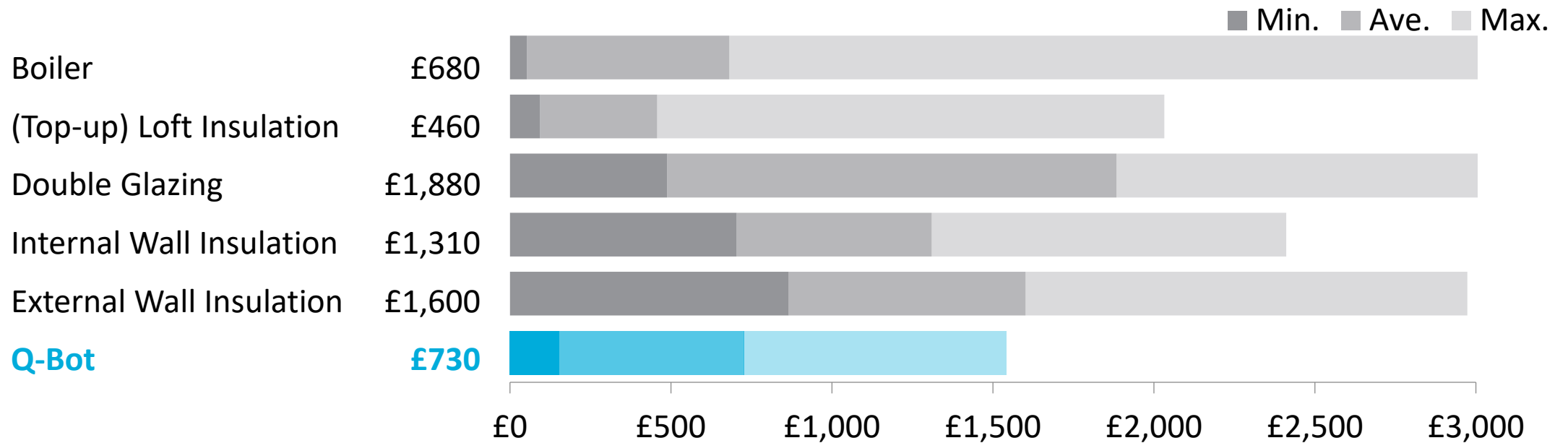
Average Energy Savings (£ saved per year)



4. Impact – Cost effective energy saving solution



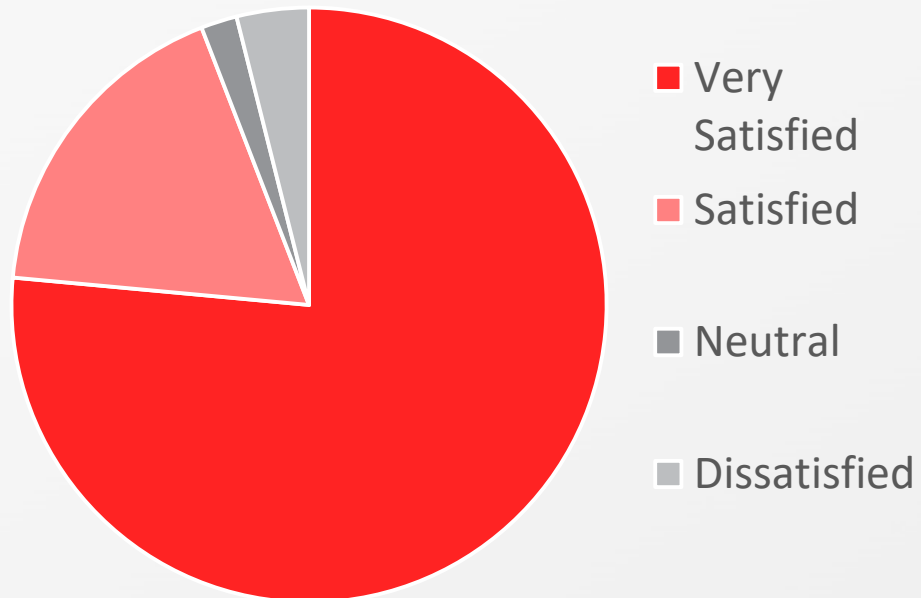
Average Cost Effectiveness (£ per EPC Point)



