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Reflecting natural beauty in design

With complementary materials and sympathetic design, ACS Architectural have taken full advantage of stunning natural surroundings in one of their latest projects

The sloping site in Burnham Norton edges a stream along the rear boundary overlooking an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and enjoys views of a medieval church to the front. But the tired bungalow that existed on the site wasn't taking advantage of these delightful surroundings.

"The replacement dwelling we have designed presents a traditional frontage that sits comfortably within the established street scene along Friar's Lane," explains Architectural Designer Nick Borrmann. "We used traditional Norfolk red facing brickwork and flint infill which is sympathetic to the surrounding properties to create a simple, elegant look."

The rear of the new property has a striking contemporary edge, with large balconies, zinc cladding and a glazed apex which makes the most of views out towards the Norfolk coast. ACS "Initially the Planning Officer had concerns about light pollution from the extensive glazing, but we have set the

glazed apex back framed by a covered balcony which significantly lessens any negative impact," explains Nick.

ACS Architectural invest a lot of time into the planning stage of any project and value strong relationships with the local Planning Authority. "We find the Planning Officers approachable and we take time to fully discuss our design intentions with them during the planning process," says Nick. "We want to ensure our clients have a design that is feasible so we don't waste their time and money."

The client's brief in Burnham Norton included a garage by the roadside, an element which ACS Architectural knew would be challenging. "The Planning Authority is generally opposed to garages to the front of a property because it interrupts the established street scene," explains Nick.

"On this site we were able to utilise a well-established hedge to mask the garage and designed it with a sedum roof to help it blend into the surroundings. It was an effective

solution and was approved with no objections."

The award-winning practice led by brothers Chris and Nick Borrmann use a unique blend of passion and talent to provide the best possible outcome for every client. On this project, their vision was delivered in partnership with the highly respected R.M Smith Builders. "This was one of those sites with so much potential that hadn't previously been realised," Nick concludes. "It will be a lovely property when it's completed, likely in summer 2023."



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