

Wells Court, Oriel Place, NW3 1QN

Design Statement

The basis of our design is to enhance the street scene, removing the existing ugly gates and high level metal fencing, and to provide accommodation to complement the refurbishment of Wells Court, Oriel Place, NW3 1QN.



The existing full width brick wall, gates and high level fencing located to the West of Wells Court is to be fully demolished. New three storey mews house to be constructed to the existing front wall building line to adjoin Wells Court and Oriel Hall.



To the front the building design takes a simple understated modern form with a composition of different shaped rectangular windows. On the ground floor lightweight timber gates open onto a bin store and side passage providing access to the rear of Wells Court. To the first and second floors small sections of timber cladding balance the windows whilst carrying through the subtle accent of timber tying in with the ground floor gates. The height of the building aligns with the neighbouring Oriel Hall to give consistency to the street scene building line.



To the rear the elevation has been set inboard of Wells Court rear elevation ensuring the surrounding buildings are not overshadowed. At first floor level part of the rear elevation has been stepped inwards to form a small balcony space and with the rear section of roof being pitched the building profile maximises on allowing light into the rear courtyard.

Whilst the design takes a modern form with modern glazing and timber cladding, the brickwork is to match the London Stock Brick of Wells Court which allows the building to subtly blend in to the street scene.