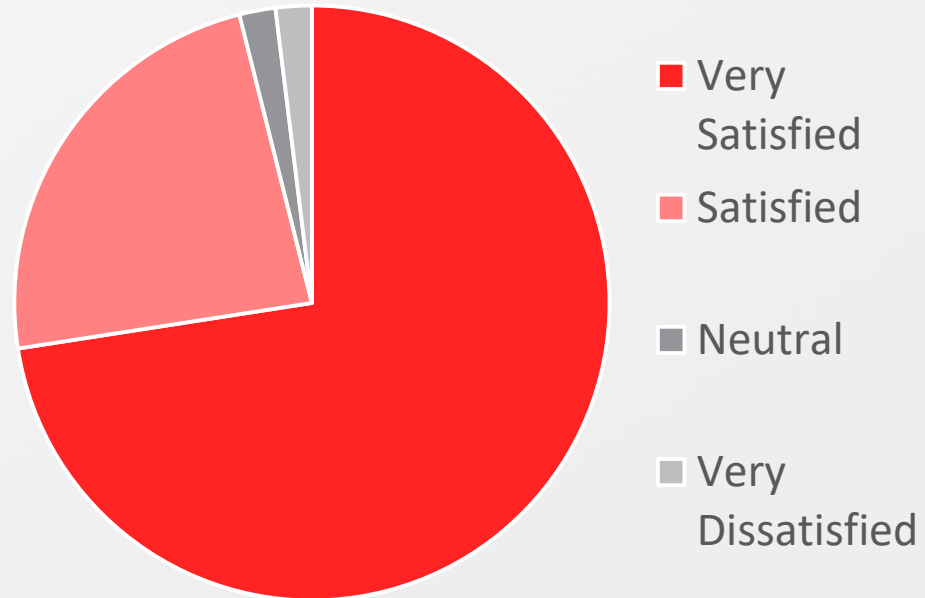
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How satisfied were you with the installation process, in terms of disruption?



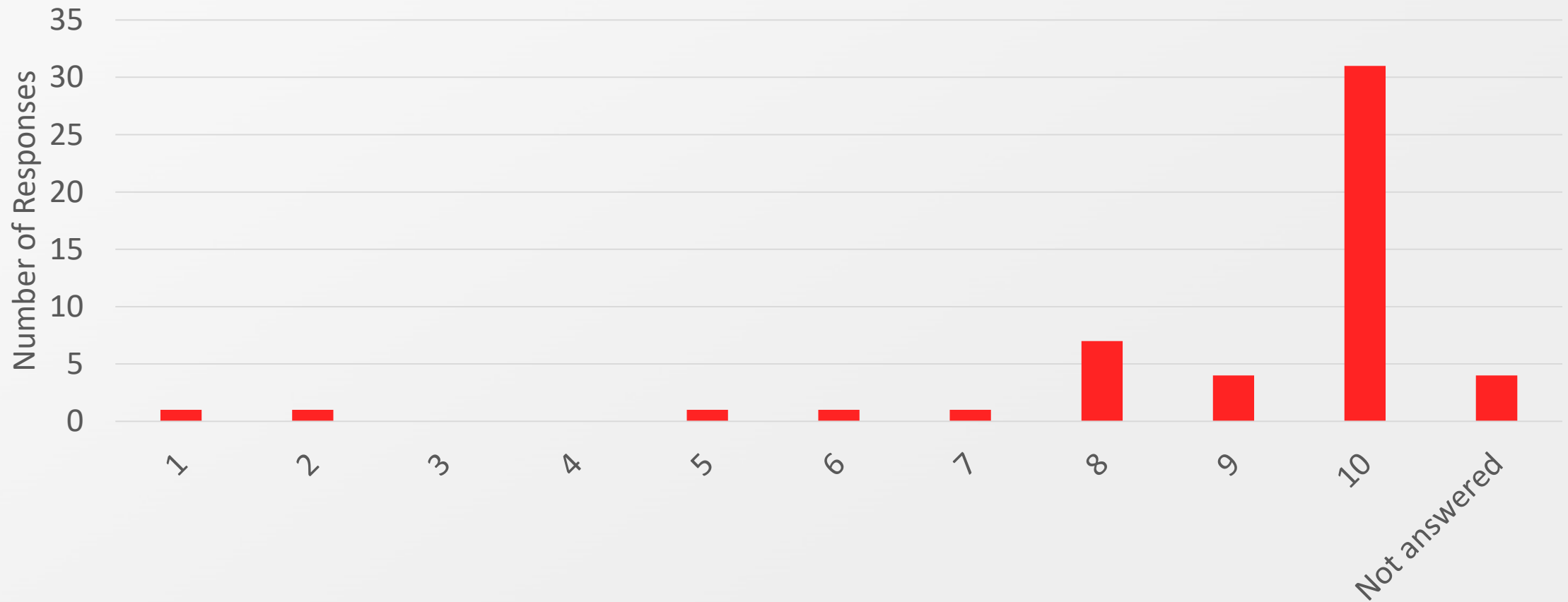
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How likely would you recommend Q-Bot to other residents (on a scale of 1 not at all to 10 highly recommend)?

