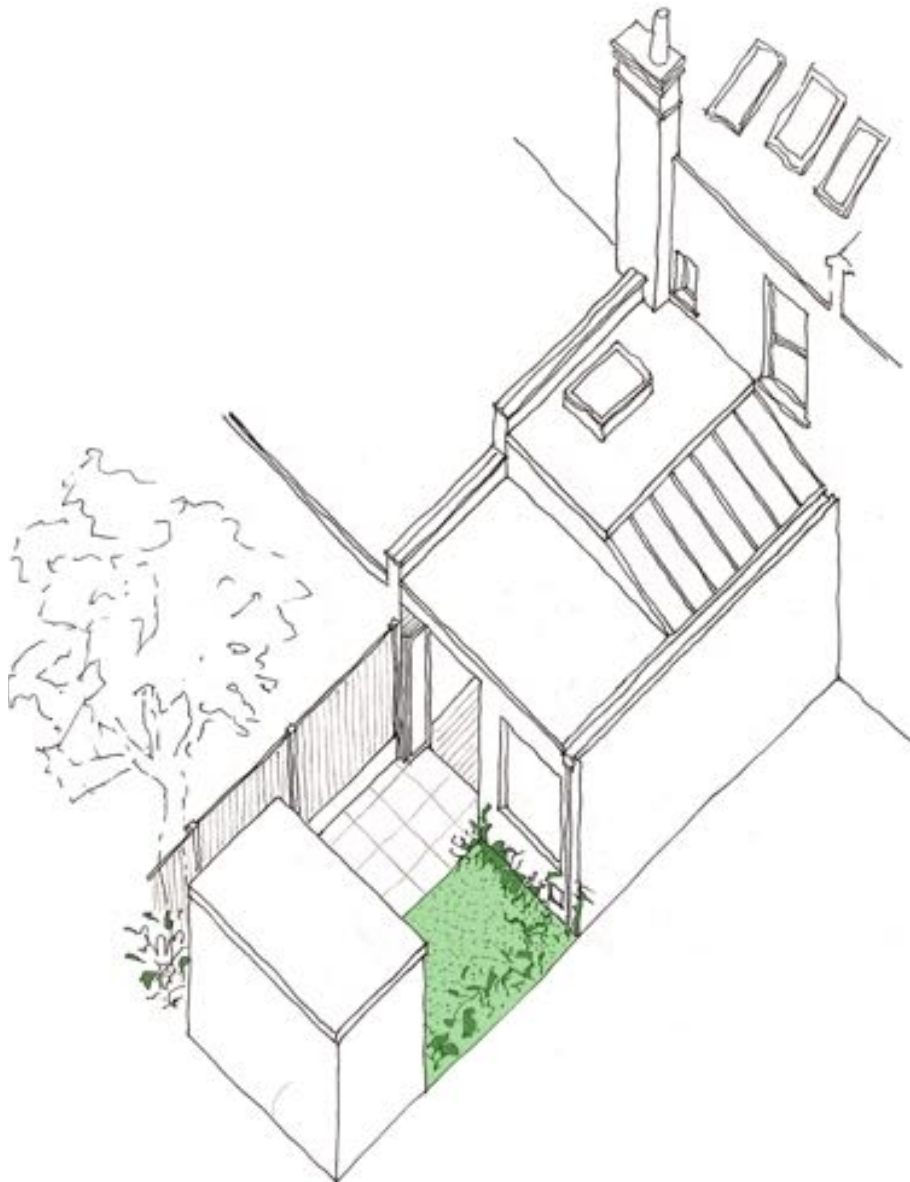


109 Morley Avenue, N22 6NG
Noel Park Conservation Area

Design, Access & Heritage Statement
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GROUND FLOOR EXTENSION



Rear Elevation

GROUND FLOOR RECONFIGURATION & ROOF-LIGHT INSERTION

Existing property

109 Morley Avenue sits to the north of the Noel Park Estate and conservation area in the heart of Wood Green. The property is a mid-terrace house typical of the style of that street when built as part of the estate. The facade consists of red and yellow stock brick at the front and yellow stock brick at the back with the window arches highlighted with red stock brick, since painted over. The original sash windows have been replaced with PVC windows by previous owner. At rear of the extension there is an existing brick extension with a polycarbonate and painted timber lean-to conservatory. It is sandwiched between 107 & 111 Morley Rd. 111 has an existing red brick extension and number 107 has just received planning permission to extend out to the extents of number 111, aligning with the conservatory of number 107. All three buildings have existing outbuildings.



