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living statement

We work in all areas of the residential sector, from small scale extensions and refurbishments of £100,000 and upwards, to bespoke houses and also multiple unit schemes. We are often involved with very challenging and sensitive designs and site contexts, whether it be designing an extension to a listed building or creating an iconic one-off contemporary design for a new build or multiple-unit scheme.

Our close working relationship with the local authorities and early involvement with associated consultants is key in successfully managing the breadth of our residential portfolio.

Central to our philosophy is that our residential design is generated by the needs of people, and the relationships and connections with the surrounding environment. We actively encourage our residential clients to consider sustainability, environmental issues and utilise natural, healthy materials where possible.





barn conversion, home counties

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The derelict barn dating back from 1860 and used for the last 150 years as a grain store is now been converted into a 4 bedroom family house/studio. Sensitivity to the locality and to the existing framework of the building formed a delicate brief between new architecture and old.

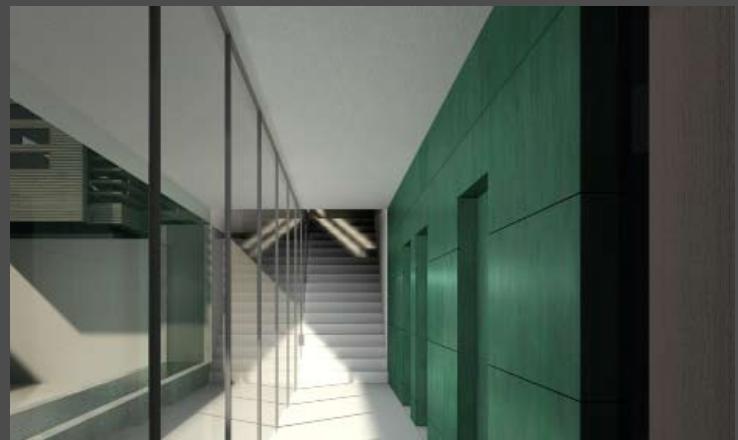
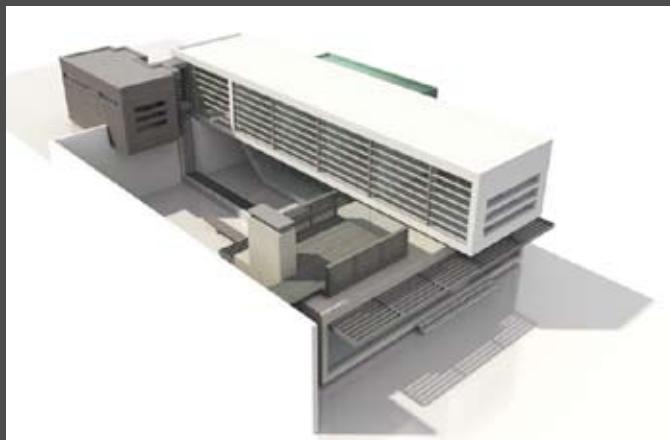
A new building was slid into the extrusion of the existing space respecting the frame and roof of the original barn. A vast fully glazed gable end with views of the local countryside forms the end of a journey through an open plan 250m² ground floor space. Cut-outs up to the upper level form triple height spaces for living and entertaining.

Centralised air, vacuum, security, data and lighting control enhance the use of spaces. Natural and organic materials were used wherever possible.



marlow, buckinghamshire

a series of "pavilions" all marked by their own materiality in response to their uses, timber, copper, render and stone



High on the hilltop overlooking Marlow and the Thames Valley sits a plot of land waiting for something to happen. The client's brief was clear, "design our family a house for a lifetime that is exciting, enjoyable, healthy, with respect to environmental, sustainable and ecological issues".

Careful analysis of the way in which the family lead their life and the spaces they required produced a series of "pavilions" all marked by their own materiality in response to their uses, timber, copper, render and stone.

These formed a specific relationship based on approach, courtyard, views and light. The results produce a startling scheme.



cedarwood

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Nestled deep within the established plot the simple series of refined linear buildings blend seamlessly and capture the innate natural beauty of their setting. Strategically positioned the buildings provide an array of landscaped courtyards each with its own distinct character.

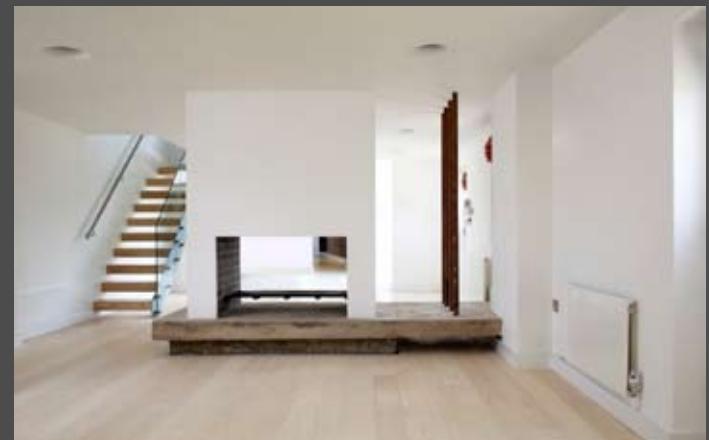
Constructed from the highest quality natural materials the buildings are designed to provide a healthy and sustainable living environment, highly insulated and filled with light. The large panels of recessed glazing which adorn the elevations provide panoramic views across the site whilst creating a series of bright internal living spaces. The glazing itself is highly thermally efficient allowing energy from the sun to enter the building whilst limiting heat loss during winter.

The internal layout provides a series of open interlinked spaces, which have been designed to reflect the ever-changing requirements of modern family life. Each space has a distinct individual character whilst working seamlessly together to create a house that works and flows effortlessly.



warwick barn

our role was to create drama and excitement to the overall joint building space which this building previously had, providing a vibrant, dynamic and innovative single interior space



This 19th century barn has had at least 2 previous lives; as a utilitarian agricultural farm use structure and as a pair of converted dwellings in the 1990's. Our role was to create drama and excitement to the overall joint building space which this building previously had, providing a vibrant, dynamic and innovative single interior space. Significant modification was made to the external envelope by further opening up areas previously boarded up with cladding to provide a flood of light to distinctive focal height spaces to the building.

By creating large volume double and treble height space for the entrance area and dining space with floating timber clad bridges provides exciting links between a series of bedrooms on the first floor level. The ground floor includes an angular processional route through the building from the vast entrance hall which leads you through, past some secondary rooms such as, utility, studio, bar and WC through to the second vast volume space of the dining room area. Continuing through the ground floor past the dining area leads you to the snug fireplace and onto the last wow space of the living room, again a treble height space with dramatic lighting on an offset back lit wall. The finishing touch to a dramatic conversion to last a lifetime and beyond.



kensworth barn

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This scheme follows on from the conversion of a recently refurbished barn structure into an additional habitable living space. The essence and character of the traditional agricultural building has been retained in the double height open plan nature of the barn.

Our modifications include the relocation of the large existing opening on the internal courtyard elevation to the rear garden elevation to take advantage of the open countryside views and improve privacy. The scale and proportions of the opening have been designed to remain consistent with the existing agricultural character of traditional farm buildings which are generic to the locality. All other openings to the barn have been kept to a minimum and reflect the scale, proportion and materiality of existing openings.

The feature double height space is accentuated through the use of a carefully considered lighting scheme and high quality tactile finishes, in conjunction with the large format glazed openings. The upper mezzanine, full height feature fireplace and change in levels creates a clever delineation of use and arrangement of spaces.



the warren, harpenden

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This significant extension and remodeling project sought to create a 50% increase to the existing building. The traditional building exterior was maintained for the purposes of planning with the new additions built in brick to match with a simple clean linear aesthetic to blend seamlessly with the contemporary lines of the interior spaces.

The open plan family kitchen and living space is flooded with natural light from the rear garden aspect featuring full height glazing along the full length of the extension. A carefully considered materials palette ensured a consistent methodology was carried through to all the internal spaces, whilst landscaping to the front and rear provided the finishing touches to bring the scheme together.



chorleywood

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A new rear and side extension to the property along with widespread remodelling on existing roof converted it into habitable accommodation achieved a totally redefined dwelling on the site. The development reflected a sensitive response to the prevailing site conditions and massing of the immediate built context. The building footprint also represents a response to the tree protection order which covers the site.

The visual treatment of the building was referenced from the local built context in order to root the proposal firmly within the character of the neighbourhood. The aesthetic treatment to the front elevation with regards to proportionality relates to the existing building ensuring visual unity and coherence is maintained.

