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The brief consisted of providing the client with a contemporary, flexible and sustainable family house at a cost of no more than £150,000 to build. The site, located at the beginning of a Victorian residential street in inner London, consisted of a derelict garage and had a site area of 6.5 metres by 7 metres.

The modern contemporary design of the building evolved to encompass the above criteria and to act as a punctuation mark onto the street.

The thermal efficiency of the building was a primary concern due to the large expanses of glazing used in the scheme, but due to the small footprint of the site it was important that space was not lost through the use of thick cavity walls. The solution was the use of an S.I.P. panel construction, which was clad with a recycled glass Varotec board followed by a STO render. No steel beams were used and the house is a 100 per cent timber construction.

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