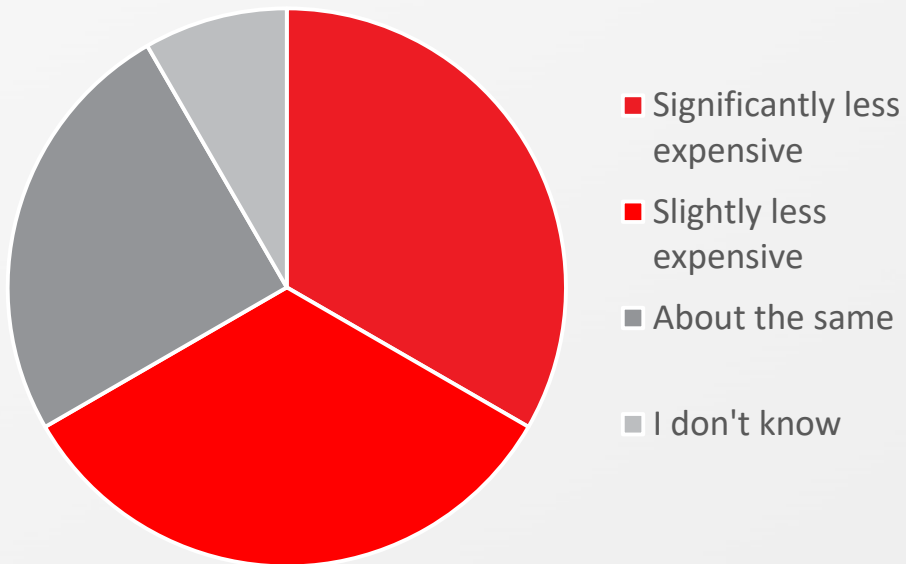


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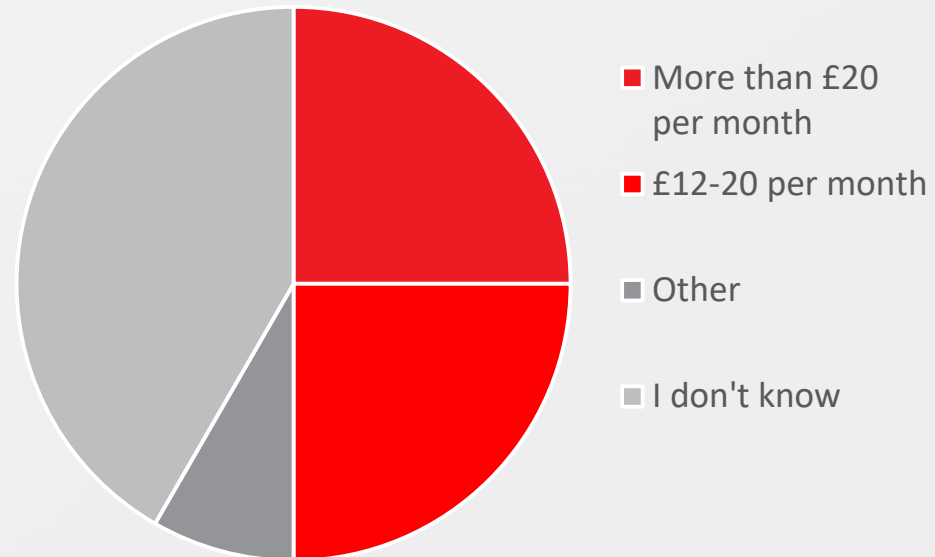


Residents of properties where Q-Bot installed floor insulation more than 6 months ago had more time to assess the difference to energy bills during the colder months.

Have you noticed any change in your energy costs, since having the floor insulated?



