

Thornbridge Avenue - Design Statement

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The property is situated in the popular area of Chorlton Green, nearby to Chorlton Green Park. The small cul-de sac includes Victorian terraced /semi-detached properties, many of which have been altered and/or extended.

The design seeks to provide improved living accommodation while remaining sensitive to the existing building and surrounding context. The proposed rear extensions to the roof, are within permitted development dimensional constraints. However, to improve the scale, proportion and impact upon the adjoining neighbours the extensions tier down towards the rear. Thus, reducing the visual and daylighting impact upon the neighbours.

The proposed material palette seeks to harmonise the extension with the existing house with matching brickwork and zinc cladding in a dark red/terracotta tone, reminiscent of the smooth red stock brick utilised on the existing window heads. This red colouring continues into the window frames and projected window surround to the rear.

The newly formed first floor bathroom, includes a small roof terrace. This is covered to the roof and sides with a metal loggia, open to the top and solid to the side to maintain privacy to and from the neighbouring property.

All the houses in the street, except for this group of semi-detached properties, include a front dormer window to the second floor. Our proposal includes the introduction of one of a similar scale and position. However, the intention is to create a contemporary interpretation of the same utilising red zinc cladding and additional glazing to complement the remainder of the extensions.

Internally, works also include the refurbishment and conversion of the basement, which includes the creation of a sunken courtyard within the front garden and additional escape windows to the side elevation.

Overall, the proposal is a considered and high-quality addition to the property, enhancing its functionality while maintaining respect for the local character and built environment.

Photos



Street View



Rear Elevation



Front Elevation