

Our Brief:

The brief for the project was to enclose the outside space by the Tourelle and to reconfigure and renovate the rest of the house.

Project Location:

The site is located in the Green zone and adjacent to the Coastal National Park area of the island and is accessed via La Rue du Pont.

Existing premises appraisal:

Spring House is a Grade 3 listed five-bay Jersey house with attached barn and is shown on the Richmond Map of 1795 but was re-fronted in 1816 with a new date stone, the Tourelle to the rear is believed to date back to the 16th Century.

The property was re-developed and extended in 2001 to form a new kitchen, and to create additional bedrooms in the roof space, with the barn being extended and converted to form four new properties this created additional space at Spring House but left the property disjointed with a very small & dark kitchen located at a much higher level than the rest of the house, because the existing kitchen was so small the clients tended to use an outside space located in front of the Tourelle when ever possible.

Proposed strategy:

BDK proposed introducing a light modern touch to the rear of the property, the selected materials a contrast to the historic granite of the existing building. We re-planned the internal spaces to improved the flow around the building, and provided a new break-out space and porch to the rear to give a less confusing sense of arrival.

We started by lowering the existing kitchen floor slab level and removed much of the external wall to provide a large open-plan relaxation space that was much lighter and more usable, we then relocated the kitchen into the main house and re-configured the internal partitions on the ground floor to provide a large open plan kitchen dining space with an adjoined lounge area that could be closed off with double doors or left open to give the property an open plan feel. The existing modern front door was replaced with a more traditional partially glazed design to provide more light and connection into the front garden.

We then reconfigured the hall and utility room to provide a new larger ambulant shower-room and toilet.

The historic Tourelle, was dark and poorly lit, so we installed new feature lighting to light the steps with new wall lights to highlight and wash the historic granite, the first floor landing was also dark with little natural light, whilst the master bedroom was large but suffered from little storage. We reconfigured the bedroom, moving the ensuite and re-configuring the partitions to provide a new study space and natural light to the landing, the new ensuite and dressing room were naturally lit using high specification sun-tubes that removed the need for electric lighting during the day.

The property as a whole was highly insulated and finished to a high specification.

Preserving Historic Elements:

The building is grade 3 listed, the historic Tourelle being the most important element for protection. Its inclusion into the project drove elements of the design as no new structure could interfere with the historic element, our design looked to enclose the Tourelle within the new glazed roof, this lead to the new glazed roof being raised to ensure that it connected to the top of the wall plate rather than any element of the Tourelle.

The existing rare roof tiles were carefully removed, cleaned and then replaced, any breakages would have been difficult to replace but the contractors careful work meant that just one tile crumbled when being removed and was easily replaced by a spare tile from the roof connection.



CATEGORY

BEST LARGE SCALE
REFURBISHMENT OR
REMODELLING

SPRING HOUSE

IMAGE CAPTIONS

- [A] REAR OF SPRING HOUSE BEFORE
- [B] REAR OF SPRING HOUSE AFTER
- [C] SITE LOCATION
- [D] FRONT ELEVATION
- [E] KITCHEN BEFORE
- [F] OLD KITCHEN AFTER



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IMAGE CAPTIONS

- [G] NEW RELOCATED KITCHEN
- [H] NEW LIGHTING IN HISTORIC TOURELLE
- [I] NEW GLAZED BREAKOUT SPACE TO REAR
- [J] NEW ENTRANCE
- [K] INSIDE BREAK-OUT SPACE
- [L] REFURBISHED MASTER BEDROOM
- [M] TOURELLE LIGHTING
- [N] PORCH DETAIL



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