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Don't Move, Improve

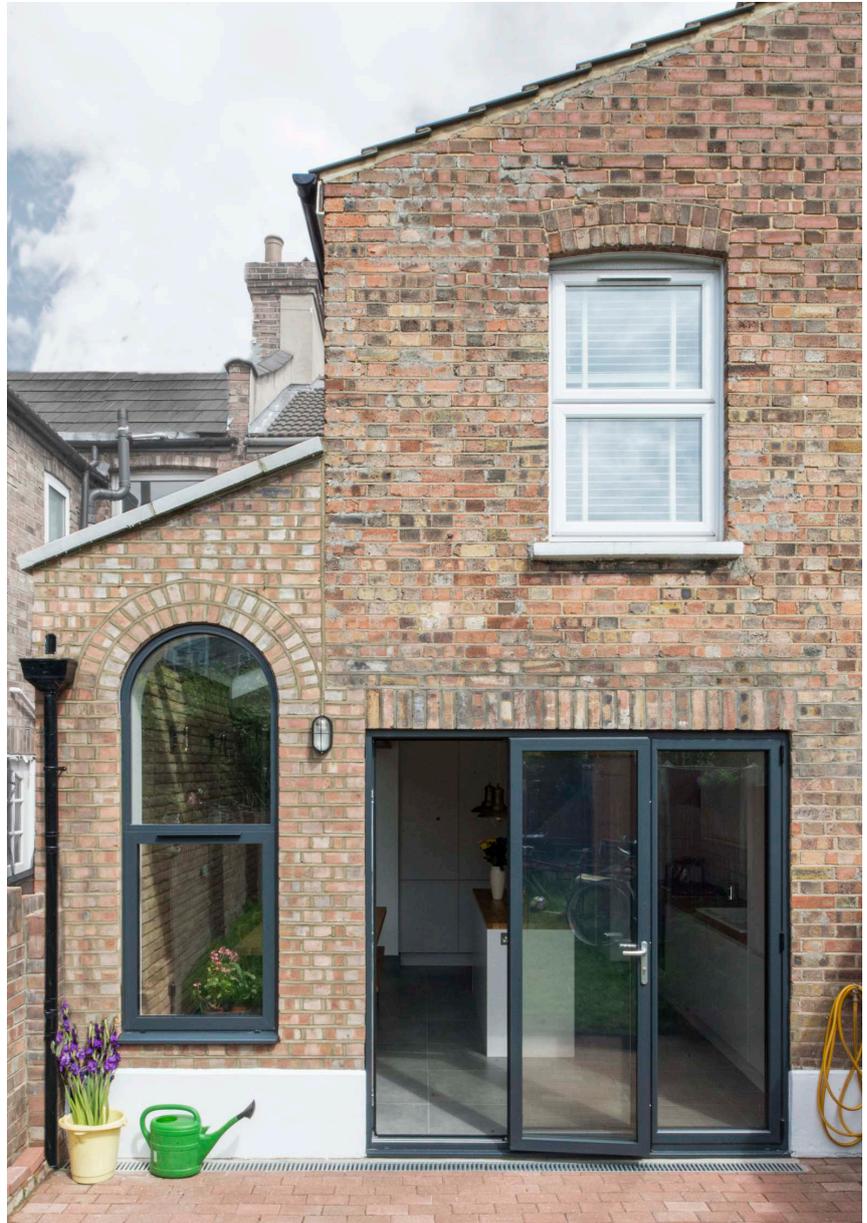
Why You Should Consider a House Extension

It's a common dilemma – you need more space within your home but you lack the wherewithal to move house. Extending your existing property provides you with a way to unlock its potential, granting you extra space in the process without the hassle of moving. There are many reasons why moving home may not be feasible, just as there are a lot of advantages to you and your property in investing in a house extension.

Not only can moving house be very expensive, especially in the current housing market, it can also be incredibly stressful in a number of different ways. If you have children in a local school and have found a bigger home in a different area, this may involve moving schools and disrupting your children's sense of stability. You may also have friends and relatives living nearby whom you wouldn't see as often if you moved farther away.

By implementing a house extension on your existing property, you are afforded exciting design opportunities to create an impressive addition to your home. By working closely with professional architects, you can extend your home in such a way that you will have the extra space you need – space which is not only practical but will add new character to your property. Those same friends and relatives who would have missed you will now be able to come over and admire your new house extension over drinks or dinner.

If you don't have children or were simply considering moving



Side Extension with Arched Window

to a larger house in the same area, there's another reason that extending rather than moving could be a more sensible decision financially – stamp duty. Once you factor in the stamp duty on the property you are considering purchasing on top of the agent fees on selling your own property, it can often make more financial sense to invest this money in an extension instead.

Opting for an extension affords you many choices, depending on existing features of your property as well as factors such as planning permissions. Perhaps you're interested in a rear extension to allow you to make use of and connect with your garden space. Or, if you like entertaining guests, maybe you want to enhance your kitchen dining space. Extending or renovating an existing space often



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allows you to increase the amount of natural light – you’ll be amazed at the difference this makes.

Extending your loft or basement is ideal if you’re running out of storage space and will help you relieve the pressure on other rooms within your home. The possible practical applications of the extra space are numerous – perhaps you’d like an extra bedroom with an en-suite, a home office, a family space or even a home cinema. It could provide a practical solution to housing the

practical utilities that so often clutter up kitchens. Whichever kind of extension you go for, one thing is certain – it will add value to your home.

This article scratches the surface of the practical considerations, such as planning permission, that you will need to take into account. For more information on any of the points raised, or if you have any queries not covered here, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Sean and Stephen for a friendly chat on how best to optimise your existing space. With a 100% proven track record of achieving planning permission for residential extensions throughout London, Sean and Stephen have accumulated an impressive portfolio of projects in places such as Hackney, Waltham Forest, Haringey, Tower Hamlets, Kensington and Chelsea, Islington, Wandsworth and Lambeth.

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A Kitchen with ‘Hidden’ Staircase



Visual for A House with a Slide