Do you know how much you're energy costs have changed?



4. Impact – Feedback from the residents



“I am absolutely delighted. My flat has never been described as cosy before. It is warm, quieter and there are less cold draughts.”

“I have definitely noticed a difference. The property keeps the heat better, stays warm and is a lot less draughty now.”

“The work was done efficiently and at all times politely.”

“Much warmer – I now make more use of the ground floor, before the heating just couldn’t make it warm.”

“It has been great over this cold snap, it’s been much warmer and I’m spending less on heating.”

“I’m not using the heating as much as before as the flat holds the heat much better.”

“Friends no longer comment on my flat being freezing.”

“It does feel warmer in here, it did immediately.”

“No draughts up the floorboards, which is great.”

4. Impact – Co Heat Test: Wakefield District Housing



80%

IMPROVEMENT IN U-VALUE

39%

IMPROVEMENT IN AIR PERM.

4.4pts

IMPROVEMENT EPC SCORE

24%

REDUCTION IN ENERGY USE

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4. Impact – Case Study: Argyll Community Housing



Measurement	Before	After
U-Value:	1.2 W/m ² K	0.2 W/m ² K
Air Permeability:	14.6 m ³ /m ² .h	10.7 m ³ /m ² .h

83%

IMPROVEMENT IN U-VALUE

27%

IMPROVEMENT IN AIR PERM.

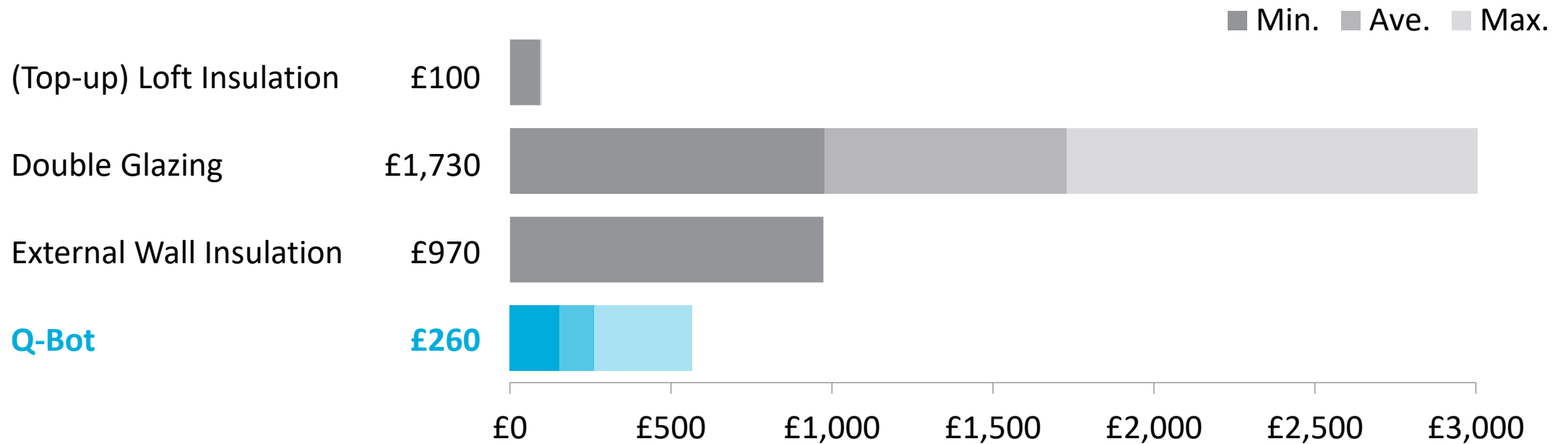
14 pts

IMPROVEMENT EPC SCORE

4. Impact – Cost effective energy saving solution



Average Cost Effectiveness (£ per EPC Point)



4. Impact – Example: Two Storey End Terrace House



82%

IMPROVEMENT IN U-VALUE

32%

IMPROVEMENT IN AIR PERM.



Before the installation



After the installation

17 pts

IMPROVEMENT EPC SCORE

4. Impact – Example: Two Storey End Terrace House



“When it comes to Q-Bot ‘Let them in’. I am so impressed. Better than a great job, thanks very much.”

- Comments on a post-installation survey.