Front facade



Rear facade

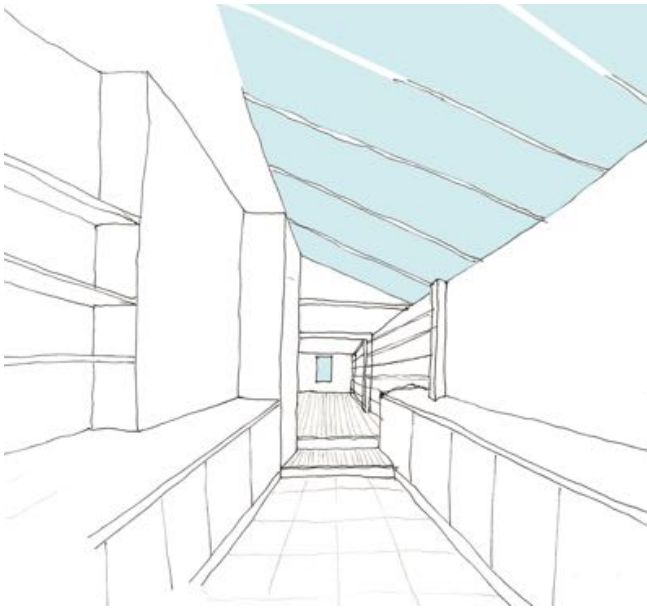


Garden Shed

Proposal

The existing ground floor extension and conservatory are to be removed and replaced with a new brick extension on the same footprint. The existing house is typical of the area, "relatively narrow with a strong sense of enclosure". It was originally designed with two receptions with the internal reception not receiving much light. There are two bedrooms on the first floor and a loft with a single roof light at the top. The single bathroom is on the ground floor accessed from the small and narrow kitchen.

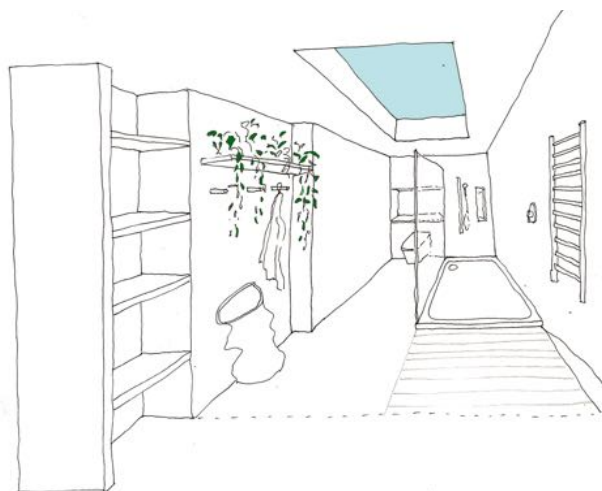
The proposal hopes to make the house more functional for the family, particularly bringing more light into the centre of the house. The design is envisioned as a series of courtyards. By introducing a roof light to the side of the extension over the proposed extension this will bring more light into the centre of the house. The aim is also to create a better connection with the garden generating views from the living room, through the kitchen straight through to the garden. The aim here is to make the house feel less "enclosed".



Kitchen

The kitchen and bathroom are flipped, this means that you no longer have to walk through the kitchen to get to the bathroom. The bathroom, viewed as an internal bathing courtyard has a roof light to make the space feel bigger; is now located closer to the bedrooms and its location, along with carefully placed joinery, provides more privacy for the people using the space. The kitchen is still long and narrow but with better connections to the garden and the internal Salon, as well as with the roof light, It will feel like a larger space and more integrated with the rest of the house. The kitchen counter will extend to the dining space providing more working space.

The dining space opens onto the garden with a small semi-covered area. This means that the space could be used by a small family or have space for a large dining table and intergenerational family gatherings.

