

Private House in Birkdale

Merseyside, UK, 2019-2020

This family house is located on a sandy plot in Birkdale, a stone throw away from Hillside train station, Greenbank High School and the Royal Birkdale golf course. As one of the most affluent residential areas in Southport, this part of Birkdale features many large Victorian and Edwardian houses, mostly detached - which are still being used as single family dwellings.

The site had previously received planning approval for the conversion of the house into flats despite notable resistance from the local community. The owners approached us having recently purchased the property as they wanted to re-model and extend it for use as their home, adding three bedrooms, a swimming pool and a gym. We helped them obtain a revised planning approval and oversaw the project up to completion on site.

From the outset, it was clear that the client wanted to rationalise the layout and appearance of the existing house whilst enlarging it considerably, so that they could accommodate the new uses they required. The design of the original house has therefore been radically altered to produce a building which truly reflects the aspirations of the client.

The completed design features three fully-glazed gables, one at the front and two at the rear. An elliptical stair was added in the centre of the layout to act as a vertical feature inside the entrance hall atrium. The front of the house was also re-designed as a sweeping driveway to allow in-and-out access via two sets of automated gates.

The finished house now incorporates a loft-conversion and has been completely re-roofed and externally insulated to meet the latest standards of thermal efficiency; new high quality double-glazed grey aluminium windows have been installed throughout.

The swimming pool is located in a new 3-storey side extension with direct access to the landscaped garden at the rear through large bi-fold doors. Also at the rear of the property, a full-width balcony with glass balustrade affords uninterrupted views of the garden from all bedrooms.

Date	2019-2020
Gross floor area	494m ² / 5317 sq.ft
Client	Private
Architect	Architecture Julien Denis
Structural engineer	MDA Wirral
General contractor	NJM Construction
Pool designer	Lenny Pools
Cast stone supplier	Elegant Stone
Photography	Architecture Julien Denis



Private House in Birkdale



Private House in Birkdale



Private House in Birkdale