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greystone houses

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Located in the centre of Radlett this exclusive area has generous house plots with generally substantial houses.

Our site currently has a single bungalow of no historical or architectural note. Our clients brief was to demolish the existing house and replace this with 2 generous houses, one of which to become their new house, the other to sell on.

Each house is some 600m² spread over 3 floors, which negotiate the changing levels of the site. As such the first floor from the front approach leads you through to the rear garden level.

Our proposals respond to the surroundings utilising white render, but in simple modernist forms with timber cladding and elegant glazing systems, which create a delicate blend of privacy and views.



northamptonshire barn

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Located in central Northamptonshire this village location and old traditional stone faced dwelling provided a opportunity for a simple in keeping rear extension and glazed link with a modern twist.

Sustainable features including high specification insulation, heat recovery system and ground source heat pump means that these spaces will provide the ideal long terms home for our clients.

The extent of the proposals included full refurbishment of the interior to the existing house with opening up of spaces though out and providing new en-suite and bathroom facilities. A new bespoke kitchen and glazed panelled wall were included in the original house with newly refurbished reception rooms and hallway.



essendon, hertfordshire

the clients wished for an ultra modern family home that would compliment its surroundings. The solution was to renovate and extend the existing dwelling whilst minimizing the impact on the building's existing massing



Located within the Hertfordshire greenbelt, our clients brief was to demolish the existing chalet style bungalow and replace this with a large contemporary 2-storey dwelling that better relates to the context of the site.

The proposals involved the substantial increase in existing floor area, gained through a much more efficient use of roof space in conjunction with a large open plan rear extension. The dwelling is set on a steeply sloping site, this has been fully utilised in providing a level access garage to the front of the property at first floor level whilst the creation of a semi basement space below preserve the 'openness' of the site without increasing the visible mass of the building footprint.

Our proposals respond to the surrounding woodland area with timber cladding defining two distinct floating structures connected by a double height glazed link. The open plan internal spaces respond to the surrounding countryside views.



oakridge house

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The existing generous plot located in north london had a small bungalow of some 100m2 in a somewhat derelict state, working with the planning authority and providing an exemplary piece of design and architecture we were able to provide a solution which utilises some 450m2 over 3 levels with 5 bedrooms, en-suites, open plan living, kitchen and dining space with a central light filled atrium entrance and link through to the rear.

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Each dwelling is unique in its design for its specific place, materiality and environmental regard has also been sensitively considered. The three predominant materials of timber, stone and glass have been utilised throughout to reflect and enhance the surrounding landscape, ensuring maximum appreciation for all.



sea trace, bahamas

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The wave, water or 'Sea Trace' which covers the upper elevation plays with the notion of 'nature as designer', to provide a glinting and visually moving facade. This sits on top of a predominantly glazed elevation creating a floating modernist first floor, protected from the sun by captivating screening, whilst the ground floor is set back providing a natural shaded overhang from the cantilevered first floor.



greenfield house

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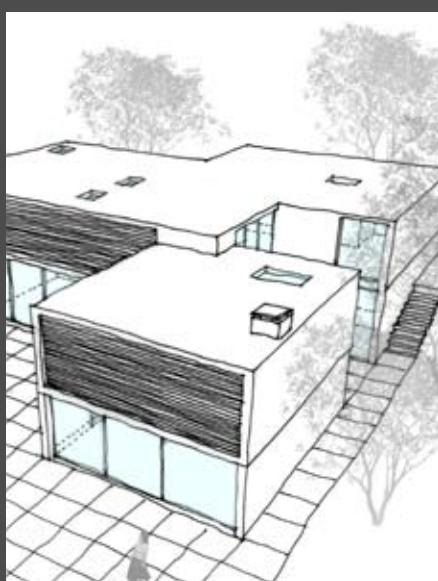
With tight planning restriction to the external appearance on the front elevation, this seemingly straight forward looking house to the street has within it dramatic open plan living spaces and luxurious specification throughout. This includes slim line 50mm bricks, triple glazing and Scandinavian specification guttering to the external envelope.

Internally, high specification fittings and fixtures, centralised controlled hot water, heating, lighting, vacuum and air systems with under floor heating through on both levels equates to the epitome of generous modern day living spaces. The rear elevation has a series of vast triple glazed sliding panels which completely open up the back of the property to the panoramic views to the rear of the site.



totteridge house

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Our clients wished to demolish the existing bungalow, and construct a new family dwelling within this generous North London site that better accommodates their needs and requirements, improves the street elevation and takes advantage of the views over the Dolis Valley. The site lies within both a conservation area and green belt so proposals require a sensitive response to planning policy.

The new design retains the existing entrance floor level, creating a level access approach to the entrance allowing for access for all. The landscaping of the land in front of the proposed dwelling is designed in a way that it directs visitors to the parking areas and then towards the entrance of the house, as well as providing a hard paving route from the site entrance to the dwelling entrance, again allowing ease of access for all. The terraced landscaping to the front of the site also allows the visitors to flow down the site towards the rear of the property, as well as providing natural light to the 'back of house' areas of the lower ground floor.

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hornchurch, essex

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The external building utilises elegant 50mm European bricks with recessed mortar joints which surround recessed panels incorporating glazing and cladding systems to provide a unifying element to differing glazing and cladding solutions.

The internal spaces utilise sustainable and energy efficient concepts whilst integrated glazing systems flood the space with natural light. Super energy efficient boilers, underfloor heating, centralised air and vacuum systems all provide for this modern house of today.





cockfosters road

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Set in its established surroundings near Hadley Wood in North London this new build 7000sq.ft house was designed to respond to its owners requirements and local planning restrictions. Traditional in its external form and architectural treatment the building is exquisitely detailed and finished to an extremely high standard.

Once inside the traditional ordered facade reveals a dramatic modern double height entrance lobby with feature glass bridge, beyond which the house opens up and draws you through to the grand terrace and pool beyond. A series of generously appointed rooms are set over the three floors whilst a large basement garage is accessed via a vehicle lift concealed within the driveway.



cuffley house

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A dramatic and contemporary reworking of this substantial dwelling set in an prestigious area of South Hertfordshire. The building was internally reconfigured and extended to provide a series of large inspiring open plan spaces which respond to the owners lifestyle.

The result delivers greater overall cohesion and an improved connection to the external spaces through the use of full height glazed openings. The internal spaces are finished to the highest specification using a range of quality neutral materials and finishes.





palmerston road

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We were invited to design for a high density mixed-use residential and commercial redevelopment scheme. A key component of the brief was to create a safe and secure environment which enhances the site and its surroundings and considers the ongoing development of the area. Redevelopment of this site creates a catalyst for further development.

The site itself was challenging by nature, due to its restricted space and proximity to a major road, this road rises steeply in front of what was to be the primary elevation. We worked carefully with zones across different levels, with commercial and office use to the ground floor, where views were restricted, and residential units above. An internal courtyard with recessed balconies and louvers screening provides privacy and acoustic screening for the residents whilst the elevated position also allows access direct from the fly-over.



watford

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Sited in the centre of Watford town centre this site sits on a major routeway into the town, historically significant since roman times, sited in between 2 listed structures, a mainline railway and on previous use mining and contaminated industrial land. Our scheme provides for some 112 apartments, including affordable housing, secure underground parking, elegant amenity space and designed with robust metalwork, brick and render detailing. Each apartment has its own timber slatted screen allowing each occupant to position related to their own particular privacy and daylight requirements.



the healthy house

exploring how a new 4 bedroom home, built to very tight space standards can respond to todays lifestyle and need to meet high levels of sustainability, whilst creating a relaxing, adaptable and contemporary environment



An open competition which explores how a new 4 bedroom home, built to very tight space standards can respond to todays hectic lifestyle and increasing need to build to high levels of sustainability, whilst creating a relaxing, adaptable and contemporary environment.

The 'healthy house' is constructed from a highly insulated 'SIP' panel system which is manufactured off-site, and is clad with both larch and an eco-lime render. The roof garden enhances the existing eco-system present on the site, whilst reducing heat loss through the roof in the winter and cooling the house in the summer. The design is based upon passive solar principles and allows the house to totally open up to the external environment. A ground source heat pump provides both the hot water and heating, whilst 'top-up' heating is provided by a wood-burning stove in the living room. A rainwater harvesting unit is provided to reduce water consumption and a MVHR unit is provided. A central vacuum unit has been provided, to ensure that the house is kept as dust free as possible. Photovoltaic tiles are built into the roof garden balustrades to provide electricity.

