



A Home Reimagined

Interior Design Portfolio

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Calm entrance defined with bench seating.

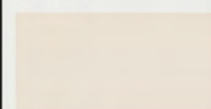


01 GROUND FLOOR - *Existing vs. Proposed*

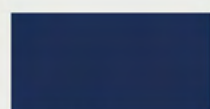
The original plan separated kitchen, dining and lounge into individual rooms. Reorganised as an open-plan Kitchen–Dining–Living, the ground floor now prioritises flow, sightlines and shared use with a clear entrance sequence and a simpler furniture layout. Service elements (pantry and WC) are consolidated away from primary movement to minimise clutter, making the space brighter and more adaptable—without adding area.

Finishes Key

Paints



RAL9001
Matt Lacquer Cabinetry &
Walls



RAL5026
Matt Lacquer
Dining Area Library
Cabinetry



RAL7003
Matt Lacquer+Slatted
Island Base &
TV Unit Accent Wall



RAL5010
WC Upper Walls

Wood



Cotwold Oak
Flooring



Parisian Oak
Kitchen Countertop

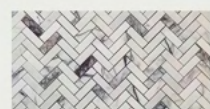


Wild Oak
WC Cabinetry

Hard Surfaces



Calacatta
Borghini
Island Top+Waterfall

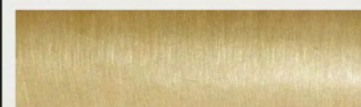


Calacatta
Viola Honed Mosaic
Backsplash



White Metro Tiles
Half-height wall lining in
WC

Metal



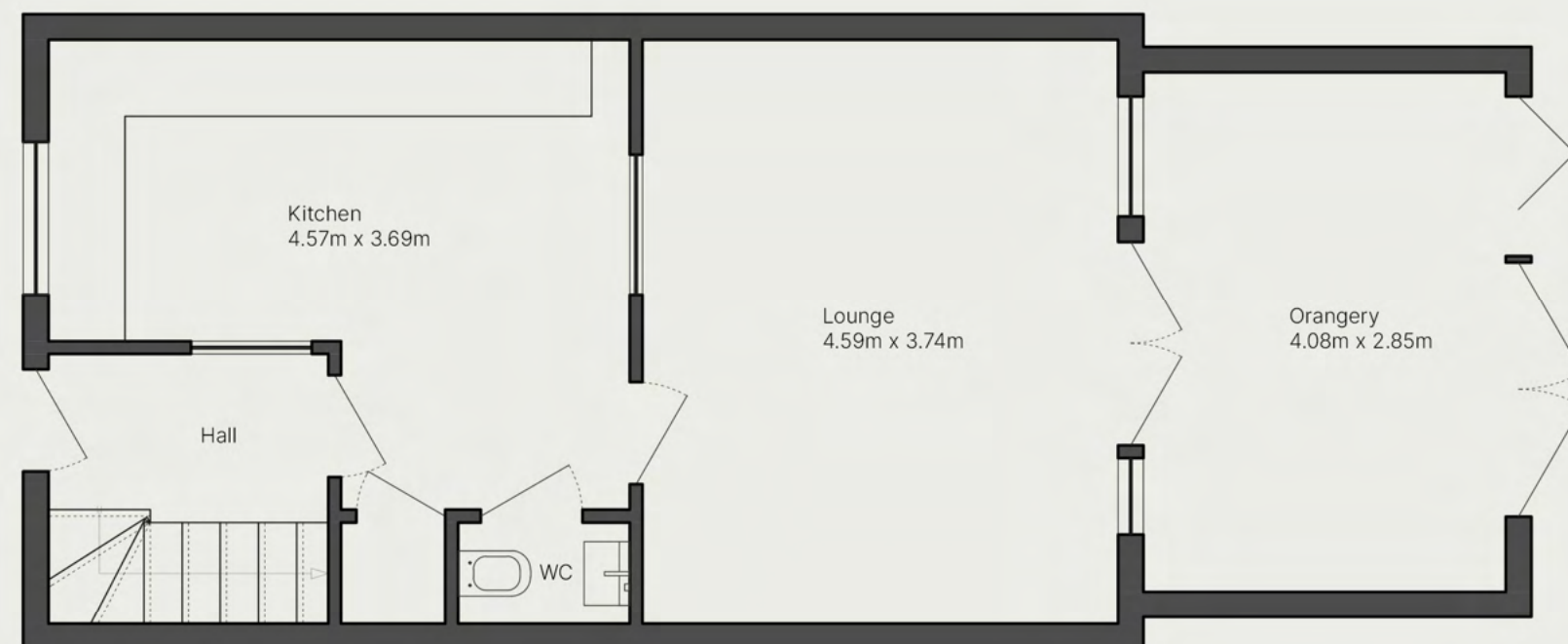
*Brushed Brass
Faucet & Kitchen Handles*

