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Project: 24 Heath Drive, Hampstead, London NW3 Client: Sarah Bard

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The intention is to create gardens that complement the style and period of the important Quennell house.

The Front Garden has been designed to accentuate the symmetry of the facade of the original building. With new proposed trees to soften and screen the neighbouring houses and add year round interest.

There is a generous sweeping driveway and stone paved arrival area on the central axis of the symmetrical facade.

The Rear Garden will be a series of terraced levels designed to suit the existing contours. Existing soil will be re-used on site.

This will create level areas for family use, with an oval lower lawn, an upper games lawn and a discretely hidden garden shed and storage area on the mid level.

With stone steps passing through tiered planting beds between levels.

The garden is currently completely overgrown and neglected and it is proposed to remove certain trees which are too large / over-mature, or too close to the house. Replacing these with more suitable smaller species, with an emphasis on autumn colours, flowers and year round interest.

Other existing trees on site to be retained, require general tree-care management and dead-wooding, as they have been neglected for decades.

The general style of the garden and the materials selected are traditional, with York stone paving, timber and brick retaining walls and gravels, Box and Yew Hedges and planting to complement the period architecture.

Adjacent to the new extension more modern elements will be introduced to blend the modern architecture into the landscape.

Log piles, bat boxes and wild flowers (Bluebells and snowdrops) will be added to maintain/ create new wildlife habitats.