The design can achieve level 4 under the 'code for sustainable homes', and also meets all the requirements for 'life-time homes' and 'secured-by-design', as well as providing a highly adaptable set of spaces, which can be tailored-to-suit any age group or family lifestyle.



holt house farm

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Nestled close to a wood and glade near the Greensand Ridge within rolling countryside just outside Leighton Buzzard in Bedfordshire and the Stockgrove country estate, sits a site high on the hill with far reaching views which had a rather nondescript red brick bungalow and some small equestrian outbuildings.

Our clients sought a break from the norm and worked with us to produce a stunning dwelling which responded to the contextual tones, colours and orientation of the existing site. The proposals sought to mimic and play with the colour and tonality of the ever green wood to the rear of the site using green copper and bronze with timber and render clad pavilions that respond to the differing colours and tones which influence this site.

The ground floor has a straightforward and pragmatic plan from the entrance hall, private garages and leading through to generous wide kitchen/utility areas, through to open plan dining and leading round to open plan living areas. By turning the building through 90 degrees through the three primary activities of living afford a separation and feeling of connection but privacy to the differing activities. The upper floor with its generously proportioned bedrooms, en-suites, bathroom and master-suite along with balconies sits against the wood in its darker toned long elegant rectilinear form providing stunning views at the higher level to the landscapes beyond.



grand cayman

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Located on the North side of the island, a 0.91 acre large site on Rum Point Drive in a less developed area of Grand Cayman. The proposal consists of dividing the plot in two irregular shaped plots which will allow both land and homeowners to have a beach view from the house and vanishing edge pool. The landscape proposals are very minimalistic and location orientated, whereby vegetation is chosen to reflect plants and natural surfaces found on or next to the beach to minimise maintenance and water usage for watering.

The houses are designed to give an impression of floating, like a boat on the sea. The ground level has generous openings so that it appears lighter in comparison with the upper level which features less glazing and a higher roof upstand. The entrance elevation is solid, closed from views from the public road and with an open entrance area. Side walls are angled at 11.5 degrees to create overhangs for design aesthetic and solar shading purposes. A roof terrace as party deck with covered bar and lounge area is proposed allowing for panoramic views around the island and sea. The Southeast facing elevation is mainly solid to protect from the sun, but the north-eastern elevation is open to the beach allowing for unspoiled views towards the sea.



tomorrow's townhouse

our proposal consists of flexible multi-level terraces, expansive and lively semi-private community spaces, as well as a safe, naturally lit underground parking solution to accommodate the needs of a variety of homeowners



The proposed standard home is designed to high environmental standards and is to include features such as a groundwater heat pump, photovoltaic (PV) panels located on the roof, as well as an integrated mechanical heat recovery system. Other features include a water harvesting system, mechanical solar louvres and internal blinds controlling the level of solar gain, as well the integration of a rainwater harvesting system for use alongside the washing machine, for plant watering and WC flushing.

Carefully selected utility products will also ensure minimum energy expenditure. Additionally, each house will be fitted with an electric car charger as standard. The aim of this is to encourage homebuyers to consider the positive affects of choosing electric cars over the standard polluting vehicle.



glassbox

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A contemporary design aesthetic fused with a environmentally conscious ethos provides the perfect backdrop to modern day living. A Glassbox is an extension of your space - a stunning environment in which to work, live and play. A simple palette of high quality materials coupled with an innovative spatial concept means that a Glassbox will respond to your needs and space. Contemporary, affordable and spacious, Glassbox is a high quality addition to my home - an all season living space - always beautiful.



bulbeck mill

a collection of listed buildings converted into a luxurious family home with a contemporary twist.



Located in Barrington to the West of Cambridge, Bulbeck Mill is a collection Listed Buildings configured around a central courtyard. Nicolas Tye Architects were involved in a number of highly sensitive works to various aspects of these buildings. These works were phased over a number of months in order to most carefully deal with the planning implications involved.

We worked closely with the clients, a planning consultant and the local authority in the development of the proposals to ensure we could obtain the optimum design outcome for the site.

The proposals for the site consisted of a combination of design factors: change of use and full refurbishment of the Mill to ancillary residential use to the Mill House, conversion of the thatched barn to a music room/gym, modification of a number of windows to the Mill House thus maximising the use and views from the internal spaces, a new contemporary glazed link connecting the Mill and the Mill House. The scheme also benefitted from a full landscaping proposal to visually bring together all elements. The proposals provided a mix of residential, B1 office space and community use music hall.



east ridgeway

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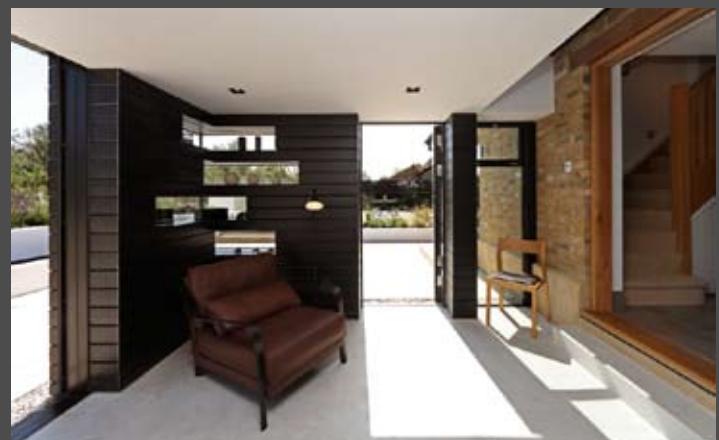
Located in an affluent area on the northern edge of Greater London close to the Green belt this replacement dwelling scheme proposed a 100% increase in floor area to the existing house and reorientated it to sit centrally on the plot and take full advantage of the views and garden to the rear. Creating a darker palette of materials means that the larger building mass is subtle to its leafy and semi urban environment. The use of more traditional materials of brick, timber frames (aluminum capped) windows with pitched roofs means that the proposals sit comfortably in their surroundings of similar formed dwellings. The spark of simple design details, large open plan spaces and generosity to brickwork and glazing provides a holistic solution which responds well to the area.

Low energy lighting, rainwater harvesting, capacity for future fit solar panels along with increased specification to insulation to the entire external envelope ensure a long term saving on energy and water consumption. The maximisation of efficiency of the plan to provide generous circulation spaces with a double height entrance area and long reaching view through to the rear garden from the entrance, along with large proportioned living and bedroom accommodation with useful large bedroom accommodation in the high raking rooflines means that the house provides some 600m² of accommodation over 3 levels.



dovecote barn

the extension provides a direct link between the barn and the garden space with level access and large sliding glazing panels which opens up the extension to the external patio area



Dovecote Barn is a contemporary rear extension project to a recently converted barn in Hertfordshire.

Our clients proposed to build a rear extension to the barn in order to create more practical living space for the family, by creating some depth to the long and narrow footprint of the existing barn. The rear extension becomes the new dining and informal social area, with direct access and visual connections to the living area and the children's play area (former dining room).

It was our objective to improve the existing barn into a more family friendly space as a whole, yet retaining the character and the linear nature of the barn. The completed extension takes the form of a simple rectangular box, with high quality materials and fittings to provide a modern living environment to the clients. It provides a direct link between the barn and the garden space with level access and large sliding glazing panels which opens up the extension to the external patio area.

The dark painted solid timber wall and some well considered glazing positions allow privacy for both the clients and their neighbours yet providing generous amount of natural light, making it an elegant addition to the property.



dingle barn

the barn conversion together with the new built wing provides a modern, sustainable residential accommodation for the owners, whilst at the same time contributing positively to the retention of the old stone barn



Located in a rural area in Herefordshire, the Dingle Barn is an existing stone built threshing barn located in a steep narrow valley, a dingle, and is surrounded by 12.5 Ha farmland.

The scheme provides living accommodation in the existing barn structure and replaces the current deteriorated wooden structure, which was used as animal shelter, with a new building attached to the existing stone barn. Due to the topographical conditions the garage will be located at the plateau above the barn in a natural fold in the land and will be covered by a grass roof.