Fabrics



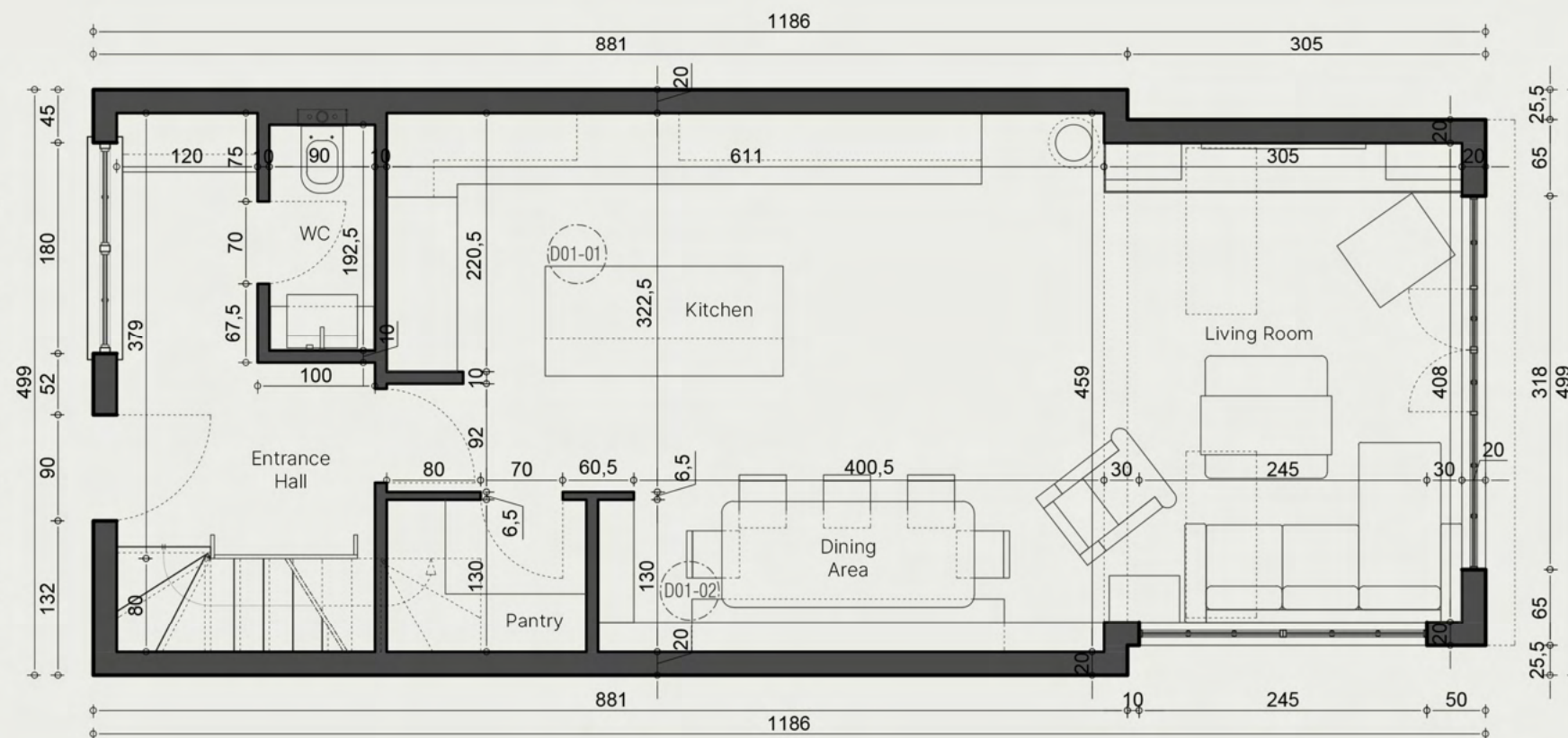
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Original Layout



Proposed Layout

(Designed by Elif Menteş Gray)



02 LIVING ROOM

Set at the quiet end of the open-plan sequence, the living room is a soft threshold between the interior and landscape beyond. It's positioned in alignment with kitchen and dining circulation, yet the built-in media wall and seating orientation establish a calm area, without enclosing it. Full-height glazing and rooflights extend sightlines outward, balancing the layered textiles and oak accents with an uninterrupted relationship to daylight and garden views. In this arrangement, the space is as a flexible retreat within the ground floor flow, supporting everyday family use while preserving visual openness and room to breathe.



Built-in media wall with concealed storage and feature shelving.



Light-filled living corner with layered textures, soft tones and relaxed comfort.

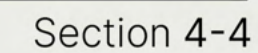
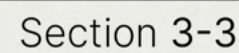
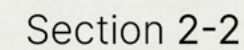
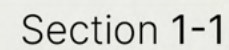
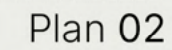
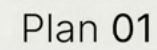
03 KITCHEN



A refined kitchen balancing classic forms and contemporary warmth.

This kitchen blends classic simplicity with modern practicality. RAL 9001 lacquered cabinets, walnut oak accents and expressive marble tones create a soft yet elevated atmosphere. The slatted wood island anchors the room with texture and warmth, while tall units hide generous storage and integrated appliances. Subtle details, like glazed cabinetry, open timber shelving and a continuous LED shadow gap, add refinement. The result is a warm, functional and quietly sophisticated kitchen.

All drawings shown not to scale.
Kitchen design shown as structural concept;
to be verified by joiner.



A white farmhouse-style sink with a brass faucet and a wooden countertop. A small potted plant sits on the counter to the left of the sink.

05 DINING AREA

Due to the long and narrow footprint of the space, one side of the dining table was designed as custom-built joinery to optimise circulation and functionality within the open-plan living, kitchen and dining layout. By integrating a recessed niche and built-in bench into the cabinetry, seating is provided without additional furniture, creating an efficient and well-resolved solution for a constrained plan.

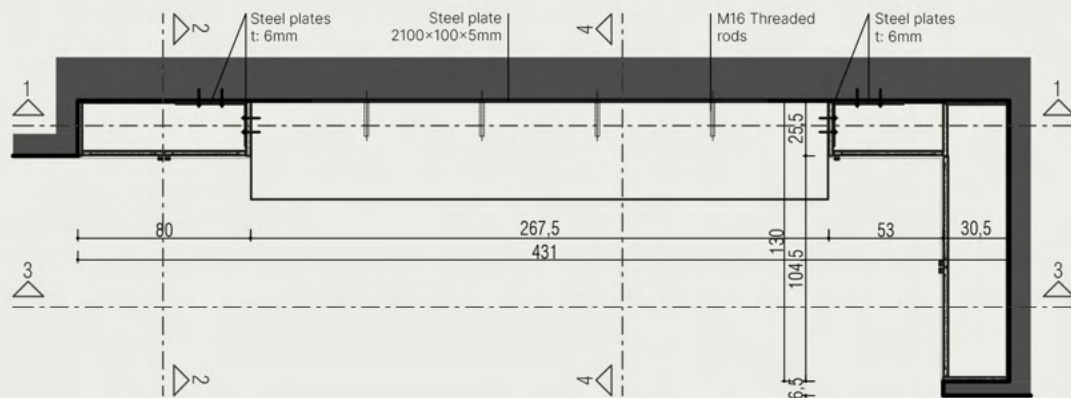
This approach anchors the dining area within the elongated space; a comfortable social zone with a clean, cohesive aesthetic. To one side, the cabinetry discreetly accommodates drinks storage with dedicated shelving for non-refrigerated spirits and glassware, reinforcing the dining area's hosting function.

