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Cover View of Levitt Bernstein's Wilkins Terrace at UCL in Bloomsbury, central London.

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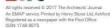
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The Grade II-listed former gatehouse to the elaborate and eccentric Horsley Towers estate in East Horsley, Surrey, Guildford Lodge had been a family home for some time. But its unusual form, straddling a large archway, with a series of small rooms connected by a narrow spiral stair, made it difficult to inhabit. A thorough reorganisation was needed, opening up the existing ground floor into a more modern living space and adding a new bedroom and bathroom to the first floor in an extension that echoes the forms and detailing of the original building. Robert Sterry, associate, Paul Archer Design

Project data

Start on site February 2015 Completion June 2017 Gross internal floor area 165m² (ground and first floor)
Form of contract JCT Minor Works with Contractors Design Portion 2011/Traditional

Construction cost £200,000 Construction cost per m²£1,200 Architect Paul Archer Design Client Nick Hardy and Andrea Beaton Structural engineer Hardman Engineers Approved building inspector BBS

Building Control

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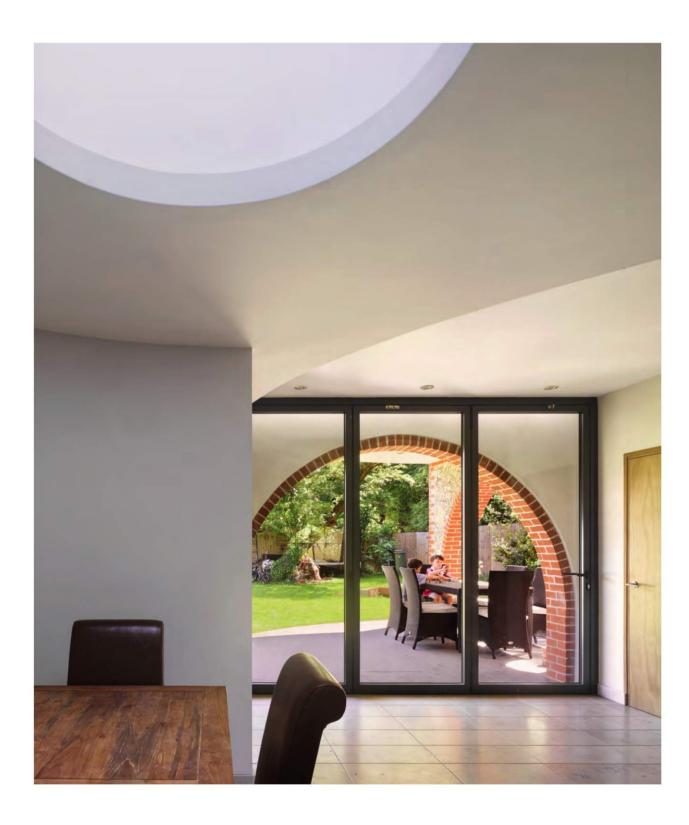
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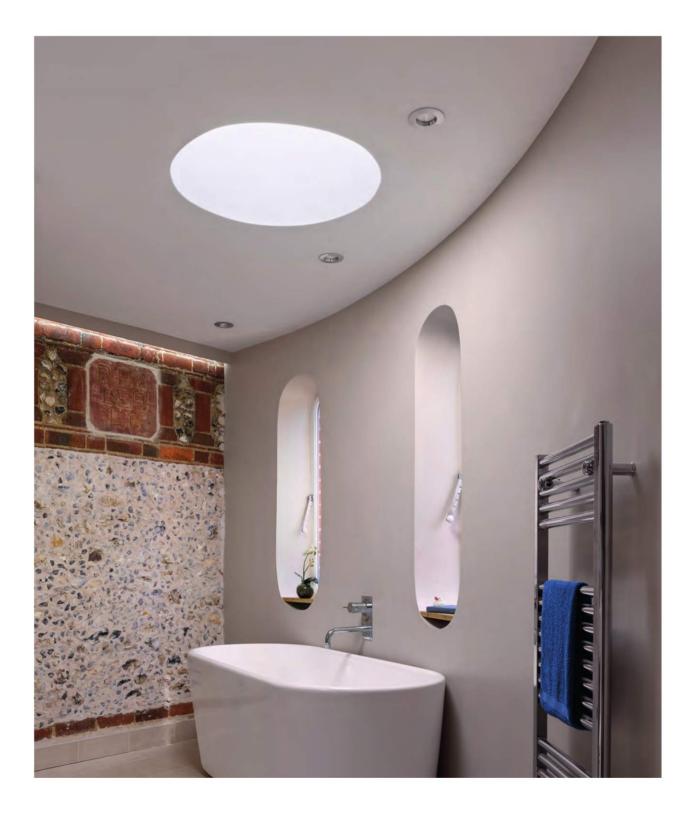
Building Contractors

CAD software used Vectorworks

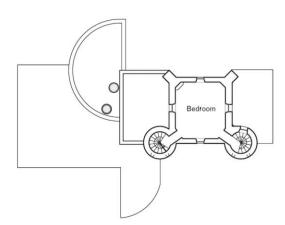


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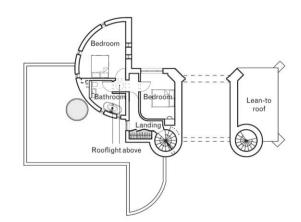