The barn conversion to residential use together with the new built wing provides a modern, sustainable residential accommodation for the owners, whilst at the same time contributing positively to the retention of the old stone barn. The proposal will secure the place of the barn within the landscape ensuring minimal disruption to the surrounding environment. The new home for our clients will be in keeping with its rural setting, whilst ensuring a sustainable and energy efficient building fully compliant with all current regulations.



hadley wood

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The use of natural materials will provide a subtle appearance with benefits to the sites' surroundings. The proposal has been designed to blend in between the existing three storey house and open fields located to the north boundary of the site. The house proposed is designed to a high environmental standard with a low carbon footprint, incorporating a ground source heat pump with zone controlled underfloor heating, heat recovery ventilation, rainwater harvesting and grass/sedum roofs. The proposed materials will blend into the landscape, are sustainable, environmentally friendly and highly insulating. We aim to demonstrate an exemplar development with a view to achieving Code Level 5.



stockgrove, bedfordshire

the design steps down with the fall of the site and uses this level change in conjunction with the modularization of the house to create more intimate areas which emphasize and echo the topographical context of the site



A replacement dwelling within Greenbelt and Area of Special Landscape Value our proposal is designed to maintain the important features of the existing site, allowing the residents to integrate with their surroundings, reflecting the topography of the site right through to the functional layout of the dwelling, and maintaining the mature landscape so it can continue to thrive.

The new design steps down with the fall of the site and uses this level change in conjunction with the modularization of the house to create more intimate areas which emphasize and echo the topographical context of the site. It is proposed to use white render, timber louvres and elegant glazing systems that respond to the building's surroundings, blurring the division between inside-and-out.

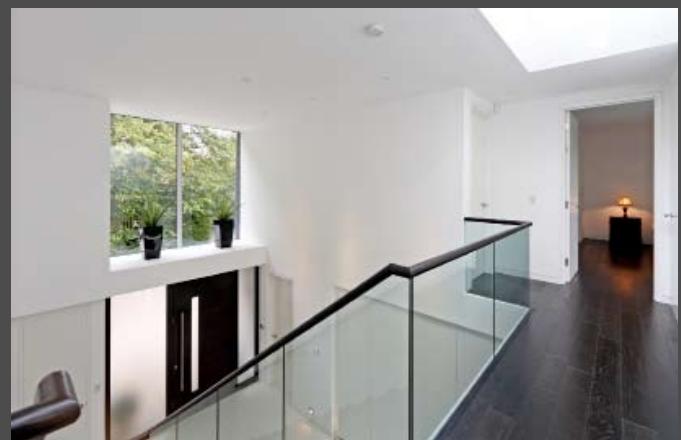
The scheme utilises locally sourced materials and a carefully considered selection of construction materials. In addition, by investigating the integration of heat pumps, rainwater harvesting and grey water recycling systems, we are further aiding the provision of an energy efficient and environmentally friendly scheme.

We have created a building of high quality design and architecture that respects the sensitive nature of the area and brings back a coherent layout integrated with the site while presenting a modern but timeless design concept.



Brixham house

the graphite black brick clad first floor rests heavily yet suspended above the glazing and white render of the ground floor, visually pulling the form down into the site



Glashaus evolved from a modest brief for a contemporary and sustainable four bedroom new build residence. Sited on a former garden plot the intent was to make the large appear small, retaining a sense of openness to the tree lined street. The graphite black brick clad first floor rests heavily yet suspended above the glazing and white render of the ground floor, pulling the form down into the site. The flat roof opens up a view of the sky and trees beyond, which combined with the narrow banding of the first floor cladding make the narrow plot appear far wider. A variety of set backs and overhangs to the ground floor amplify the effect and work with the glazing to break up an otherwise dominant form.

The proposal utilises a prefabricated shell of structurally insulated panels, affording an airtight and thermally efficient shell within which selected active sustainable systems are integrated. A controlled use of overhangs, set backs and recessed balconies to the southern elevation allow the increased use of glass without fear of excessive solar gain. Heating requirements are provided for by an air source heat pump and solar collectors located in the centre of the roof. The first floor is clad with an innovative mortarless brick system which can be disassembled and reused at the end of the buildings lifespan. The end result is a house that achieves a code for sustainable homes level 4-5 and provides a lifetime home for our clients future.



curzon park north

an elegant design solution which is not over powering when viewed from the street approach but sits discretely within the vegetation due to the sensitive choice of materials



The client's brief for this project is to create a contemporary dwelling that would explore the full potential of an interesting site adjacent to a local woodland. The four bedroom new build house would be the clients own family home, with facilities including a private gym, swimming pool, jacuzzi and a four cars garage. It was designed to respond to the constraint of trees on site and to maximise the connection between house and woodland while utilising green technology.

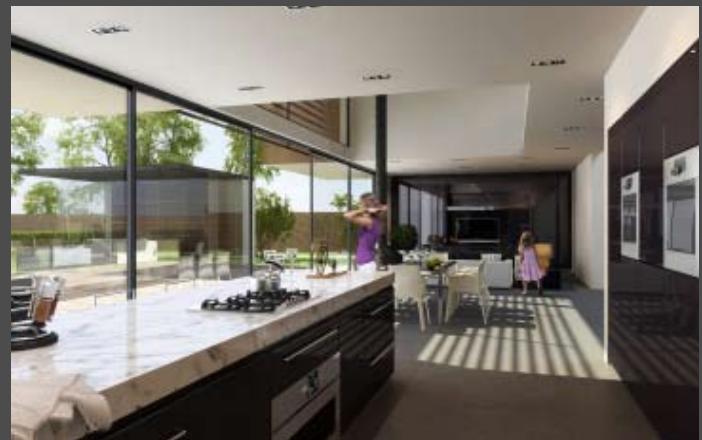
The proposed site is placed within a designated Conservation Area in Chester and sits at an elevated position over the local river and race course. The site contains dense foliage and hedges to the street front boundary and trees within the woodland to provide screening to the front and rear of the proposed dwelling.

The result is an elegant design solution which is not over powering in mass when viewed from the street approaching from either side of the road and that it sits discretely within the vegetation due to the sensitive choice of materials.



linksway, london

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Linksway is replacement dwelling project for a new build five bedroom house. The clients favour a high specification contemporary design.

Externally, the use of corten steel cladding responds to the local site context and will withstand weathering through the lifespan of the building. As you enter the house the modern, curved feature staircase leads you to the first floor level. Through the entrance lobby, the living, dining, kitchen space on the ground floor has an open plan configuration, with views and level access directly into the garden. Free standing storage units are used to divide up open plan space yet maintaining free movement within the house. There are also designated service areas such as utility room, cloakroom, larder, storage and plant room.

A separate 'secret' staircase is hidden behind a set of sliding doors of the full height cupboards leading to the basement area. The proposed basement area is primarily a leisure and entertainment, which includes an indoor swimming pool, gym, steam room, changing facilities and an open plan entertainment space.

A contemporary landscaping scheme is proposed including features such as outdoor BBQ area, external entertainment space, seating areas and strategically placed external lighting.



cruickshank street, london

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Cruikshank Street is a project in which we have taken over post planning following our client acquired the land with planning permission already in place.