Finished in a deep navy tone (RAL 5011), the joinery visually grounds the space, while layered textiles, artwork and a statement pendant above the table enhance the intended cosy atmosphere and establish the dining area as a focal point within the overall plan.

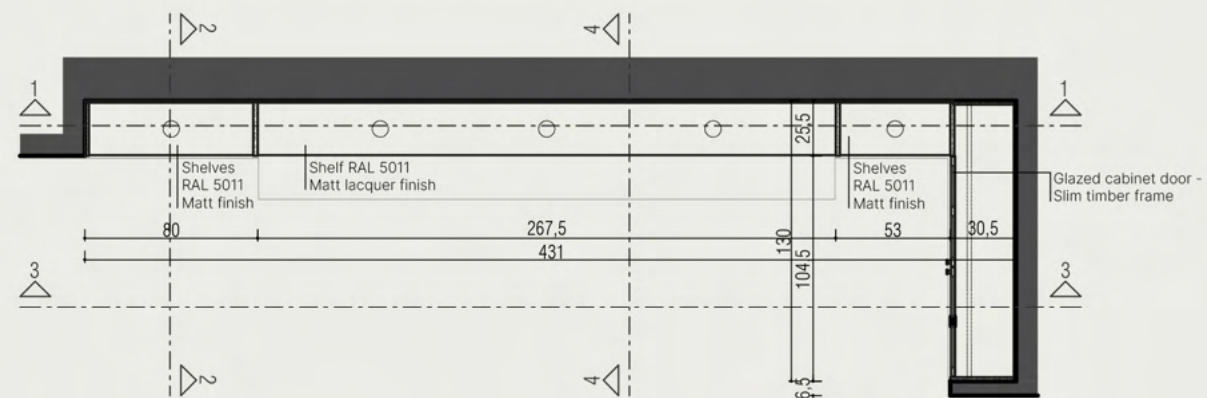


Custom joinery with integrated bench seating – designed to optimise compact dining.

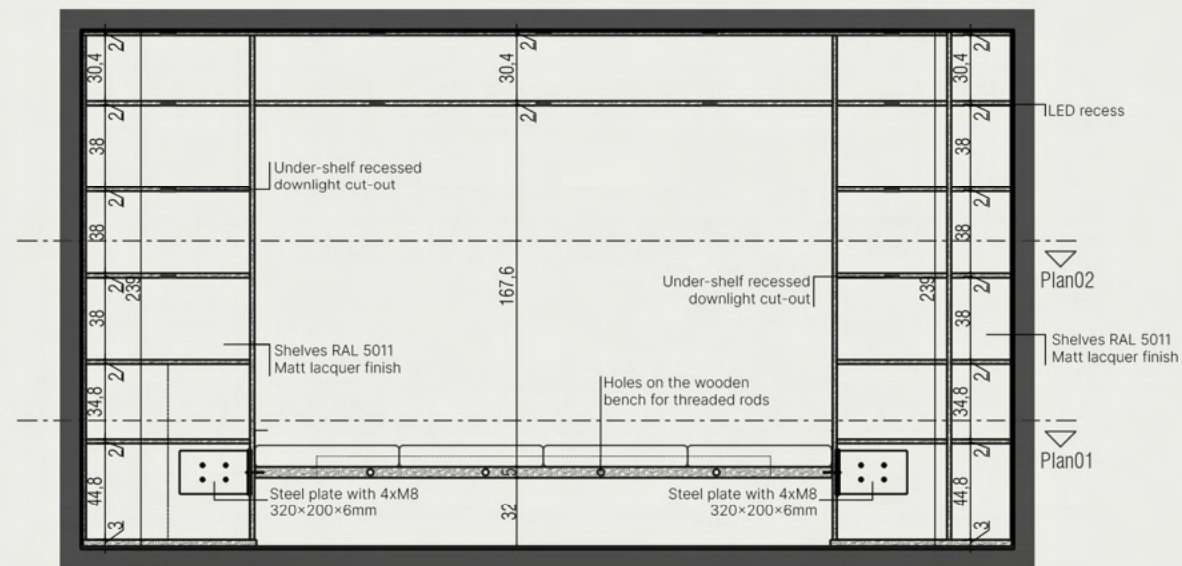
06 DINING - Joinery Package (D01-02)



