



A district heating project installed by Attleborough-based Finn Geotherm has won a prestigious industry trophy at the national Heating & Ventilating Review (HVR) Awards 2017. The installation undertaken for housing association Flagship Group has been crowned Sustainable Project of the Year.

The HVR Awards 2017 celebrate innovation in the building services sector. The awards recognise and reward companies across the country that demonstrate excellence in their field, outstanding technology or exceptional customer service and true innovation in the way they operate or in what they produce.

The Sustainable Project of the Year Award was presented to Finn Geotherm for its ground source heat pump system, which is delivering domestic heating and hot water for 30 flats at Orchard Close in Watton, Norfolk. The first domestic heating scheme for communal use in the East of England, it will cut Flagship customers' heating bills by two thirds, creating annual savings of hundreds of pounds. In addition, it enables Flagship to dramatically reduce its maintenance costs and CO2 emissions. The project is expected to be the first of many for the housing association, with Flagship hoping to roll out other ground source heat pump systems to other customers as part of its plan to create more affordable and environmentally friendly homes.

Guy Ransom, commercial director of Finn Geotherm, said: "We are absolutely delighted to win this award for our project at Flagship. District heating offers housing associations such as Flagship a fantastic opportunity not only to dramatically reduce the cost of heating for their customers but also to have a significant impact on the organisation's carbon emissions and green credentials. Using heat pumps in this way should be the future of heating for every housing association and we're very pleased to be recognised for enabling Flagship to become one of the first to really harness the potential of district heating."

Matt Smith, Compliance Manager at Flagship, said: "To win this award is fantastic news. We have worked hard to get the scheme up and running, so to be recognised in this way is a great achievement for everyone involved. We are continually trying to improve the service we offer our customers while at the same time reduce our carbon footprint, and the system in Watton has allowed us to do both."

For more information on ground and air source heat pumps and details on Finn Geotherm, visit www.finn-geotherm.co.uk