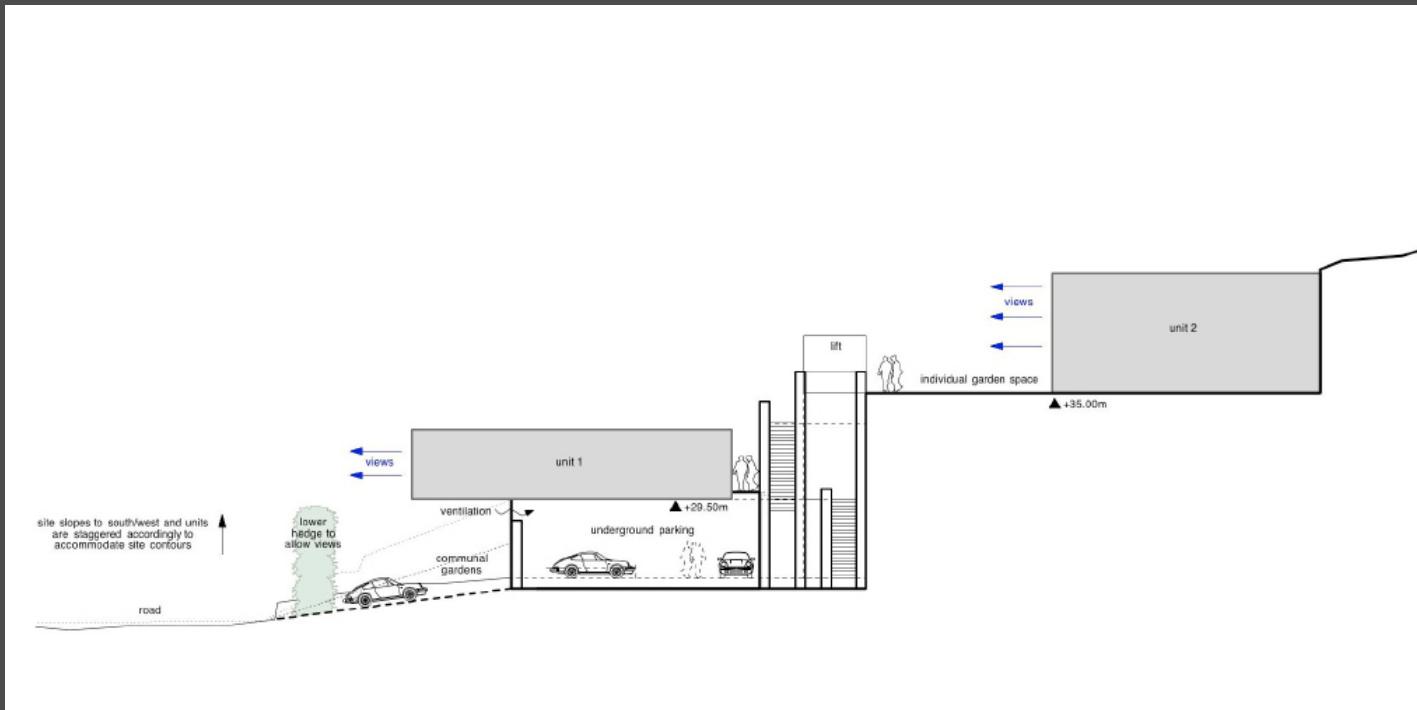
The site is situated on a quiet residential street in North London. The two proposed dwellings sit side by side in an urban site with challenging site constraints. During building regulation stage, careful considerations were required for foundation and underground services design to ensure that the tree roots in close proximity to the dwellings are not disturbed. Innovative cladding and sedum roof systems were specified to achieve a high quality external envelope, while the internal finishes are equally impressive. Contemporary kitchen, bathroom, bespoke staircases and frameless full height doors create a highly contemporary living environment.

(Original design by Tasou Associates)



burry port, wales

The steeply sloping rocky site presented a number of challenges and also an opportunity to create a very special 'tiered' multiple unit scheme



The site is located in an elevated position overlooking Burry Port coast line. The steeply sloping rocky site presented a number of challenges and also an opportunity to create a very special 'tiered' multiple unit scheme that fully utilises the site levels to cater for generous parking, circulation and privacy to residents.

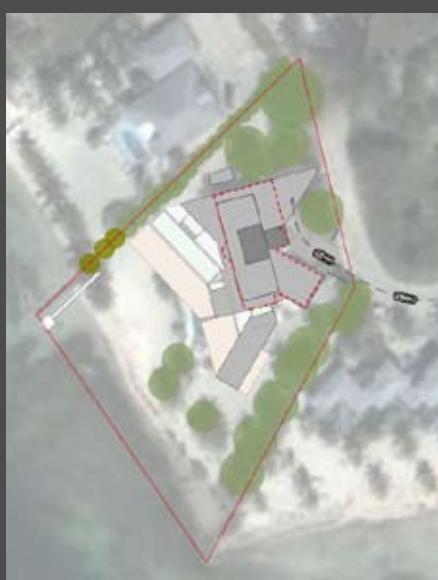
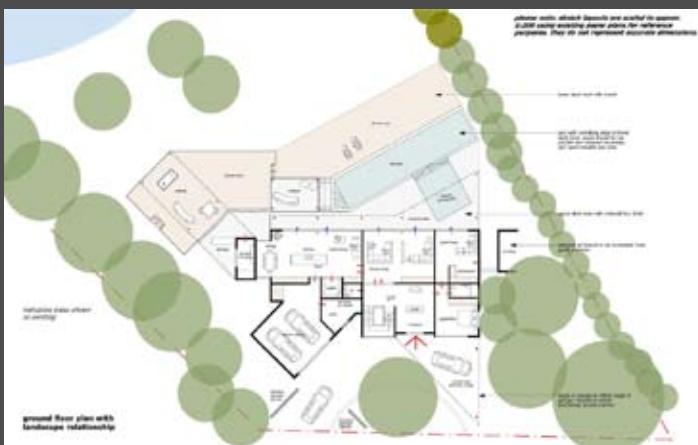
The parking facilities and pedestrian access have been located beneath ground to allow for ease of level road side access whilst maximising space and views to the properties set above. The existing landscape and levels have been retained and exploited and used to frame and direct views, create privacy and access routes through.

The careful consideration and use of dark materials and finishes, by way of metal cladding, grey render and natural stone, would lend itself to the site whilst consciously avoiding the typical relationship of white render for a seaside location.



kai rose, grand cayman

various angles and edges are brought into play creating a mix of internal and external livings spaces with covered and exposed areas for solar shading and privacy



Located directly on the beach front along the principle beach in Grand Cayman, our clients wanted to significantly remodel and reorientate this substantial villa to enable dramatic views across the ocean.

The existing villa was of very traditional design, similar in style to many of the properties on the island. Nicolas Tye Architects were brought on board to dramatically alter the perception of the villa through modest extension and remodeling throughout. The connection with the garden space was maximised with views across the ocean increased by angled decks that reach out across the garden area below re-aligning the building with the sea.

The long expanses of flat roof feature as balconies and decks at all levels, along with the extensive use of glass creating a delicate horizontality to the site. Various angles and edges are brought into play creating a mix of internal and external livings spaces with covered and exposed areas for solar shading and privacy.



deards end lane, knebworth

This turn of the century house had numerous rooms on the ground floor which did little for practical use and connection to outside spaces



Our proposal was to open up the ground floor area providing a vibrant family living, dining, entertaining and formal lounge areas which holistically connect to the rear garden and allow multiple family life activities in this new proposal.

Elegant materials and products are used throughout with light tones and soft finishes which are durable, robust and timeless.



buckland's, Alderham

Major garden and landscaping works were required to ensure the holistic integration of the house to its grounds to what is a simple, elegant and timeless design solution



This new build replacement required careful consideration in relation to its land status which was that of green belt and a conservation area.

The existing house was fairly diminutive so the discussion over increasing floorspace through a full footprint basement was met favorably by the local authority in Hertsmere.

The careful use of open plan spaces, separate studio spaces and children's playroom meant for a highly useable family house on a relatively compact footprint over three levels. Major garden and landscaping works were required to ensure the holistic integration of the house to its grounds to what is a simple, elegant and timeless design solution.



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elmbridge, london

Simple materials with elegant finished and fittings and delicate lighting scheme meant for a harmonious addition and refurbishment project



In a quite hidden terrace our proposals were to add to this modest elegant turn of the century mid terrace house into a fully refurbished extended dwelling for a growing family. With a single storey extension to the rear providing a new kitchen, dining, studio workspace and WC/bathroom this project packed a big punch for the £50,000 budget.

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east molesey house

extending the existing single family dwelling to optimise the use and layout of the existing spaces and create a more open plan, practical, light and contemporary environment



The proposals sought to remodel and extend the existing single family dwelling to optimise the use and layout of the existing spaces and create a more open plan, practical, light and contemporary environment.

The rear of the house was widened to facilitate the reconfiguration of internal spaces and the eaves level to the rear was also raised to improve the space and headroom within the master bedroom. The relocation of the stair improves the internal proportions of the house and helps provide an order to the upstairs space. The large element of glazing within the new dining area formed by the infil extension along the side of the property will increase light levels across both floors, this is further enhanced by the re-location the utility and wc in the centre of the house which is currently the darkest space.



duck end farm

The new timber framed and paneled extension sits against this listed structure to enhance the visual appearance of the existing building



Located on the edge of a village this farmstead location had not been renovated in any way for over 40 years. By linking the outbuildings and adding a modest new building addition allowed for the overall building to flow and provide a more modern layout for the new extended family house.

A full refurbishment of the entire existing building along with the new build extensions where complete to be in keeping with the existing structures and enhance the locale. With various landscape enhancements and a new separate three bay garage with accommodation over the garage area in the roof space, provides the site with security and expandable options for the future.

The new timber framed and paneled extension sits against this listed structure to enhance the visual appearance of the existing building whilst also providing all important floor area to the rather limited existing floor area to modern living standards.



grafham water house

The materials were sensitively chosen to compliment and contrast with the existing farmhouse building



A traditional styled farmhouse set on the edge of Grafham Water overlooking stunning views. The large open plan extension and internal remodeling facilitates a generous multifunctional family kitchen, living and dining space and new triple aspect master suite to the first floor. All spaces are flooded with natural light taking full advantage of the views and sunsets afforded by the western orientation.