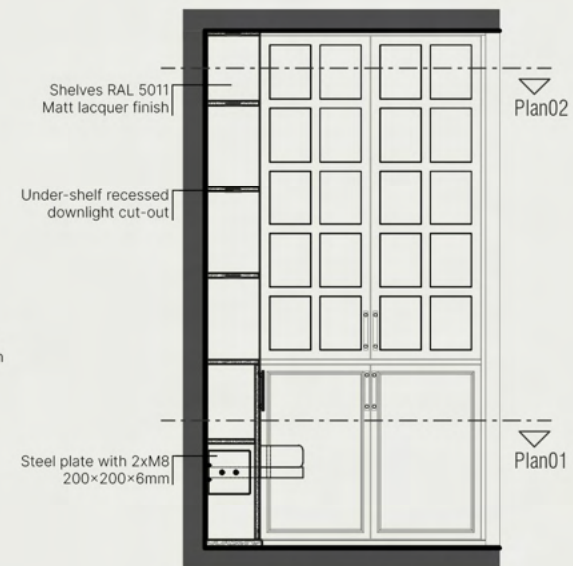
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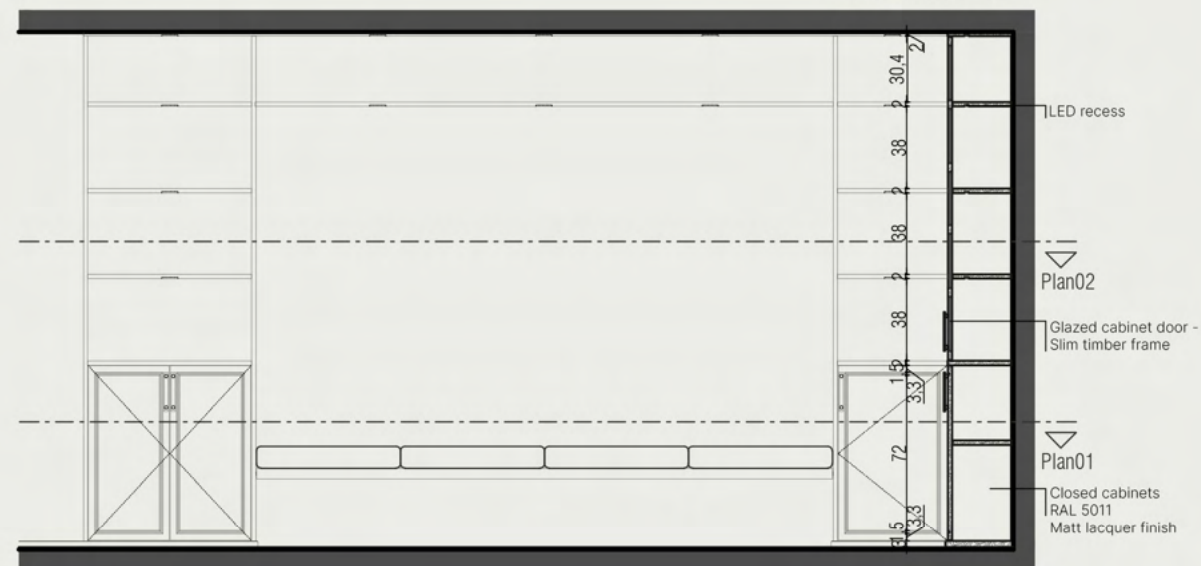
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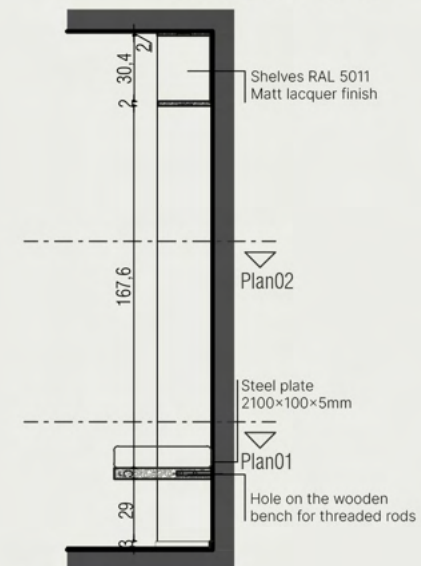
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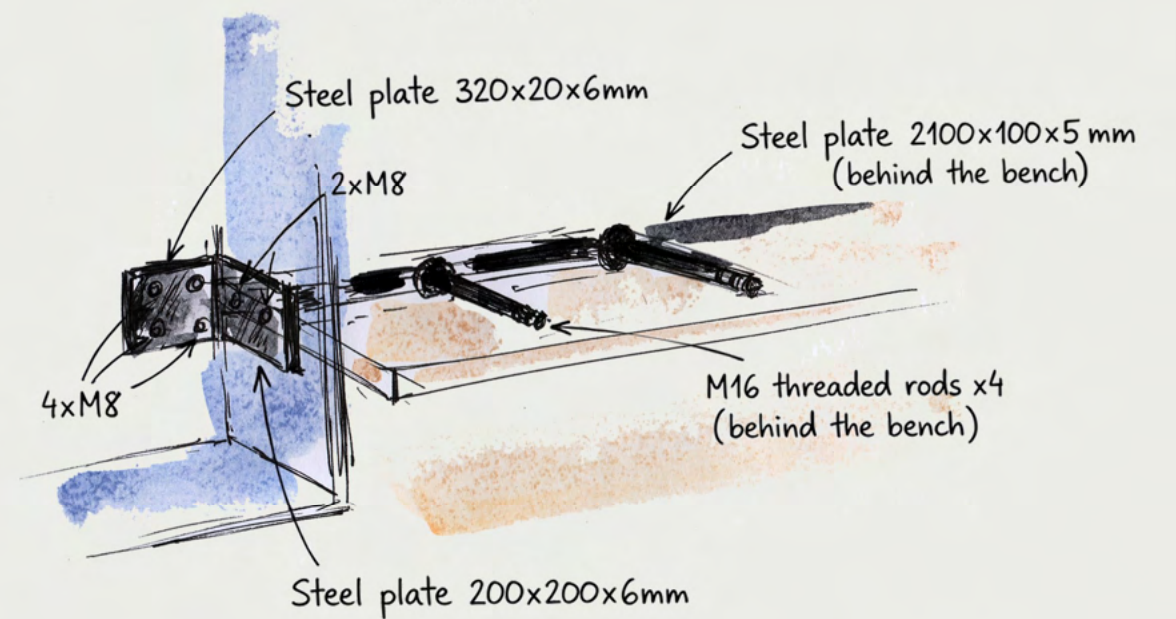
Section 2-2



Section 3-3



Section 4-4



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07 FIRST FLOOR - *Existing vs. Proposed*

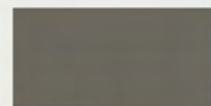
The proposed layout reworks the existing first-floor footprint to improve flexibility and functional zoning. The main bedroom is redesigned as a combined guest room and home office, divided by a separator to support both living and working use. Part of the oversized bathroom is reallocated to create a compact laundry space, responding to UK housing constraints, while maintaining overall spatial efficiency without increasing floor area.

