

Design and Access Statement for garden room

Site: 5A Belsize Square, NW3 4HT,

Ref: 2025/0656

Proposal

The proposed building will be positioned approx 16m from the house in the rear garden and will be 3m wide, 3m deep, and 2.5m high, with glazed sliding doors on the front and left elevations (see JonesScale.pdf). The exterior cladding will be cedar cladding on the garden sides (see example image, right) and treated timber cladding on the boundary sides. It will also have a living roof consisting of sedum turf. The building will be used as a home office.



Existing site

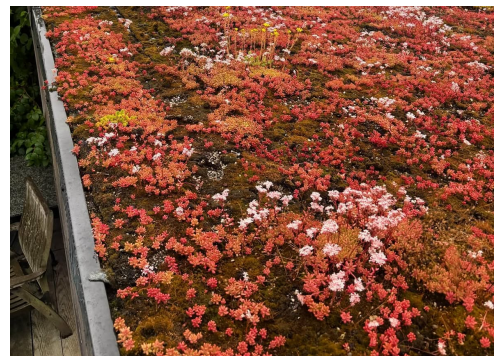
The site consists of a four-storey semi-detached property divided into flats on the south side of Belsize Square with a large rear garden (16m x 10m approx) in which the garden room will be situated. It is within the Belsize Park Conservation Area but the property is not listed.

Proposed features

In the design of the proposed building, due consideration to the following elements has been given:

- *Appropriate use of surface materials*

The choice of cladding and roof materials aims to set the garden room comfortably within the garden, the natural warm-colour of the cedar timber cladding with the dark-grey windows and mono-pitch roof with sedum overlay (see right) complimenting and enhancing the planting and hardstanding of the garden design without dominating (see garden design diagram below).



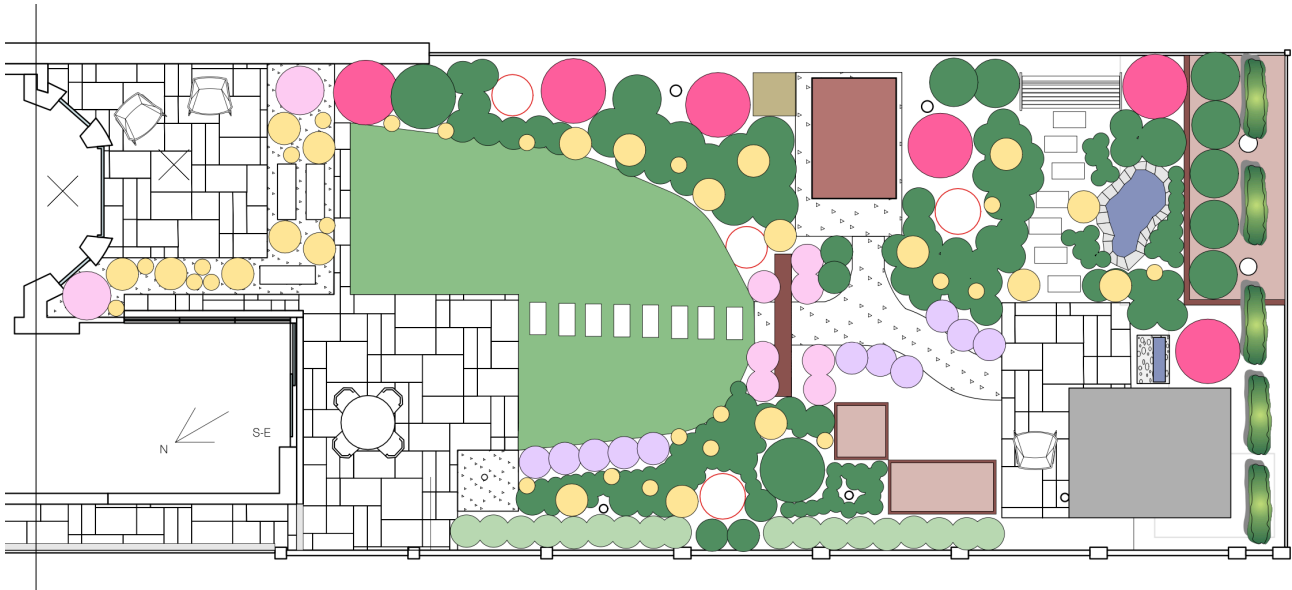
- *Relationship with buildings and spaces*

In its proposed position in the garden's back right corner, the garden room will neither overlook neighbouring property nor impinge on any views or sight lines enjoyed by neighbours and has been designed to sit appropriately and sensitively

within the site, with adequate space between it and existing buildings as well as site boundaries. Boundary heights are between 1.83 and 2.05 metres (see *JonesBoundaries.pdf*)

- *Access*

Access to the garden room will be via the double-glazed sliding doors on the front and left elevations.



Above: Proposed garden room within the garden design.