The materials were sensitively chosen to compliment and contrast with the existing farmhouse building, with reclaimed bricks and tiles to match the existing, contrasting with large format frameless glazing and a metal capped flat roof to provide a highly contemporary edge. From the rear the master bedroom is formed by a dramatic vaulted glazed gable end, featuring balcony deck finished with timber and glass elements.

The farmhouse is set in a generous plot with a sloping topography towards the waters edge. The landscaping has been carefully enhanced to allow full integration and appreciation of both the internal and external spaces.



cuffley house

Low maintenance, highly sustainably materials along with energy saving specification meant that this lifetime home will be enjoyed



Located in North London and within Green belt area our proposals centred around careful negotiations with the local planning authority to increase the volume and floorspace of a modest existing turn of the century house into a 3 storey modern solution which would provide some 60% additional floor area to the existing house, a magnificent street view with a better connection to the rear garden.

Low maintenance, highly sustainably materials along with energy saving specification meant that this lifetime home will be enjoyed spatially and functionally for many years to come.



cuffley house refurbishment

A simple material palette of through render with aluminum framed windows provides a low maintenance robust solution



Within this fairly traditional sub urban town scape some exciting clients looked for us to radically alter the existing house in this estate housing stock street. Radical changes to the internal configuration, refurbishment of existing spaces, demolition of parts of the existing structure and new additions to various locations enhanced the building and provided added value to the development and extensions to this existing house.

A simple material palette of through render with aluminum framed windows provides a low maintenance robust solution. Rainwater harvesting, provision for solar panels and low energy lighting provide a well considered and holistic robust solution to this property.



stanmore house

The bedroom house is a simple experiment in cutting forms and voids from a white cube with an inverted flying roof wing made from zinc creating an elegant, practical and low maintenance modern house



A generous plot located north of London in Stanmore, on a site within the settlement area, as defined in planning terms, but also adjacent to Green Belt needed careful consideration to. The proposals are based on demolition of the existing stock red brick semi-derelict detached house, and are based on integrating a modern, yet sympathetic addition to the street scene.

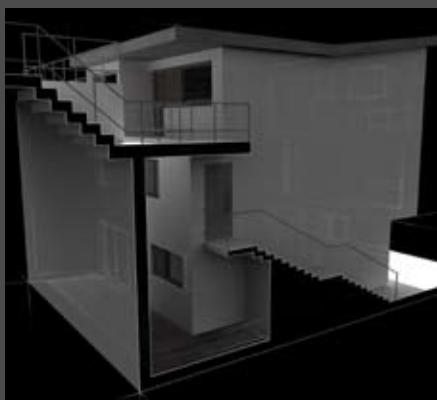
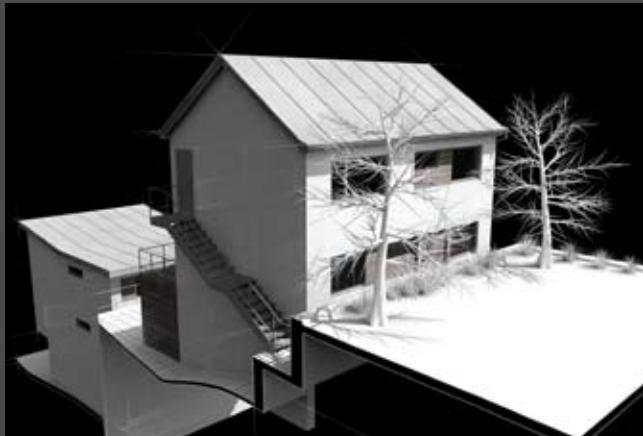
The new dwelling of some 700m² is based on 3 levels including a full width and depth basement housing cinema, sauna, study, bedroom/en-suite, cellar and chill-out area/childrens den.

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bristol apartments

Coordinated in a white render, cedar clad and aluminium roof series of modernist units in this city centre



The existing typical 1970's house sits upon a modest but interesting site. The nature of the site, which falls steeply to the front, encourages the addition of a second building set low enough so as not to obscure the existing view. By cutting back into the hill we have provided 3 additional apartment units at the lower edge of the site with their own street side access, whilst converting the existing 2 storey house into a further 2 units.

These are coordinated in a white render, cedar clad and aluminium roof series of modernist units in this city centre.



northwood house refurbishment

The simple combination of timber and glass allows the 3 storey dwelling on stilts to blend into its natural surroundings whilst providing occupants with an elevated view across the water



Located on the southern edge of the Copeswood estate, Linksway comprises a significant number of generous detached family homes; creating an area of special local character. It has been noted that the area's character is generated by the distinctive, yet harmonious, individuality of the existing properties. We felt that it was important for the proposed scheme to reflect this quality, strongly relating to the local aesthetic whilst making its own unique contribution.

The clients wished for an ultra modern family home that would compliment its surroundings. This has been achieved by realizing an architecture of sympathetic disposition. Through our investigative process and analysis of the local character we were able to create a contemporary family home within this established local context. The plot is ideally located to achieve this, nestled at the far end of Linksway adjacent to the extensive woodland of Copeswood. In this instance the solution was to renovate and extend the existing 420sqm dwelling, attaining an additional 200sqm of living space, whilst minimizing the impact on the building's existing massing. We achieved this with a half basement beneath minimal rear and side extensions allowing generous, well lit, open living and recreation space.

From the beginning of this project we formed a close working relationship with our clients to evaluate their use of our proposals as the scheme has developed. Ultimately, this led to a complete re-orientation of the ground floor living space to accommodate their needs. Our close working relationship has been key to the success of this project; with the client recently expressing that we have created their dream home.



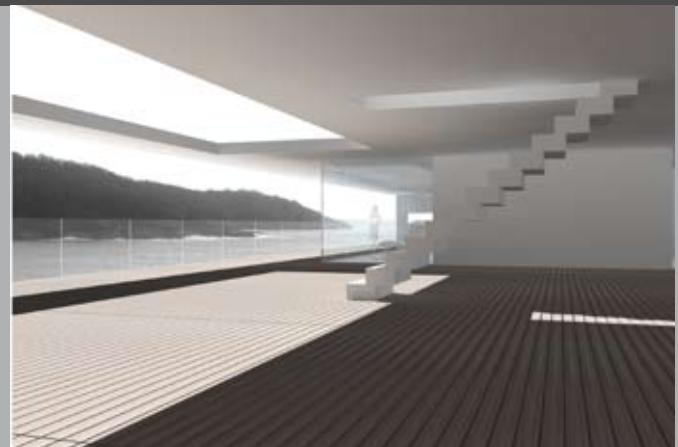
stone housing scheme

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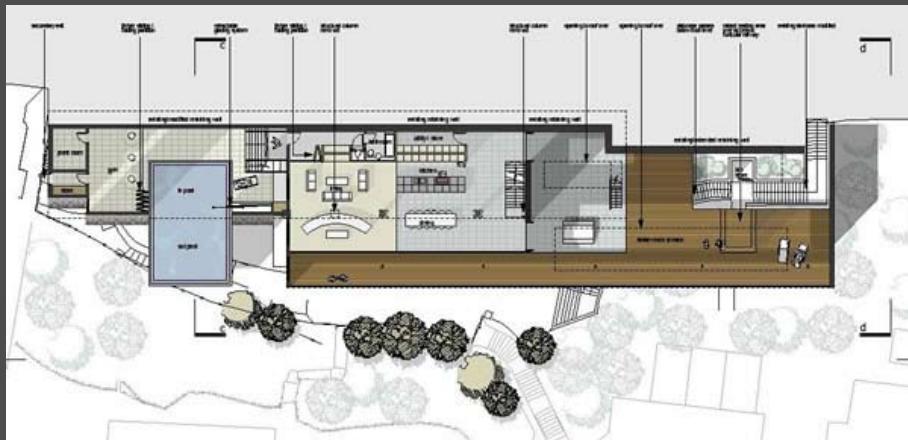
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A traditional community environment with village green was a key requirement and our proposals accord to the area through use of high quality materials that enhance the locality.



salcombe house

Materiality reflect the contextual location with white render, traditional to modernist architecture to our coastlines and evident in surroundings buildings



With one of the most dramatic positions on the Kingsbridge Estuary in Salcombe, this rare plot offers a wide site and intriguing opportunity to utilise a 'modest' internal habitable space whilst providing an exceptional connection from internal to generous external viewing platform spaces. Utilising the existing structure and enhancing an internal swimming pool, additional bedrooms and vast living spaces this is sure to be the most prestigious of residential accommodation in Salcombe.