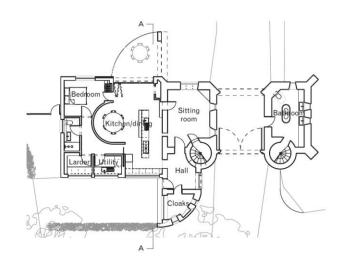
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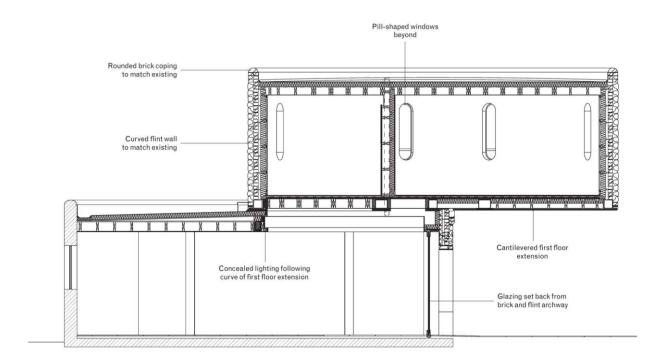


Second floor plan

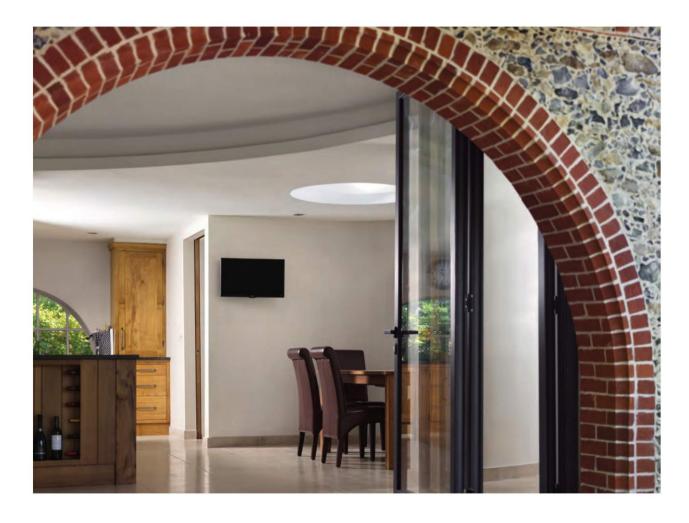


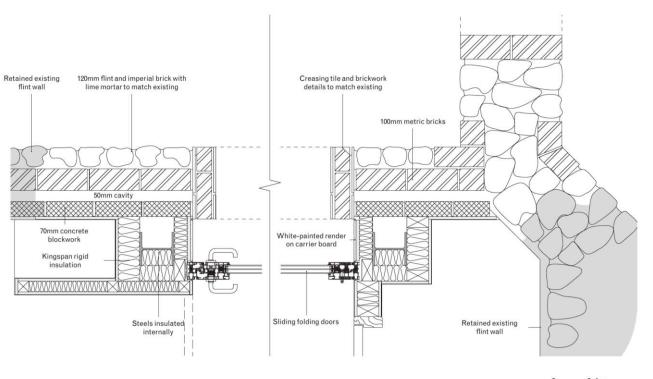
First floor plan





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Masonry corner and door detail plan





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The success of the project relied on use of local materials, such as the flint and brickwork, in balance with modern methods of construction to help achieve a building that was fit for modern day living standards.
Internal load-bearing timber

studwork used in construction of the curved first floor wall would improve the building's thermal performance while reducing the weight of the external wall, which is supported by a curved, cantilevered steel beam below. This would allow its steel beams to be concealed behind the flint and red

brick façade.

Although we had access to plenty of flint, the bricks would prove difficult to match to the existing as the original brick supplier, Ockham Brickworks, had long since ceased production.

Nevertheless we closely matched the existing stock with new red bricks and a matching chamfered brick for window surrounds, plus a blue-black bullnose coping. This gives a simpler, less fussy appearance to the addition and helps differentiate it from the original without creating too much of a contrast.

The re-building of the flint and brick walls at ground level meant we had to replicate the existing uninsulated construction. This aided the decision to set the new bi-fold doors inside the arched ground floor opening, which would provide much-improved thermal performance but also allow views of an uninterrupted brick arch when opened. Robert Sterry, associate, Paul Archer Design

SAMPLES BOARD

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1. Red chamfered brick to window surrounds by Michelmersh Brick Holdings

www.mbhplc.co.uk 2. White render

to building envelope

3. Blue bullnose coping brick to building envelope by Michelmersh Brick Holdings www.mbhplc.co.uk

4. Local flint stone sourced by contractor

5. Rooflights by Glazing Vision www.glazingvision.co.uk

6. Shaped brick to arch and window surrounds by Michelmersh Brick Holdings www.mbhplc.co.uk

7. Kitchen countertop Black Quartz, by DuPont Zodiaq www.zodiaq.com

8. Kitchen joinery Reclaimed oak

Internal door handles Ben Nevis, by Hafele www.hafele.co.uk

10. Facing brick Red imperial, reclaimed, sourced by contractor

11. Creasing tile Clay

