



Le Vieil Puit

Category:
**Residential Renovation/
 Extension (over £250k)**

CLIENT:
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CONTRACTOR:
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The original farmhouse turned its back on the coast, and our client wanted their home to meet modern living standards and maximise the potential of the location.

The extension primarily adopts the footprint of a granite garage and relocates the driveway and parking to the eastern side of the farmhouse, providing generous space for an open-plan kitchen, dining and living area with stunning views across the west coast. All material from excavation and demolition was utilised to build up the topography providing a large level terrace to the south. The granite was retained and used to construct the new extension.

The farmhouse was reconfigured, providing at first floor, a larger en-suite bedroom, a reading space and a master suite comprising dressing, bathroom and private balcony. At ground floor, the circulation space was increased, with a cloakroom, utility and study in addition to the kitchen, dining, and living area.

The form and mass was influenced by the existing garage, and by introducing a cantilevered flat roof that appears to peel away from the gable, we were able to maximise useable first floor area, whilst maintaining an unimposing and traditional face to the adjacent road. A structurally glazed corner dissolves modestly beyond the heavy granite gable and provides fabulous panoramic views from the master suite. An inset balcony provides shelter and solar shade beneath a flat roof that rationalises the complex staggered roofline of the farmhouse. Below the 2 storey glazed link, provides spacious circulation, natural light and views to areas that were previously compromised. It forms pockets between habitable rooms, moments to pause and enjoy the view.

The structure is a highbred of styles to provide the most cost effective solution possible to integrate with the original building. External materials have been selected to respect the fabric of the existing building, but also respond to the exposed coastal location.

The extension integrates abundant natural light and high ceilings into an older building that by nature is inherently dark and condensed, whilst respecting its historical character and interest.

[Contract value £320,000]



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GROUND FLOOR PLAN 1:100 © A3
 Scale Bar 1:100

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FIRST FLOOR PLAN 1:100 © A3
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