



NU-LIFE FOR 60's HOUSING ESTATES



Beauty for millions of 60s and 70s built homes was literally skin deep as architects and builders have found to their cost. The vibrant red and brown tiles used to roof our housing stock soon began to fade into a uniform grey, totally void of aesthetic appeal. The tiles still kept out the rain but the distinctive good looks were gone forever - at least it seemed that way until the announcement of a revolutionary new development from Acrypol, Britain's leading manufacturer of solutions for the construction industry.

Acrypol Nu-Life, roof tile coating did just that for fading concrete roof tiles as proved at Macrihanish on the West Coast of Scotland.

The site, built in the late 60s and consisting of some 127 homes, badly needed restoration in keeping with the original look. The concrete tiles had completely faded from the original browns and reds, envisaged by the architect.

The homes were originally used as married quarters by the Ministry of Defence and sold to a private consortium, Anglo Homes (Scotland) Ltd. The roofs, in the view of the owners, detracted from the overall look of the estate but they were still watertight, with years of useful life and didn't need replacing.

Nu-Life roof tile coating which provides a new roof visually and solves the porosity problem was the obvious answer - but would it work? Some 40 plus houses were chosen for a pilot scheme. These roofs were first high pressure hosed followed by an application of fungicidal wash - a process which also lightens the entire weight of the roof structure. This was followed by the two coats of Nu-Life - the first to seal, the second to bring back the original colour.

The results have been staggering. The 60s houses which look tired and past their best were literally transformed into their original beauty using chosen colours green, red and terracotta to blend in with the local landscape. With the addition of new cladding, fascias, soffits and in some instances conservatories, Anglo were able to refurbish the buildings at a fraction of the cost.

When totally redeveloped, the properties were sold off to private owners offering big leisure and holiday home interest. The estate is situated in the most scenic part of the West Coast, overlooking Jura, Islay and Gigha Isles and only 100 plus miles from Glasgow and was aimed at those looking for a quieter way of life.