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6 QUICKSWOOD, LONDON NW3 3SJ

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INTRODUCTION

We have been appointed to develop proposals for refurbishing and adding an additional storey at 6 Quickswood, London, NW3, for a family as their main residence. The additional storey would be inline with other similar projects carried out on the estate with a sensitive aesthetic.

This document describes the site, context, and design process concluding with the proposal.



THE SITE

06 Quickwood, London NW3 3JS



THE CONTEXT AND THE BUILDING

The house is part of the Quickwood block, one of the areas of the Chalcot Estate which extends to north and south of Adelaide Rd. It was developed in the 1960s as a sort of modern estate with an internal road from which the houses are accessed, originally comprising two storey dwellings.

The house is a corner plot in a cluster of four dwellings, each attached on two sides. All the houses have a small private garden created in the negative space created by the 'L' shape of the block.

This part of the estate is built with a stretcher bond brick course painted white, with white painted wood clad in between.

The verticality of the house is grouped into piers into which the windows are placed. The vertical alignment of the windows is intersected with wood weatherboard painted white.

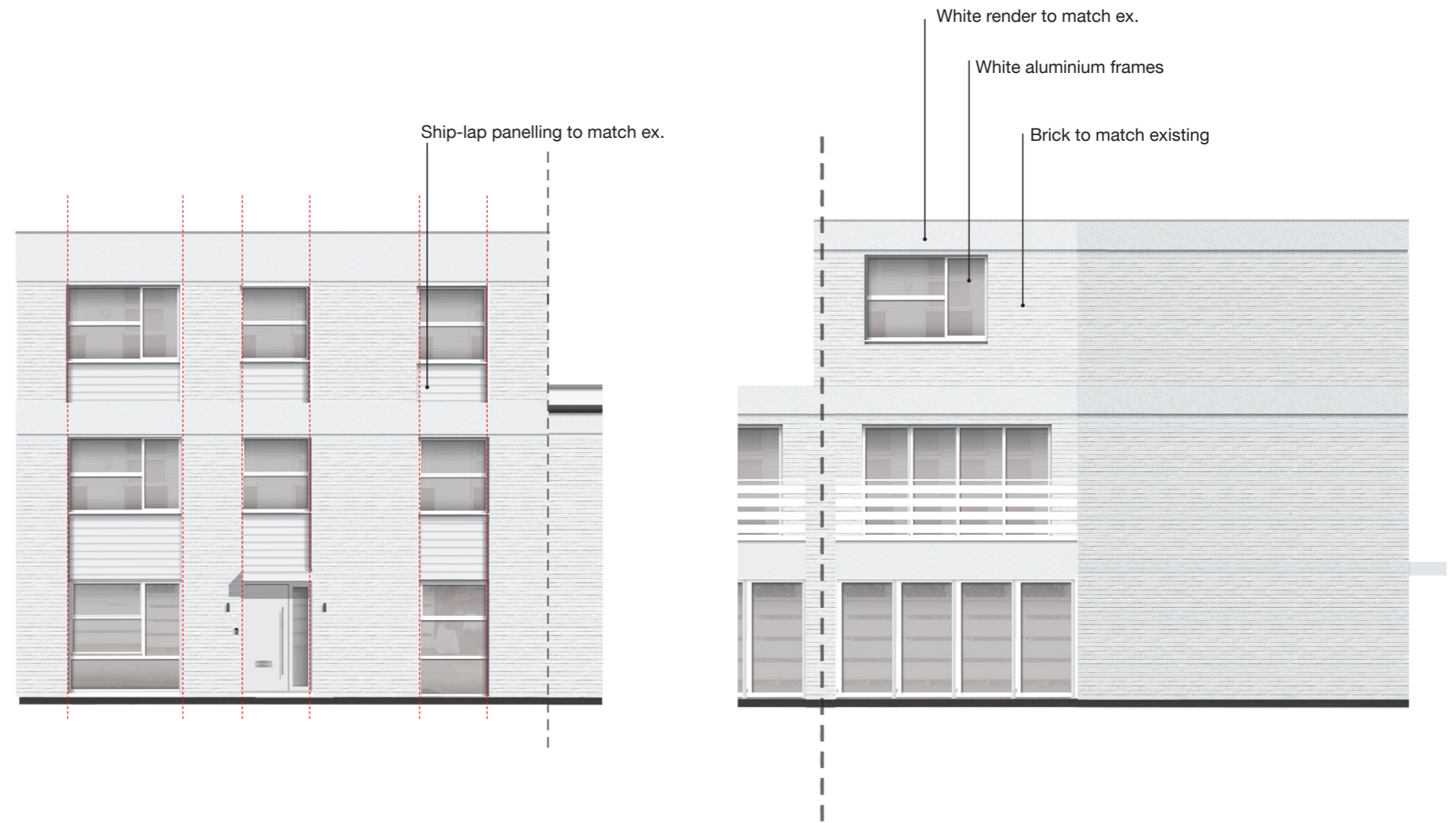


DESIGN AND ACCESS

Our design proposes the addition of a new floor covering the entire footprint of the existing structure. The design follows the local design guidelines (Quickswood Residents Association).

Our proposal respects the material consistency mentioned in the guidelines, by using a brick to match the existing for the new flank walls and a precast reconstituted stone fascia also to match the brick tone, in order to give the extension an architectural value in a contemporary key. The massing will be in keeping with the rest of the approved extensions in the area.

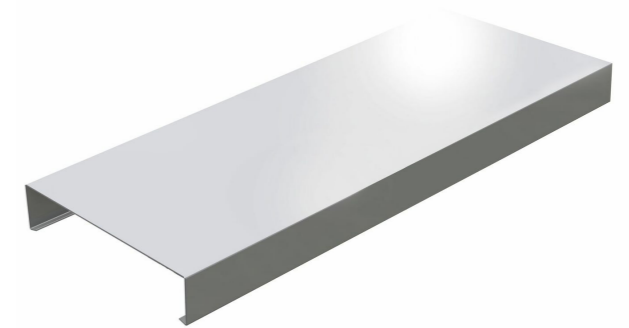
No changes are proposed to the rest of the exterior, besides replacing the original windows, which are in a bad condition, for new aluminium frames in white, as other houses in the same area. The rear boundary as seen from King Henry's Rd remains unchanged. Railings to the first floor balcony will be temporarily dismantled, repaired and reinstalled once the flat roof is in place. The access to the house remains unchanged by this application



MATERIAL PALETTE

Our proposal works with materials and construction techniques in order to closely match to the existing aesthetic. The render presents a very subtle textural shift as an architectural statement. All existing windows will be replaced with aluminium frames in white.

The brick work will be painted white and laid in stretcher bond, with the vertical joints flush with the brick face.



From top left

_Stretcher bond brick painted white, vertically flush pointing, to match existing

_Rain clear, 422mm aluminium coping, in RAL9016

_Black framed sky lights

_Alitherm 300, aluminium frame windows in white

DRAWING SCHEDULE

Existing

221-(00)001 - Location plan
221-(00)002 - Site plan

221-(00)101 - Existing first floor plan
221-(00)102 - Existing roof plan
221-(00)201 - Existing section 01
221-(00)202 - Existing section 02
221-(00)250 - Existing front elevation
221-(00)251 - Existing side elevation

Proposed

221-(01)102 - Proposed third floor plan
221-(01)103 - Proposed roof plan
221-(01)201 - Proposed section 01
221-(01)202 - Proposed section 02
221-(01)250 - Proposed front elevation
221-(01)251 - Proposed side elevation