Finishes Key

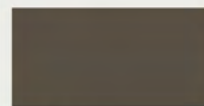
Paints

RAL 9001
Matt Lacquer
Walls & Ceiling

HEX #BABFB8
Custom color match
Matt Lacquer
Nursery Walls



RAL7039
Matt Lacquer
Guest Room & Office Walls



RAL7013
Matt Lacquer
Laundry Room Walls

Wood



Cotwold Oak
Flooring



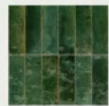
Light Natural Oak
Bathroom & Laundry
Cabinets



Wild Oak
Guest Room & Office
Cabinets

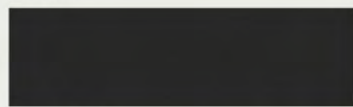
Hard Surfaces

Statuarietto
Marazzi
Bathroom Floor & Walls



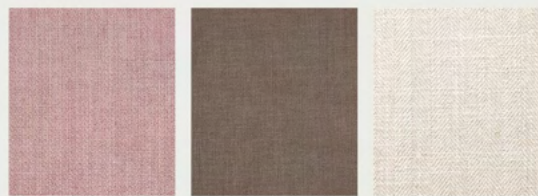
Lume Green
Marazzi
Bathroom Walls

Metal



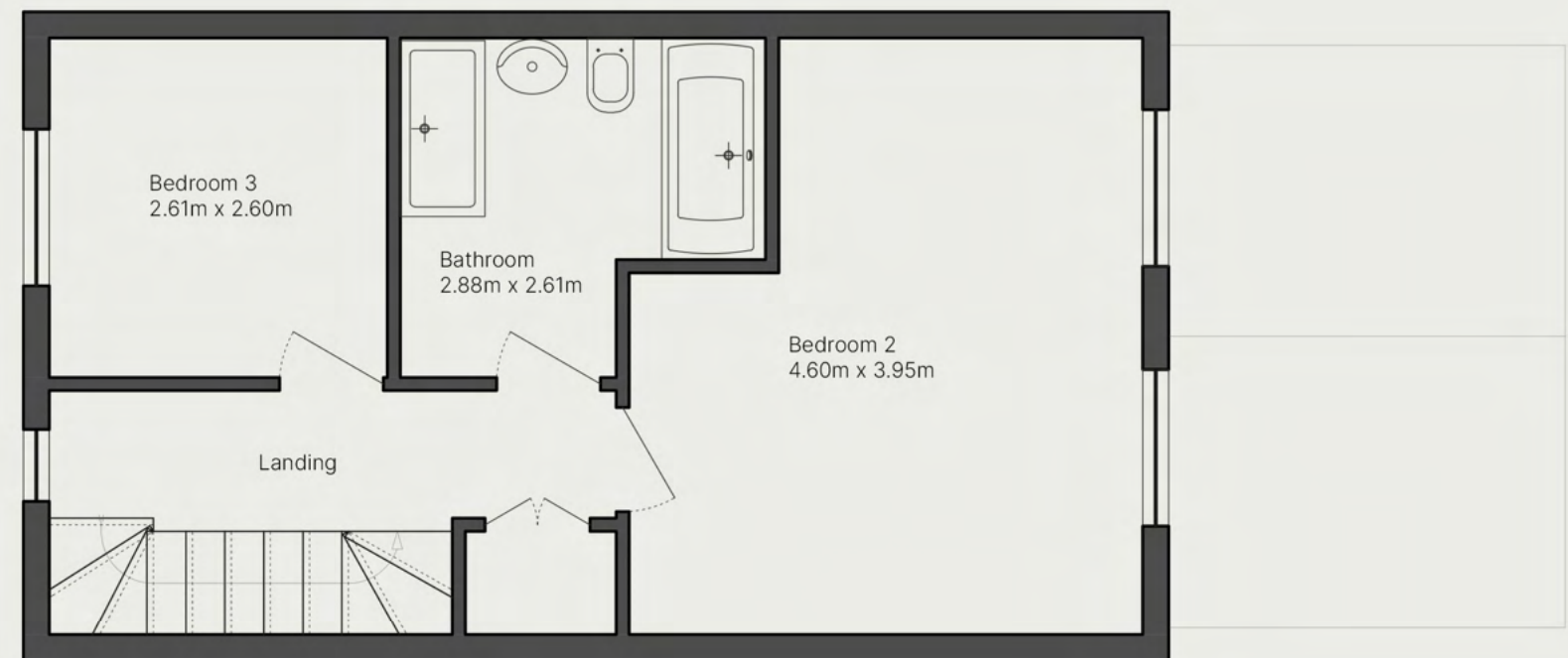
RAL 9005
Matt powder-coated stainless steel
Bathroom fittings & hardware