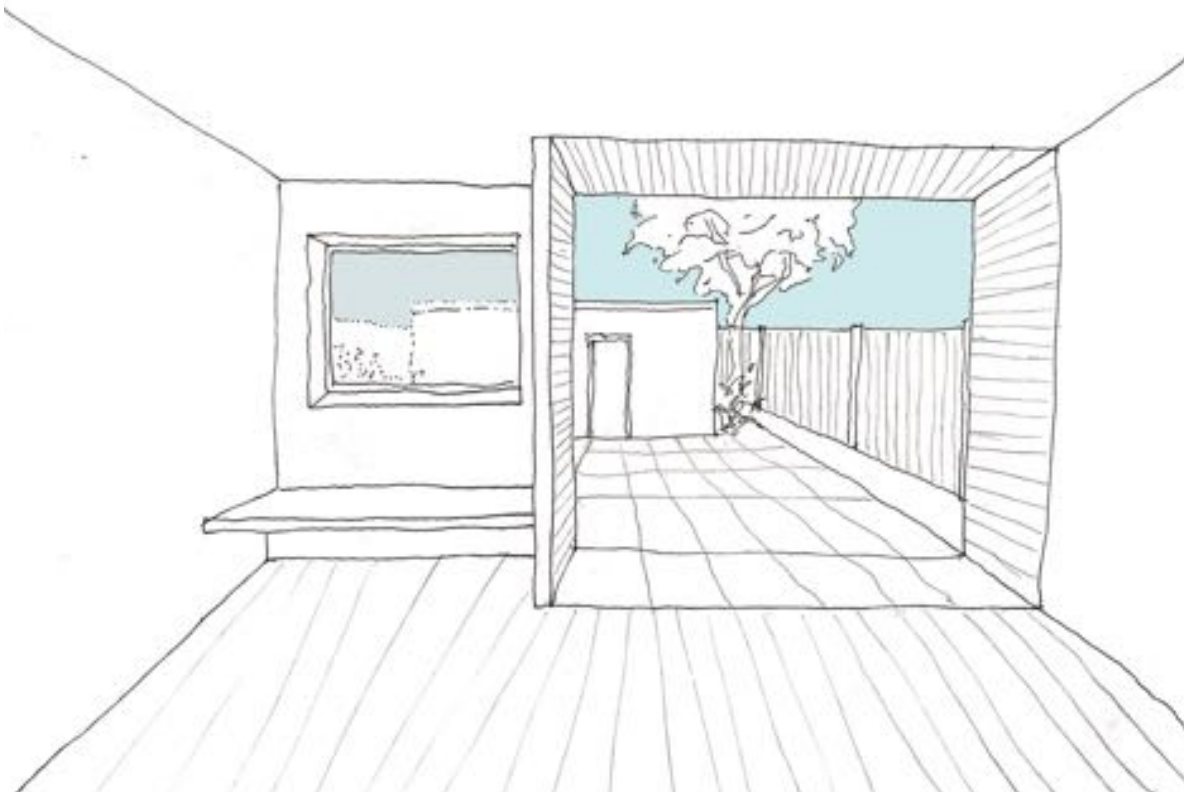


Bathroom

On the 1st floor the bedroom is reconfigured to allow for a small WC and wet room and the loft will have two additional roof lights inserted to improve head height and bring more light into the space.

Externally there is a small existing shed. It is proposed that this is formalised with a slightly larger timber shed which can double up as a workspace.

Attempts have been made to keep as much of the existing structure as possible.



View from Dining area to Garden

Access

Access is from Morley Avenue a short walk to the Wood Green town centre and all of the amenities that it offers. Wood Green is a busy hub with excellent links via rail and bus to central London. Morley Avenue, on the other hand, is away from the bustle of this area, it is a quiet residential neighbourhood. This makes it safe to get to the town centre and transport by foot.

The only park on the estate is Russel Park. By creating a better connection to the garden this will help to mitigate the lack of public green spaces.

The proposal promotes better access to the garden and internally better access to cooking and bathing spaces. Placing a WC on the first floor will facilitate users late at night.

Heritage

When the Artizans Company originally built the estate they were hoping to promote "harmonious family units". The proposal attempts to grow on this harmony but adapt it for today's family. The reconfiguration of the ground floor is to create better connections between the spaces, bringing the family together through their daily routines.

The finishes propose to pick up on details in the existing facades such as the red stock brick over the window arches and the yellow stock brick bringing these into the proposed facades. In addition, the original development of the estate focused on views down the various streets created. The proposal takes this a step further by bringing views into the house and out to the back garden.