

Design Statement

At the top of the house, the loft will be converted by the addition of a dormer with a flat roof. There will be clearly visible pitched roof around the dormer so it does not dominate. Extending the ridge of the hipped roof will give enough head room for a winding stair extension with down light from roof windows. The present family bathroom will become an en-suite bathroom and a new room above the existing garage will make a more spacious family bathroom. Behind the first floor bathroom will be a new child's bedroom. The ground floor rear extension of 2.8m overall will extend across most of the width of the house, combining with the existing rear rooms to make an open plan family kitchen and living room. The existing garage is too small for a modern car and will be more useful converted to a study.

The ground floor study room at the side will share its little front roof with the open porch. The bathroom above the study will be set back with a small bay window rising from that roof. The relatively narrow width of the side extension will mean it has a smaller proportion than the forward projecting gable and double height bay window which is the dominating feature of the front elevation. This bathroom bay window will be its little brother.

This is our chosen means to make the side extension appropriate, to provide visual interest but with a smaller proportion to the overall composition. We could have done this by setting back the roof of the extension, but we did not want to do that. We prefer to make the roof uniform and consistent, while expressing subservience within the original facade by other means. A small but significant gesture is that the front wall of the study is also stepped to preserve the important visual alignment of the original side wall of the house at its front corner.

There will be a re-designed part glazed arched entrance door which will have a level access threshold. There will now be a ground floor WC which will be accessible to wheelchair users.

All of the new and existing walls will have a layer of external wall insulation with textured polymer render to give a visual and thermal upgrade to the whole house.