Fabrics

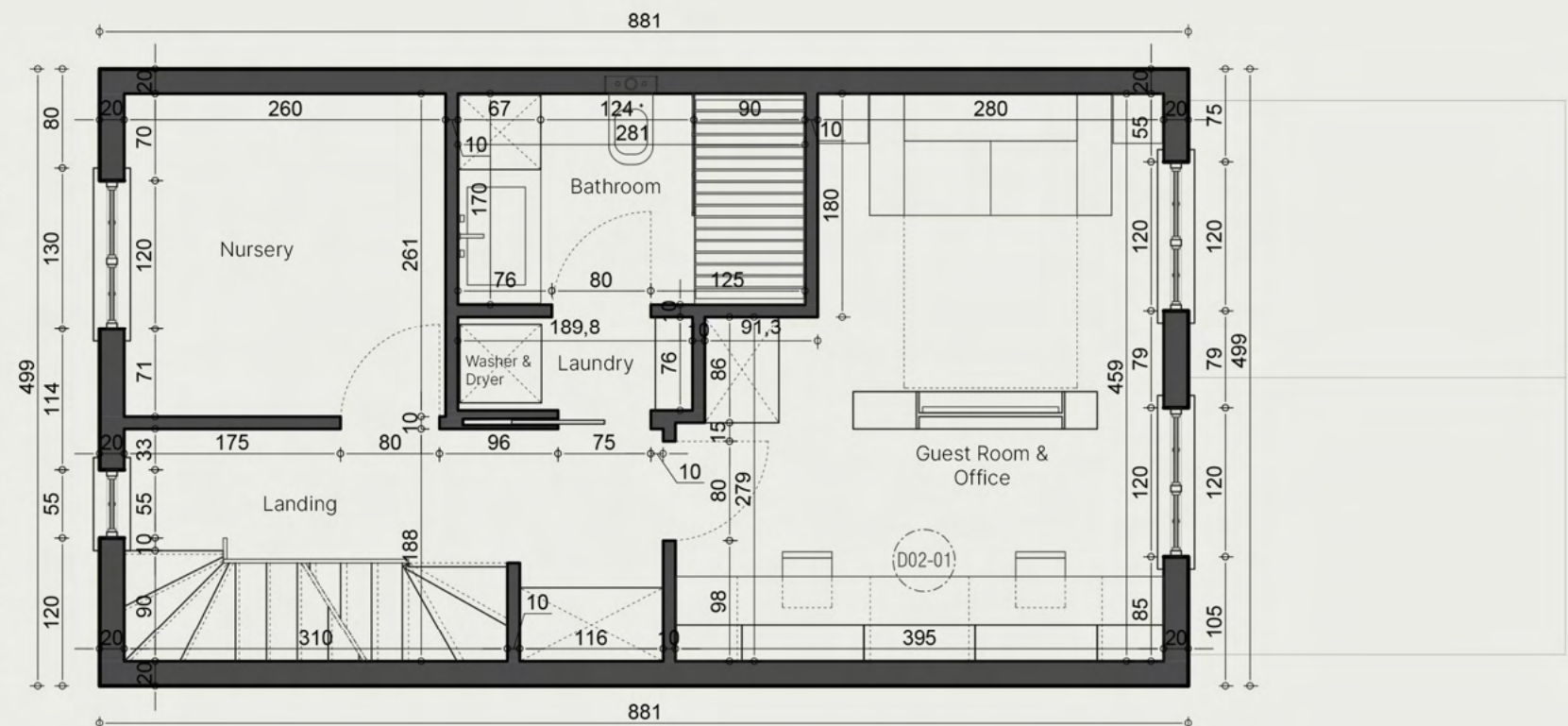


Original Layout

(sourced from RightMove)



Proposed Layout
(Designed by Elif Menteş Gray)



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08 NURSERY

The nursery is designed as a calm, nurturing environment, using a soft colour palette to avoid overstimulation and create a sense of comfort for both baby and parent. Gentle tones and natural textures help to support rest, bonding, and everyday routines.

The layout has been carefully planned to accommodate all essential functions within a compact footprint. The cot, nursing chair, changing area, and integrated storage are clearly zoned, allowing the room to operate efficiently while remaining uncluttered. The nursing chair is positioned to benefit from natural daylight, creating a comfortable setting for feeding and quiet moments, while storage units are incorporated to keep everyday items within easy reach but out of sight.

Overall, the nursery balances practicality with softness, resulting in a space that is functional, adaptable, and emotionally reassuring during the early stages of family life.



A softly layered nursery for quiet nighttime routines.



Calm, softly layered nursery designed for everyday care.

09 BATHROOM - *with Laundry Niche*



An integrated laundry niche aligned with the bathroom access.



A soothing bathroom defined by soft green tiles and warm finishes.

The bathroom is reconfigured to improve everyday functionality while maintaining a calm, cohesive atmosphere. The original oversized layout presented an opportunity to reallocate space more efficiently without compromising comfort.

Part of the existing footprint has been separated to introduce a compact laundry niche, responding to common UK interior regulations where appliances are often relocated to kitchens. By integrating a dedicated laundry area within the first-floor layout, visual clutter in living spaces is avoided and daily routines are better supported.

The laundry accommodates stacked washer and dryer units with additional storage for household essentials, accessed from the landing via a sliding door to remain discreet and unobtrusive while enhancing overall practicality.

10 OFFICE & GUEST ROOM

The guest bedroom is designed as a flexible, multi-functional space that supports both daily use and occasional accommodation. Generous proportions allow the room to be divided into two distinct zones using a central separator, enabling different activities to coexist within a single, cohesive layout.

On one side of the separator, the room functions as a guest and secondary living area, incorporating a sofa bed with bedside tables and integrated media. This zone can be used comfortably as a sitting room during everyday life, while easily adapting to overnight stays when required. The separator itself accommodates a television, serving this area without disrupting the working zone beyond.

The opposite side is arranged as a shared home office, with two adjacent desks conceived as a single, continuous unit. This “his and hers” working arrangement supports parallel use while maintaining visual order, storage continuity, and a calm working environment. Together, the layout delivers a balanced hybrid space that responds to contemporary living patterns with flexibility and clarity.



A dual workstation designed for shared daily use.



The home office subtly divided from the guest and living area.



Guest and living space with a separated home office.

11 OFFICE - *Joinery Package* (D02-01)



All desk joinery elements (open shelves, closed shelves and desk) in solid oak, clear lacquered natural finish (wild grain).
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 Dual desk shown as structural concept; to be verified by joiner.



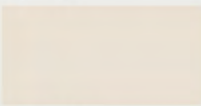
A dual home office designed for daily use.

12 SECOND FLOOR - Existing vs. Proposed

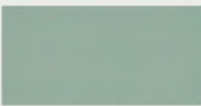
The proposed layout reconfigures the primary bedroom to improve spatial clarity, storage efficiency and everyday comfort. By reorganising the en-suite and introducing a walk-in wardrobe, the sleeping area is simplified and visually enlarged while maintaining clear circulation from the landing. The revised plan prioritises functionality and balance, creating a well-proportioned primary suite that supports daily routines without increasing the overall footprint.

