

The existing building, an eighteenth century barn, had been converted to a dwelling fifty years ago and was in desperate need of modernization. The architects wanted to provide a contemporary family home without compromising the rural setting and oak structure of the original barn.

The barn is situated on three acres of land with direct access to the village green beyond. It was therefore important to exploit the connection with the landscape. The garden elevation is characterized by opening glazed strips along both the ground floor living areas, and first floor master bedroom suite. On summer evenings the family can slide open the full height windows and enjoy the

spectacle of the original structure above them, views of the garden below and village green beyond.

At the centre of the house is an eight metre (26 foot) high galleried hallway which characterizes the strength and scale of the oak structure. However, the upper gallery led to a dead end and as a consequence was under-utilized. Therefore, key to the design was the re-organization of the first floor plan so that all the bedrooms were accessed via the gallery.

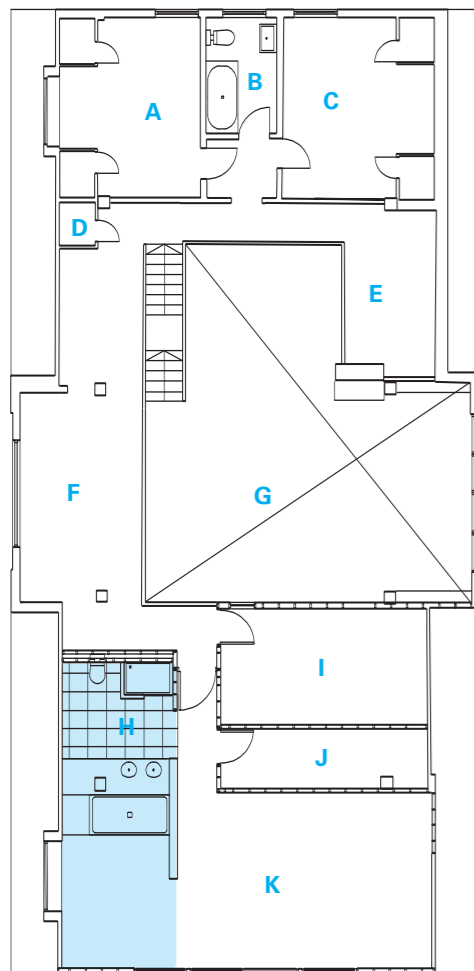
The design was a process of subtraction rather than addition. Open plan spaces and ceilings reach to the apex of the roof and the proportions of the original barn are celebrated. The new interventions are treated



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as stand alone units and detailed accordingly.

The master bathroom, with family proportioned bath, sits between and around the massive oak framed structure. Surfaces fold so that the stone countertops becoming splashbacks. With the exception of selected areas of vivid colour, materials and finishes are natural and a counterpoint to the scale and hewn surface of the oak.



Opposite Left

The original barn is a handsome structure, with its rustic brick walls and red clay-tiled roof. The interior has been transformed with sensitive intervention into a beautiful and functional family home.

Floor Plan

- A Bedroom
- B Bathroom
- C Bedroom
- D Store
- E Gallery
- F Gallery
- G Void over living area below
- H Master bathroom

- I Guest bedroom
- J Dressing room
- K Master bedroom

Above

The bathroom is divided into two zones. The bathing area (foreground) is open to the bedroom, while a second area, which features a stone-clad vanity unit, also accommodates the WC and shower enclosure.