Materiality reflect the contextual location with white render, traditional to modernist architecture to our coastlines and evident in surroundings buildings. Transparency and reflectancy of glass is used throughout to provide panoramic views to the estuary whilst also reflecting the surrounding land and seascape. Timber cladding to reflect the mature landscaping to the site, with local rock to the pool and retaining wall structures insure the strength of the designs full integration to its specific site.



banana island apartments

The brief was to provide a 5 star quality european feel with luxurious fixtures and fittings throughout befitting of the kind of high net worth individuals requiring these first or second holiday homes



Located on the affluent island on the south coast of Nigeria this elegant outcrop provides spectacular sea views and a location to provide the highest end of residential city living.

The apartments all have extensive balconies and views from the upper levels with high security perimeter with pedestrian and vehicle access and storage on the ground floor along with communal swimming pool and amenity space for the residents and visitors. Robust materials from high quality through renders and locally sourced timbers with high impact aluminium window frames and glazing provide the level of finish required to these elegant homes.

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slovakia house

The materiality is a combination of stone, timber and render which reflects the natural location of the site and the winter snow which often covers the site



Located high up in the upper Tatra mountains this innovative house with a series of 12 houses provides a elegant solution to visiting tenants with a single family providing 4 bedrooms, 3 en-suites and open plan living areas with fireplaces to each. There are also external terrace areas with outdoor cooking and covered areas with space for hot tubs and storage to suit any family.

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Low lying single storey lines are deliberate to have low impact to the open landscape and to hug the ground against the waters edge. A cantilevered section of the living space over the watercourse provides and exciting element to living in this unique house.





berkhamstead house – green belt

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The scheme creates an exceptional “one-off” family home that is well suited to the local context and uniqueness of the site. The primary concept behind the proposed scheme is to create an “upside-down” house that affords dramatic views across the surrounding countryside to the first floor living spaces. The property features dramatic glazing to the rear to facilitate this whilst allowing as much light as possible to enter the internal spaces throughout. In contrast, in order to retain privacy and reduce the impact of noise pollution from the main road, the side and front elevations feature more subtle openings whilst creating a largely solid appearance that still maintains the delicacy of material detailing.



We have created a contemporary yet sympathetic material palette with expanses of warm weathered timber cladding broken up with aluminium framed glazed- a mixture of both fixed and opening large format panels to ensure minimal disruption to views. Dark zinc cladding features as a wraparound to the first floor also forming the inset balcony overhang completed by a frameless glass balustrade.



wyboston house

The use of corten cladding and bio-diverse walls and roofs contextualised the new additions into their semi agricultural/semi residential setting



Located in the Wyboston Land Settlement Association (LSA) area, the site had some very specific and individual planning constraints. The LSA was a government run scheme from the 1930's to resettle unemployed workers from depressed post industrial regions of Britain. Applicants were provided with 5 acre plots and a newly built cottage that formed part of a co-operative community scheme. The scheme progressed through various revisions but ultimately failed and was closed in 1983. The site has since been deemed as a heritage asset and because of this the existing workers cottage and general plot layout had to be retained. Over the subsequent years the existing dwelling was greatly altered and added to, to accommodate modern living standards that are befitting of a plot of this size and allowing a new use and lease of life.

We sought to undo this previous damage and remove the existing low quality extension that surrounded the cottage and detracted from it. We then replaced these with high quality contemporary additions to the rear and side. In effect this promoted the existing restored cottage as a feature and provided a clearly legible site history. It also secured the site's future as a residential plot with equestrian facilities to the rear thus retaining its former split use. The use of corten cladding and bio-diverse walls and roofs contextualised the new additions into their semi agricultural/semi residential setting. By pushing the new additions back into the site and away from the roadside, we retained the existing sense of open space, with the existing dwelling still off to one side, that is characteristic of the LSA.

The final scheme increased the existing two up two down cottage to a contemporary 5 bedroom home with annex outbuildings, and minimal impact on the site. Our client has taken the project on as a self-build and is now on site, working towards completion in the near future.



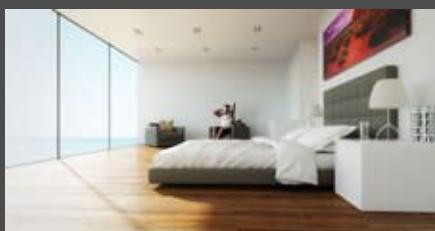
Rum Point house(s)

A roof terrace as party deck with covered bar and lounge area is proposed allowing for panoramic views around the island and sea



Located on the North side of the island, a 0.91 acre large site on Rum Point Drive in a less developed area of Grand Cayman. A sandy long stretched site located between public road and beach. Nicolas Tye Architects have been appointed to design and build two contemporary and luxury one off family homes which will enhance the local area and set a landmark for Rum Point and on the Island as a whole.

The proposal consists of dividing the plot in two irregular shaped plots which will allow both land and homeowners to have a beach view from the house and vanishing edge pool. The landscape proposals are very minimalistic and location orientated, whereby vegetation is chosen to reflect plants and natural surfaces found on or next to the beach to minimise maintenance and water usage for watering. The houses are designed to give an impression of floating, like a boat on the sea. The ground level has generous openings so that it appears lighter in comparison with the upper level which features less glazing and a higher roof upstand.



The entrance elevation is solid, closed from views from the public road and with an open entrance area. Side walls are angled at 11.5 degrees to create overhangs for design aesthetic and solar shading purposes. A roof terrace as party deck with covered bar and lounge area is proposed allowing for panoramic views around the island and sea. The Southeast facing elevation is mainly solid to protect from the sun, but the north-eastern elevation is open to the beach allowing for unspoiled views towards the sea.



west bay apartments

Sea views and external balconies to all units as well and internal accommodation which is luxurious and open plan



Located on the north-western corner to Grand Cayman this proposal seeks to provide high end residential condo's apartment scheme. This provides sea views and external balconies to all units as well and internal accommodation which is luxurious and open plan. Each unit is around 3,000sq ft of space.

Landscaping which required critical analysis to the location and is designed in such a way that should storm surge or hurricanes affect the site then there is a low level of work required to reinstate the site. The site has the provision for 12 car parking spaces, high levels of security and a communal resident's infinity pool. The lower ground floor is also a sacrificial level which 'allows' for potential water to come in to the site so as not to affect any habitable accommodation.

Robust materials in the form of stone, aluminum framed windows and metal roofing system provides a robust and low maintenance solution. Provision for solar panels, drinkable water tanks, low energy lighting and storm surge defense system provide a robust solution to the site.



great munden house

The simple, timeless and elegant horizontal forms provide privacy to the street side elevations whilst opening up the rear of the elemental forms to the open garden views



Located in open countryside in Hertfordshire this site provided the opportunity for a replacement dwelling which would enhance the locale and provide a holistic, sustainable and innovative solution to this fabulous site.

By re-orientating the house provided a more direct connection to the sites land and by careful arrangement of the principle habitable spaces allowed for elegant courtyards and connections to the panoramic countryside views. The simple, timeless and elegant horizontal forms provide privacy to the street side elevations whilst opening up the rear of the elemental forms to the open garden views. Utilisation of robust low maintenance materials in the form of through renders, metal panels, stone and aluminum window frames provides a holistic solution using long lasting life-cycle materials.

In ecology terms the proposals enhance and provide new bat accommodation allowing for the new forms of architecture to the site for the 21st Century family requirements. Landscaping is opened up and fortified in the right locations to provide enhanced views where required and privacy and security where essential. Hard landscaping is utilised to ensure there are all year round external areas which can be enjoyed by all.

Sustainability and environmental issues were key to the solution in providing ground source heat pumps, high levels of insulation, rainwater harvesting, low energy lighting and grey water recycling.



