

THE MODERN HOUSE



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Just around the corner from Manor House Gardens, this exceptional three-bedroom Victorian terrace house in Lee Green has been subject to an impeccable renovation by renowned architect Carl Turner. Original period features have been carefully preserved to blend harmoniously with a playful, tactile interior. Ideal for alfresco dining, a distinctive rear extension flows onto a landscaped, split-level garden with its own outdoor kitchen. The house is excellently located between Lewisham and Hither Green, with Blackheath also in walking distance.

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The Architect

Brothers Neil and Carl Turner collaborated on the design and scope of this residential project. Turner.Works, formerly Carl Turner Architects, is an energetic, collaborative studio of architects, urban designers, thinkers and makers who believe in creating thought-provoking and well-crafted proposals. They work with a diverse range of clients including local authorities, arts and cultural organisations, not-for-profits and commercial developers, as well as private residential clients. Projects range in size from a shipping container project at Hackney City Farm to an 11,000 sq ft arts academy in Peckham.

The Tour

The house sits in a tree-lined Victorian terrace next to pretty Manor Park, its handsome brick façade punctuated by black-painted bay windows. Draped in scented jasmine, the entrance sits back from the pavement behind a neat lawned garden; a wrought-iron gate is sheltered by tidy box hedging. Its end-of-terrace position allows space for bicycle and refuse storage, as well as a side gate for access to the rear garden.

Entering through the warm marigold front door, the hallway harmoniously links two distinct aesthetics. Exposed brickwork, traditional ceiling moulding and wall panelling, painted a soft grey, lead into a beautiful, contemporary kitchen and dining area. Sleek walnut cabinetry providing ample storage flows to ceiling height, framing a stainless steel worktop and oven area. Hidden artefacts left behind by the original bricklayers during construction are visible within the exposed brickwork next to the dining area. Above the bespoke dining table, lamps reclaimed from a school science laboratory hang from the ceiling beams. A simple, smooth poured concrete floor grounds the room; daylight reflects playfully against its surface, pouring in from the overhead skylight and large black sliding doors that open to the garden.

The living area is split into two rooms, divided by renovated Victorian doors. At the front of the house, a large bay window overlooking the front garden bathes the room in natural daylight. Bespoke black phenolic plywood bookcases with concrete tops sit either side of the art nouveau fireplace. Next door, in the library room, the phenolic plywood and concrete cabinets continue, lining the back wall and flanking another fireplace. Wide wooden floorboards and painted wooden panelling unify the two living areas with the hallway.

Upstairs, exposed varnished bricks are paired with pale grey paint and an apple green carpet, inviting playful exploration. At the front of the house, the main bedroom takes inspiration from the Memphis movement. A bespoke yellow and black bedframe creates a striking contrast with white, floor-to-ceiling wardrobes. Exposed brickwork and white walls are complemented by walnut flooring. An en suite wet room, tiled in a Memphis-style grid pattern, is visible beyond a mirrored sliding door.



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There are two further double bedrooms at the rear of the house, both with views of the garden. Both have bespoke walnut bedframes with orange lamps built into the design. The family bathroom is designed in rich walnut, highlighted by a glorious skylight for bathtime stargazing.

Outdoor Space

The landscaped garden space is reached from the kitchen via full-width sliding doors. Formally laid with lawn, rusted steel edging is interspersed with timber decking, pebbles and planters brimming with ferns and orange crocosmia. Reclaimed scaffolding forms bench seating beneath the jasmine pergola, leading to a tiled outdoor kitchen area. At the rear of the garden is a large black timber-clad shed with roller shutter. Currently used as storage, the shed could be converted into an office or studio space. There is separate storage along the fence at the side of the house.

The Area

Taunton Road is located just off the flowery green space of Manor House Gardens. With a play area, tennis courts, an outdoor gym, a lake and a café, it's an enviable sanctuary from the city. Local café Blueberry's / Jerome's Kitchen is a popular spot for coffee and brunch, and The Old Tiger's Head is also a local favourite.

Lewisham is currently undergoing a large redevelopment of its town centre. The Lewisham Gateway development, designed by Axis Architects, is bringing new shops, restaurants and cafés, as well as a gym, a co-working space, open spaces and increased pedestrian connectivity to the town centre. It will also house the borough's first major multiplex cinema; Curzon Cinemas is set to take over the former Ladywell Baths, which will include four cinema screens, a public events foyer, a café, a bar and a restaurant. The centre of Lewisham is a 23-minute walk from the house.

Nearby Blackheath Park offers wonderful walks and sports facilities, and Blackheath Crossfit Centre is located en route. Further afield, a 30-minute walk leads to the Grade I-listed Greenwich Park, one of London's eight Royal Parks and the oldest of the deer parks. It contains 183 acres of grassland and over 3,000 trees, some of which are around 400 years old.

The closest primary schools are Brindishe Manor and Brindishe Lee, both just around the corner. A handful of secondary schools, including Trinity Church of England School, St Matthew Academy and Prendergast Vale School, are all within easy reach.

Lewisham station is a half-hour walk, providing Thameslink and Southeastern services and connecting to London Bridge in under 15 minutes. It also operates the DLR for connections to Canary Wharf and Bank. Hither Green station is 11 minutes on foot and provides services to London Bridge, Waterloo East, and Charing Cross.

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