

## Private House in Calderstones

Merseyside, UK, 2017-2019

Following a successful planning application, the practice developed working drawings for this striking two storey extension at the rear of a large detached house in Calderstones, Liverpool. The existing four bedroom house has a swimming pool to the side and a large, well established garden at the rear.

While the rendered walls at the front of the house are pleasantly composed and crowned by an elaborate roofline, there is little architectural coherence at the rear, with a previous flat roofed extension distracting from the character of the original building.

The new owners wanted to rationalise the layout in order to create better living spaces downstairs and more generously-sized sleeping quarters upstairs. They had ruled out the idea of extending into the loft space, due to the restricted headroom engendered by the original roof design, which they were keen to retain at the front of the house.

Internally, the proposed re-modelling will allow the creation of a large open plan kitchen and a new master suite with great garden views through the glass wall set behind a covered balcony, or loggia. Externally, the new gable fronted extension will overcome the shortcomings of previous interventions by giving the rear garden elevation a completely new, unified language using contemporary materials in a way that is sympathetic to the design of the original house.

Date	2017-2019
Gross floor area	523m <sup>2</sup> / 5630 sq.ft
Client	Private
Architect	Architecture Julien Denis
Structural engineer	MDA Wirral
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