Turvey house

The resultant conclusion was to retain the original heart of the building and use this as a catalyst to provide a controversial and ingenious extension which would contrast the historic core and provide a striking 21st century form



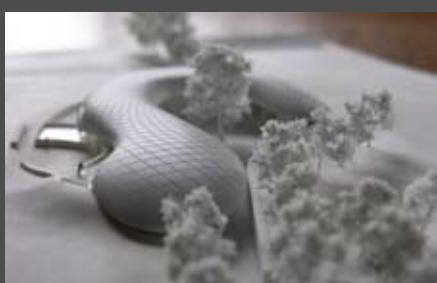
The magical location of a elegant hamlet in north bedfordshire, set with close proximity to a grade II listed building, park and garden required careful consideration to the heritage asset of the original building and the significance of various extensions through the centuries from mid-19th century to late 20th century extensions. the resultant conclusion was to retain the original heart of the building and use this as a catalyst to provide a controversial and ingenious extension which would contrast the historic core and provide a striking 21st century form.

a glass connection to the historic structure allows for a light touch from old to the modern new form; this form is made up visually from purposeful horizontal flowing facade forms allowing for the new structure to wrap around the existing historic water focused landscape and create a courtyard. this form extends to a 'reaching up arm' floating in the landscape which provides striking views across the surrounding landscape.



warwickshire – NPPF paragraph 55 house

The flowing forms of the building bisect a circular and semi-circular courtyard affording the farm and house a direct connection whilst offering a degree of segregation



We have recently secured planning approval for a new build paragraph 55 house on the outskirts of Claverdon in Warwickshire. We are currently hard at work detailing the project for Tender, which is targeting Code 6 on the Code for Sustainable Homes.

Our clients goal is to revitalise Hercules Farm and the surrounding landscape to provide a self sufficient home for their families future. Our response is derived from the changing natural landscape and creating a balance between divergent uses. The flowing forms of the building bisect a circular and semi-circular courtyard affording the farm and house a direct connection whilst offering a degree of segregation. A semi translucent veil structure of perforated and solid copper panels, bio diverse roofing and building integrated photovoltaics drapes the upper storey. The resulting form is productive surface harvesting solar heat gain, generation of electricity, rainwater harvesting and storage, habitat production, whilst providing a visual screen and softening the forms into the changing landscape.

We are excited to see construction start in 2013.





panorama view house

The proposed dwelling is of a contemporary architectural design set out across four levels



Our Client's site is set in the up market Parish of Cardiff Hall. The site lies 50 miles from Montego Bay Airport and 110 miles to Kingston, the capital city of Jamaica. The proposed dwelling is of a contemporary architectural design set out across four levels respecting the steep sloping site at the same time allowing the occupants enjoy the views across to the ocean. The infinity pool set on the third level can also be accessed via an external staircase without passing through the house.



harpenden new build passiv haus

This replacement dwelling site with its extensive housing mix to the locale provided a simple form solution of high quality design and detailing



Our first Passivhaus project, located in hertfordshire was fortunate in having a lot of local and planning support to provide this site with an elegant and robust solution to this generous plot townscape location. This replacement dwelling site with its extensive housing mix to the locale provided a simple form solution of high quality design and detailing, that will provide a house which requires almost no heating for almost all year round. The 5 bedroom 280m² house also benefits from an integral garage, rear balcony area for the master suite and elegant double height spaces. Using single block walls with larch cladding and high specification windows provides a low maintenance holistically designed solution which provides a truly wonderful family lifetime home.



st.albans apartments

This site has had its site value doubled with the elegancy of timelessly designed apartments to this city centre location



A new build apartment block near to the centre of town providing 22,000 sq ft of space for 16 flats with 16 underground parking and storage spaces providing a high end solution with elegant and robust long life materials. This site has had its site value doubled with the elegancy of timelessly designed apartments to this city centre location. There are 12 apartments of varying sizes from 80-200m² with high specification living and sleeping accommodation, all with high levels of natural light and elegancy to open plan living accommodation. Each apartment has a balcony provided, 1-2 car parking spaces per unit and high levels of security. Low maintenance high quality materials on the external elevation befit this elegant city centre location and provide a long term solutions to the management company in terms of maintenance and low running costs.



whipsnade house

Influenced by the chalk white local stone and the elegancy of the historic white Lubetkin structures



located on the chalk escarpment of the chiltern hills looking northwards over the aylesbury vale with far reaching panoramic views this fabulous site located adjacent to the listed Lubetkin houses required a responsive elegancy befitting of this truly unique site.

influenced by the chalk white local stone and the elegancy of the historic white Lubetkin structures, our design seeks to cantilever and sit offset from the ground, projecting towards the view, utilising simple panels of glass, solid and opaque panellised facade system

corten and exposed concrete detailing to the ground connections emphasises the light cantilevered floor and grounds the design



brentwood house

Our solution was a first floor metal 'mesh' which extends up to become a balustrade to the master suite on the 2nd floor. Simple, elegant and timeless design



Located in an area of good size plots with 250-500m² housing stock our clients sought not size but quality. In depth briefing analysis and the client clear intent to work together to design a new style of house which would be enjoyable, unique and worthy life time living was central to their requirements. The building would be set back into the plot allowing for glazing all round on the 'public' ground floor. The first floor requirements were for full height glass to bring in light but to maintain privacy whilst creating a striking form. Our solution was a first floor metal 'mesh' which extends up to become a balustrade to the master suite on the 2nd floor. Simple, elegant and timeless design.



totteridge village

Using sensitive materials with solid, opaque and transparent panels provides a consistency and elegance of solution



This backland garden site in a conservation area provides a site which required a robust and elegant solution which enhances the conservation area with the highest quality of design and provides a solution which covers some 880m² of accommodation with vast open plan spaces that connect to the simple external landscaping design. Accommodation is on 4 levels with a basement, ground, first floor and penthouse bedroom accommodation.

Using sensitive materials with solid, opaque and transparent panels provides a consistency and elegance of solution which allows the building to sit timelessly in its location. Sustainability in terms of ground source heat pumps, solar panel provision, rainwater harvesting, low energy lights and high quality long life robust materials ensures a thorough holistic design.



hulcote house

Recreating of woodland environment whilst also making landscape improvements by demolition of the existing farm/agricultural buildings

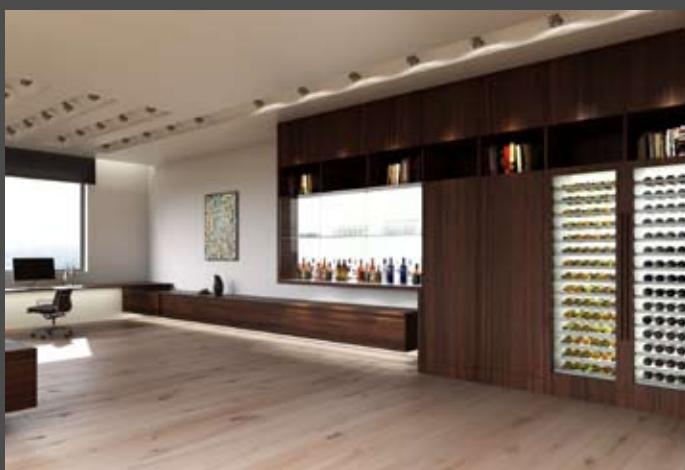


Located on the western edge of bedfordshire this rural location with its local stream and recreating of woodland environment whilst also making landscape improvements by demolition of the existing farm/agricultural buildings provides a net gain and improvement of landscaping and providing a high level design quality single dwelling in open countryside. the design driver was to allow the building to flow our from the landscape and provide a geology based inspiration in its techtonic and geological forms. utilising local materials and drawing upon the benefits of a significantly enhanced landscaping solution locally to the dwelling and to dozens of acres around provides a holistic solution which allows the build form to settle in the landscape and provide a gem within the countryside.



Limassol apartment

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Located along the sea front of Limassol are two newly constructed apartment blocks providing private residential accommodation and luxury leisure facilities with direct access to the beach. Nicolas Tye Architects have been appointed to design and oversee the fit-out of a high quality apartment taking up the entire fifteenth floor which provides the penthouse with magnificent views across the Mediterranean Sea to the South and Mountains to the North. The apartment is provided with an individual and exciting interior with close involvement with the client, specialist lighting designers and high quality fine cabinet makers all fully coordinated with soft furnishings to provide a true holistic design concept. The material palette has been kept simple, employing white, wood and stone features to provide exciting contrast of the contemporary with the rustic.



kabuni house

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Located in a semi-desert location with high variant temperatures from day to night requires high levels of insulation to keep the air conditioned cool air within the proposed dwelling but the solar heat gain out, this meant that a simple reinforced concrete structure with insulated render and high insulated glazing provides the right comfort levels to the building throughout the year. The site's boundary is enclosed and protected for security reasons to the entire perimeter by a high rendered wall providing shelter, security and shading to planting. The building itself has an elegant entrance area with a reflecting pool adjacent to the rear. Open plan living and kitchen areas have separate access to the rear terrace and external pool area. The first floor provides generous bedrooms, bathroom and en-suite facilities with far reaching views of the surrounding area.



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