Fast Facts:

- Typical ground floor constructed in 3-4 days
- Thermal performance values down to 0.16 W/m²K
- Air tightness values to 0.7 ac/h (n50)
- Fully integrated with the CAVALOK cavity closure system
UNiBLOCK recently supplied the system to a prominent builder in the North West of England who were undertaking a large detached property for a private client. With both winter weather and key project milestones approaching the contractor was looking for a robust building system which could deliver the speed required without compromising the client’s desire for a warm and energy efficient home. Using the UNiBLOCK system allowed the contractor to build and concrete the large ground level of the house within a week, with the added benefit that other trades could then access the ground floor ahead of schedule to complete critical works and allow the second floor to follow on soon after.

Throughout the project the contractor was supported by the UNiBLOCK technical team both on and offsite, guiding them through the build process. Such was the success of the project, the contractor is now planning to use UNiBLOCK on a subsequent multi-plot development as well as a range of other future schemes.

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