Finishes Key

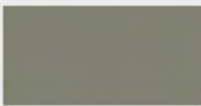
Paints



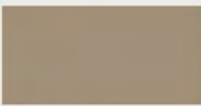
RAL 9001
Matt Lacquer
Walls & Ceiling



HEX #92AC9F
Custom color match
Matt Lacquer
Bathroom cabinet



RAL 7003
Matt Lacquer
Primary Bedroom Wall



RAL 1019
Matt Lacquer
Vanity & TV Wall

Wood



Cotwold Oak
Flooring



American Walnut
Walk-in Wardrobe

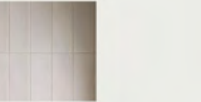
Hard Surfaces



Piazza Amber
Mandarin Stone
Bathroom Floor & Walls

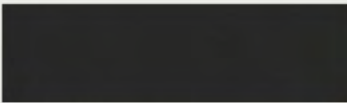


Panda White
Emperor Marble
Vanity



Pastella White
Mandarin Stone
Bathroom Walls

Metal

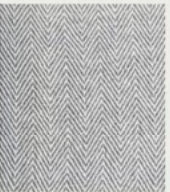


RAL 9005
Matt powder-coated steel
Glazed wardrobe door frames
Bathroom fittings (stainless steel, powder-coated)



Brushed Brass
En-Suite bathroom accessorize

Fabrics



Original Layout
(sourced from RightMove)

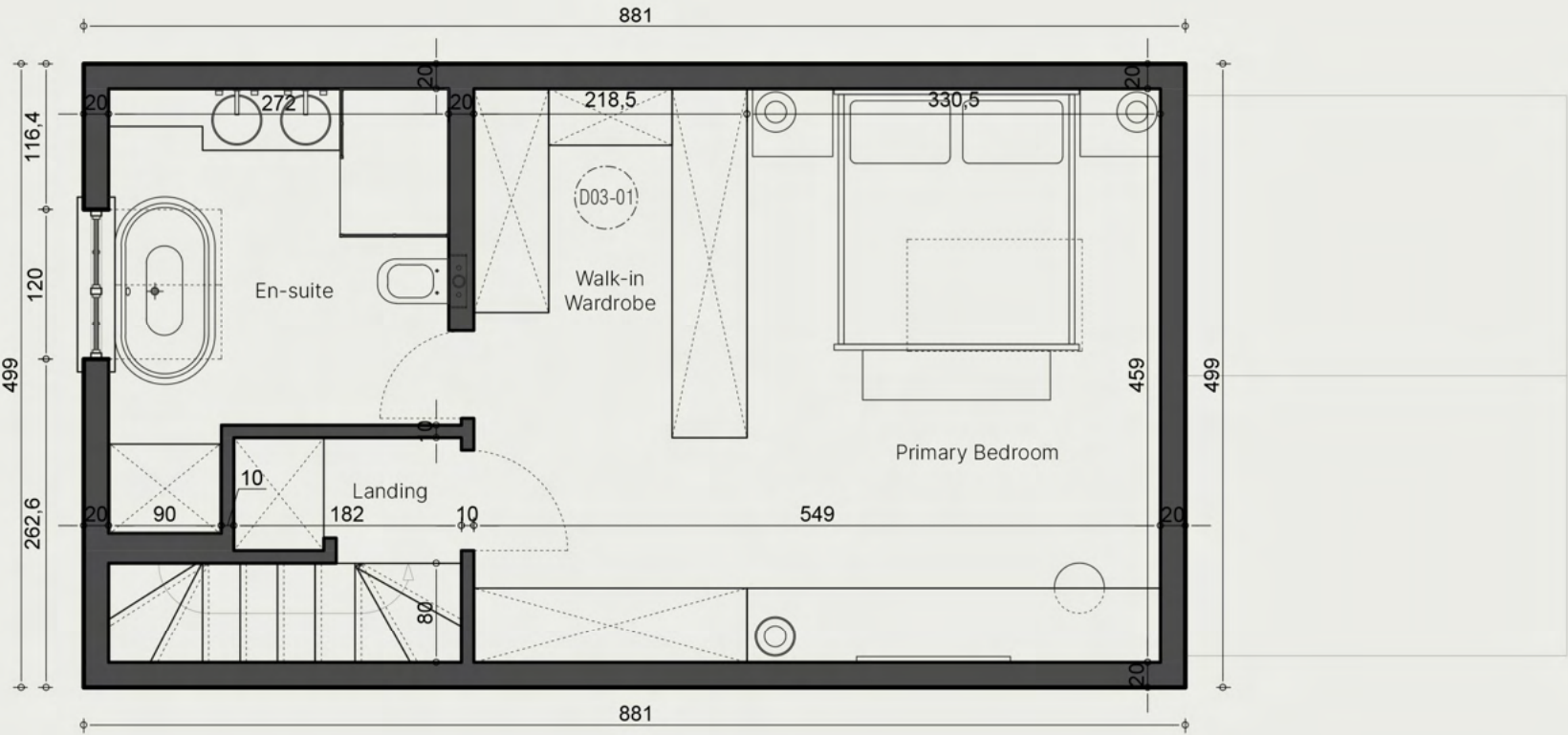


En-suite
3.52m x 2.93m

Bedroom 1
5.49m x 4.61m

Landing

Proposed Layout
(Designed by Elif Menteş Gray)



En-suite

Landing

Walk-in Wardrobe

Primary Bedroom

Dimensions: 881, 499, 262.6, 116.4, 120, 20, 272, 218.5, 330.5, 459, 549, 90, 182, 10, 80, 20

