

Loft conversion like a self-contained flat

The Bell family have lived in their property in Bedfordshire for 28 years and so when they wanted to provide their grown-up daughter with more space, moving to a different home would have been a wrench.

Dawn Bell said: “We have made lots of memories in this house and it enjoys a lovely outlook near the woods which makes it quite private, but with three grown-ups sharing a 3-bedroom property we did feel more space would be useful.”

The family started to look for larger properties and were shocked to find getting an additional bedroom in a place they wanted to live would mean spending a further £300,000 which was simply not financially viable.

“We decided to extend this property and a loft conversion was the way forward,” said Dawn. “In finding the right builder I wanted to ensure the company we worked with had enough experience and expertise to ensure that they knew exactly what they were doing and we could leave them to get on with things.”

Econoloft only build loft conversions and as we have been building them for over 40 years the family were reassured by our expertise and experience. Econoloft built a large dormer which stretched across the full length of the property. The 18 x 12 ft. space also features two Velux windows at the front and has been designed as a master bedroom with ensuite shower room.



“We are so happy with the finished result which offers a spacious and light filled room that our daughter loves,” said Dawn. “It is essentially a self-contained flat with everything she wants including internet and TV and it’s the ideal place to entertain her friends. Thanks to the insulation, we are not disturbed by their chatting or music and it gives her a sense of independence.”

Dawn was pleased with the way the Econoloft tradesmen worked and the lead carpenter/foreman ensured that they were kept informed every step of the way.

“With property prices so high in this area, we know it will be a while before our daughter can afford a place of her own, but the loft conversion has provided all of us with some much-needed space that gives everyone more privacy,” said Dawn.

When it comes to value for money the loft conversion was far more cost effective than moving home with the build, including furnishing and decorating to a high spec coming in at around £45,000.

“We know the loft conversion has added value to our home but now we have it, we are unlikely to move in the near future,” said Dawn. “The loft conversion has made family life much better for all of us and provided our daughter with her own space and independence. In addition, we now have a spare guest bedroom while our Siamese cat has claimed the other spare bedroom for herself – so everyone’s happy!”