

## Design Statement

In 2009 Old Balgove was extended and altered by the previous owners. The extension was limited to a first-floor extension built over an existing masonry lean-to on the north of the dwellinghouse and which is a contemporary addition which respects the character of the original farmhouse.

My clients are very keen gardeners. Their large garden abounds with clipped box hedges, shrubs, mature trees, and lawns. I was not surprised when they asked me to prepare an extension which would reveal the wonderful views from inside their home. Furthermore, they had decided this could be achieved by building a new living room with large windows, over two new bedrooms. This meant that the extension, because of the layout and topography of the site, would have to be connected to the east gable. Aware that the original dwelling should not be overwhelmed by the extension, we agreed that a contemporary design would be a suitable approach which would avoid a bland pastiche. The axis of the extension is turned through 90° which anchors the new roof to the original house by extending the slate roof beyond the gable. As the design evolved it became clear that a balcony would be desirable for days when the weather allows.

To provide continuity, elements of the previous extension are included such as the horizontal timber cladding and the dormers on the east elevation. Windows and doors are in scale with the existing. The main roof and wall cladding of the extension continues the contemporary appearance by virtue of the VMZinc with standing seam precision.

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