

7A Dilke Street London SW3

Client: Private Client
Status: Completed 1999
Value: £650k

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This private house in the Royal Hospital Conservation Area of Kensington and Chelsea was completed whilst working for Nilsson Design. Our clients had bought the house, a two storey traditional mews, with the intention of demolishing and rebuilding it. Due to the its setting, however, this was not possible. We arrived at a compromise of retaining the front and rear elevations whilst rebuilding the house from within.

The house was positioned between tall classical Terraces to North and South and received little natural light. Our solution was to cut a vertical 'sliver' through the centre of the house through which light could penetrate down to Ground and First floor. This atrium also acted as a passive ventilation shaft. Remote operated louvres at the rooflight actuated before the downstairs temperature became uncomfortable.

All fixtures and fittings in the house, including kitchen, bathrooms, wardrobes, internal doors and exposed lighting were entirely bespoke, tailored to the clients' requirements and Scandinavian modern tastes.