4. Impact – Case Study: Camden Council



Measurement	Before	After
U-Value:	0.84 W/m ² K	0.18 W/m ² K
Air Permeability:	15.8 m ³ /m ² .h	10.8 m ³ /m ² .h

78%

IMPROVEMENT IN U-VALUE

32%

IMPROVEMENT IN AIR PERM.

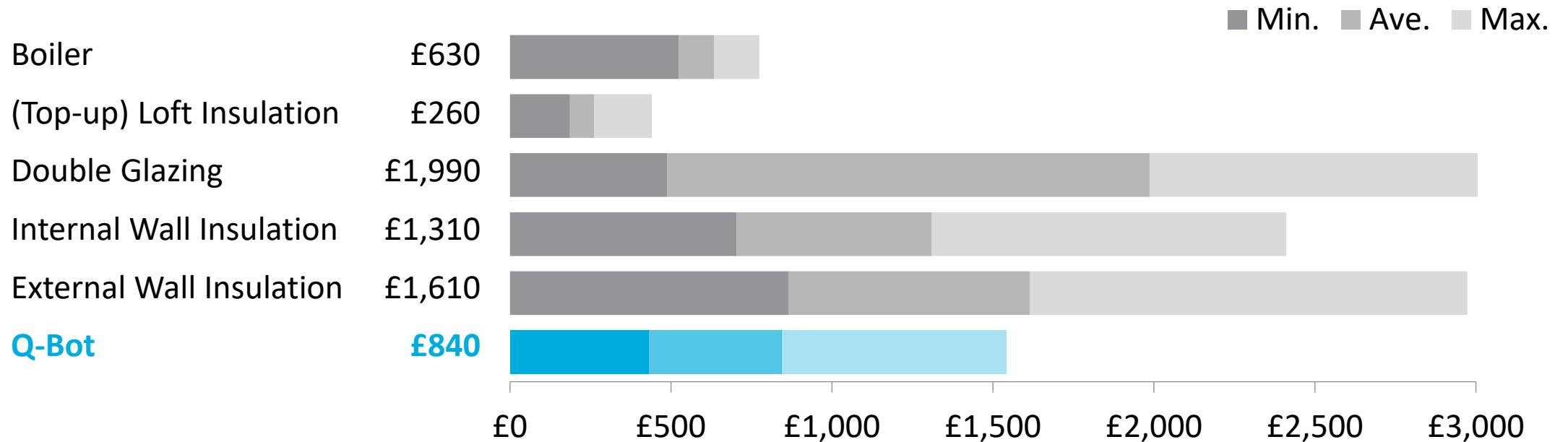
3.7 pts

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Average Cost Effectiveness (£ per EPC Point)



4. Impact – Example: Ground Floor Flat



74%

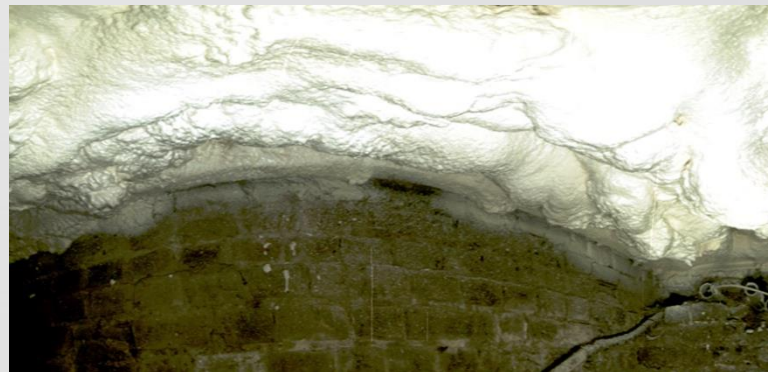
IMPROVEMENT IN U-VALUE

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IMPROVEMENT IN AIR PERM.



Before the installation



After the installation

6.1 pts

IMPROVEMENT EPC SCORE

4. Impact – Example: Ground Floor Flat



“I am much warmer, and I’m saving £20 per month on bills. I love Q-Bot. It has made a massive difference. Plus no more draughts.”

- Comments on a post-installation survey.

4. Impact – Case Study: Islington



Measurement	Before	After
U-Value:	1.34 W/m ² K	0.21 W/m ² K
Air Permeability:	11.2 m ³ /m ² .h	7.4 m ³ /m ² .h

84%

IMPROVEMENT IN U-VALUE

31%

IMPROVEMENT IN AIR PERM.

4pts

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