

Category:
Residential New Build
(over £250k)

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 The Glade, Green Lanes,
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The brief was to create an energy efficient and sustainable family home on a densely planted site within St Peter Port. The building was designed to minimise overlooking and maximise natural light and solar gain, whilst avoiding the numerous root protection areas of the surrounding trees and maintaining a proportionate footprint to the previous development on site.

The dwelling is sunk into the natural topography of the site, within an existing clearing in the trees (Glade). A large basement took advantage of the existing swimming pool excavation and the deep foundations required in this area, whilst the ground floor is entirely wrapped in Guernsey granite, predominantly sourced on site. Natural lime render highlights the porch and carport carved out. A steel frame cantilevers above the eastern side fully planted as a living wall with a mix of 13 native species (over 4000 total and irrigated via borehole), camouflaging the building within the surrounding tree canopy and providing an acoustic and pollution buffer to the nearby roads, plus additional thermal benefits. It reflects the character of the overall site; surrounded by high granite walls with mature vegetation above. A double height glazed link accommodates the vertical circulation and breaks the overall mass to the cedar clad, shed like form that floats above the western side.

The spacial arrangement supports the desired open plan living, maintaining vertical connections and a direct relationship to external amenity, whilst providing the opportunity of enclosed intimate pockets.

A natural pallet has been selected throughout, an internal skin of locally reclaimed brick is coated with lime slurry, raw pigment plasters line the walls, with grey limestone to the floors, oak joinery, machined brass ironmongery, a bespoke raw steel staircase and furnishings and a reclaimed granite trough as the cloakroom sink. Where possible local materials and fabrication has been utilised to demonstrate the skillset and workmanship we have on island, and the quality of build that can be achieved within the budget. (£450,000 total, representing about £140 per sqft).

