



Living on the contemporary edge

In their latest ambitious design, ACS Architectural blend striking modern features with traditional materials

When the ACS Architectural team were approached with a brief for a large modern dwelling to sit between two traditionally styled properties on the coveted Herring's Lane in Burnham Market, they knew obtaining planning permission would be tough.

The award-winning practice is led by brothers Chris and Nick Borrmann who have a strong reputation for their technical knowledge and understanding of planning policy. And with a 98% planning application success rate, it's unsurprising that clients have confidence in them to deliver even the most challenging projects.

"Creating something that both delivers our clients' ambitions and achieves planning consent can be a delicate balance," explains Architectural Designer Nick. "We knew that the large scale and modern style of this property would cause concern for Planning Officers, so we provided an extra

layer of detail that exceeded the usual requirements."

Nick and his team developed an outline of the wider street scene, presented comparisons to dwellings nearby and even conducted an analysis of neighbouring properties' internal layouts to show that their proposed plans would fit well into the community. "We were confident that the design was right for the site," Nick says, "and the Planning Authority agreed, approving it with zero amendments to the plans which was really a great success."

The approved property has a spectacular contemporary presence with bold features. A striking curved turret frames the front door with large aluminium framed glazing. The cantilevered gable defies gravity, its steep pitch overhanging the ground floor below, while louvres conceal the windows creating both a focal centrepiece and lessening the impact of light pollution.

Overlooking the garden is a large balcony and pergola shading extensive bi-fold doors that flood the living space with light and merge the boundary between inside and out.

"We did a lot of research on materials to bring the design together," Nick says. "The contemporary elements of the building are softened by traditional materials such as flint and decorative brickwork." At the back of the property, ACS Architectural have used a steel frame with Rockpanel composite cladding which gives a weathered bronze look. "It's a product used on a lot of industrial buildings," Nick explains, "and was perfect for this project because it's lightweight and requires no maintenance."

Construction is set to begin on this impressive home in the coming weeks. "We're looking forward to seeing it come to life," Nick says, "and are anticipating an award-worthy end result."



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