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13 DRESSING ROOM

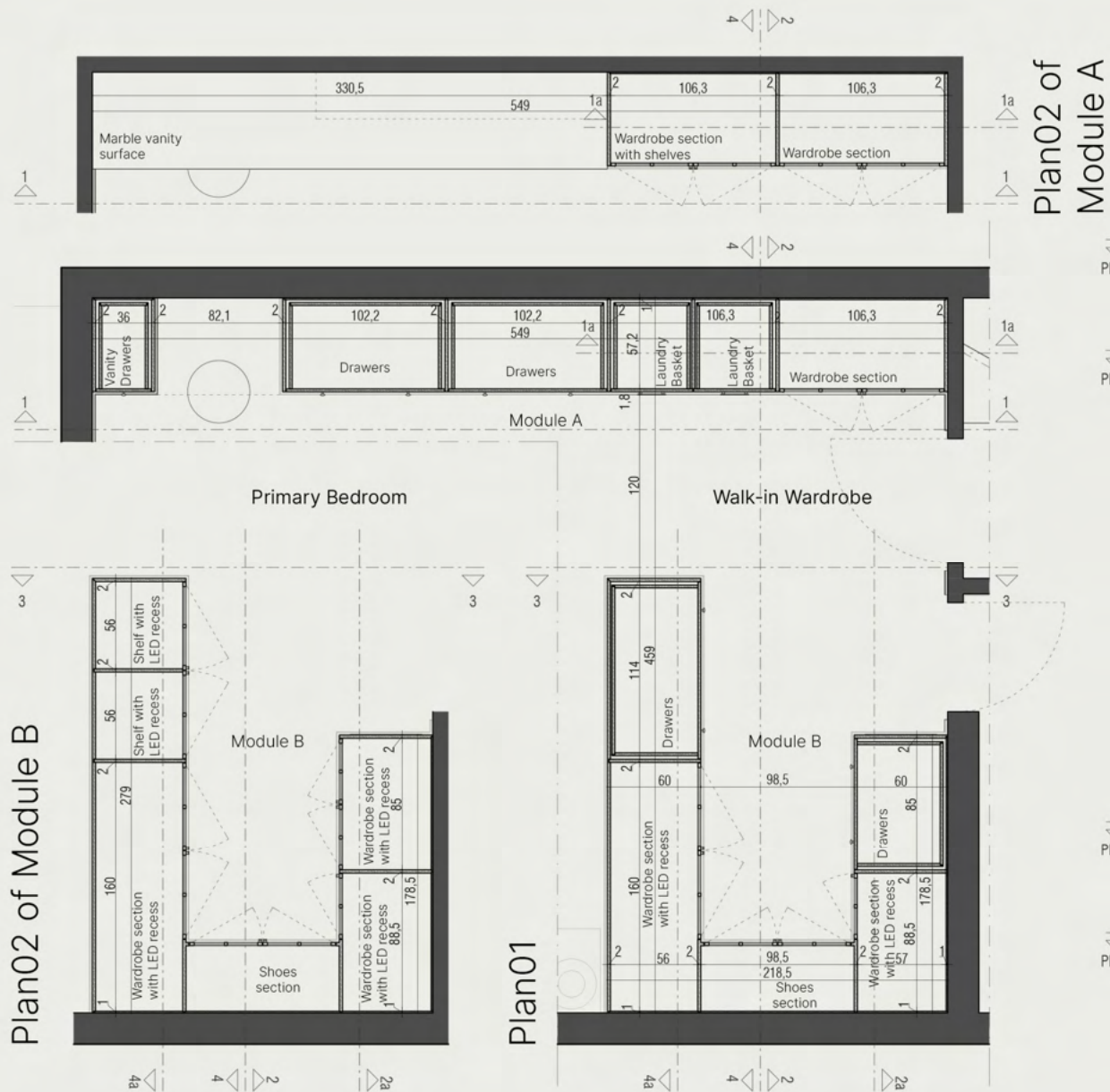


Glazed walk-in wardrobe with integrated lighting.

The generous proportions of the primary bedroom made it possible to introduce a walk-in wardrobe between the sleeping area and the en-suite bathroom. This significantly increased storage capacity while elevating the sense of luxury within the suite. Placing the wardrobe directly off the entrance creates a clear spatial transition, providing privacy for the sleeping area beyond.

The wardrobe was carefully planned to accommodate various clothing types, dedicated shoe storage and two separate laundry compartments, all integrated within a single, cohesive joinery system. The bedroom-facing side of the unit defines the boundary of the sleeping zone while introducing warmth through natural timber finishes, reinforcing function and visual clarity.

14 DRESSING - *Joinery Package* (D03-01)



Joinery within the walk-in wardrobe is finished in American walnut, contrasted with matt lacquered drawer fronts (RAL 9001) to the primary bedroom.

All drawings shown not to scale.
Walk-in wardrobe joinery shown as
indicative; final construction to be
verified by specialist joiner.



15 PRIMARY BEDROOM

The bedroom is designed as a warm, cocooning retreat, anchored by a deep, vertically-panelled headboard wall with integrated lighting that softens the evening ambience. Opposite the bed, the bespoke joinery continues as a linear sequence of drawers, shelving and a TV unit, concluding with a vanity zone to support everyday routines such as dressing and reading. Despite clear zoning, consistent materials and detailing maintain a cohesive visual language, while the skylight brings generous daylight across the joinery wall and balances the room's cosy character.



Cocooning bed zone with panelled headboard wall and soft ambient lighting.



Bespoke TV wall with vanity drawers, shelving, and integrated wardrobe joinery.

16 PRIMARY BATHROOM SUITE



Freestanding bath framed by pitched ceiling and generous window daylight.



Double vanity with herringbone feature wall, niches, and matte black shower set.

The en-suite bathroom is designed as a calm, spa-like retreat that makes use of the pitched roof geometry. A warm herringbone feature wall adds texture and visual rhythm, while the double vanity provides generous countertop space and an efficient daily-use layout. Matte black fittings introduce a contemporary contrast, balanced by softer tones and refined metal accents for a cohesive, elevated feel.

A freestanding bath is positioned beneath the large window to celebrate natural light and create a restful focal point. Built-in niches and open shelving integrate storage without visual clutter, supporting an organised, streamlined experience. Overall, the composition balances practicality with comfort, allowing the space to function equally well for morning routines and slower evening unwinding.



A calm entrance hall introducing the home's spatial language within.

Thank You

This project began nearly two years ago, sparked by the sale of a neighbouring house in Handforth, Cheshire, where a close friend of mine lives. As my husband and I asked ourselves “*How would we design this home if it were ours?*”, the availability of floor plans and insight into the renovations my friend had undertaken offered a starting point for the design.

In this case, I acted as both client and designer, developing the project around grounded in real, lived-in needs. The house was imagined for a family who works from home, enjoys hosting guests, and has close connections spread across different parts of the UK and Turkey. While the brief also considers the needs of a household with a young child, the overall approach was intentionally broad, reflecting a flexible family profile.

The design brings all wet areas onto a single, efficient axis and places particular emphasis on storage—responding to a common challenge in UK homes. While moments of quiet luxury are introduced, the guiding principle throughout the project remained comfort and utility. Above all, the layout and detailing were shaped around everyday life, from the first moments of the morning to the quieter rituals of the evening.

I thoroughly enjoyed the process of designing this home, and I hope you have enjoyed exploring it.

Thank you for taking the time to review this project.

Ellie Gray