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# Before & After

Location: Halifax

At a cost of circa £200,000, excluding the kitchen, utility and floor finishes.

The brief was to design and manage the extension and internal alterations with a main building contractor.

The works:

New open plan kitchen / dining / lounge space above the existing detached garage, including the removal of the existing rear extension full internal alterations, and the incorporation of the new extension into the facade of the existing house, thus making the extension appear much larger than it actually was.



before



after

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"I DON'T KNOW  
WHY PEOPLE HIRE  
ARCHITECTS AND  
THEN TELL THEM  
WHAT TO DO"

– FRANK GEHRY



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# Before & Afters

A selection of before and after transformation projects:

There is no average cost as all the projects are totally different, some have lots of extension work, others taken back to brickwork and internally brought up to specification.

Our projects typically start at £175k upwards subject to what the clients are looking to do. The bulk of the projects on our Instagram are £250k plus vat, excluding kitchens and bathrooms.



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- LOUIS KAHN  
"THE SUN NEVER KNEW  
HOW GREAT IT WAS  
UNTIL IT STRUCK THE  
SIDE OF A BUILDING"

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**AWARDS 2020**

**West Yorkshire Region**  
**Winner**

**BEST EXTENSION OR ALTERATION TO AN EXISTING DWELLING**

**Grove House | Walton | Wakefield**

For building excellence in the delivery of outstanding construction and workmanship

Oak By Design | TRANSFORM ARCHITECTS | Alan Otley

Local Authority Building Control Team  
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council

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**LABC** | Building Excellence   
**AWARDS 2020**

**West Yorkshire Region**  
**Finalist**

**BEST EXTENSION OR ALTERATION TO AN EXISTING DWELLING**

**Saddleworth | Greetland | Halifax**

For building excellence in the delivery of outstanding construction and workmanship

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**Oakenshaw | Walton | Wakefield**

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**Finalist**

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**Moorland | Menston | Ilkley**

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"I BELIEVE THE WAY  
THAT PEOPLE LIVE CAN  
BE DIRECTED A LITTLE  
BY ARCHITECTURE"

- TADAO ANDO





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- One new project post at 8pm daily
- Two new story updates 9.00 am and 9.00 pm



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**"MY ARCHITECTURE IS  
EASY TO UNDERSTAND  
AND ENJOY, I HOPE IT  
ALSO IS HARD TO  
FORGET"**

**– OSCAR**



# Covid 19 & Construction Projects

## 01: Having Work In Your Home

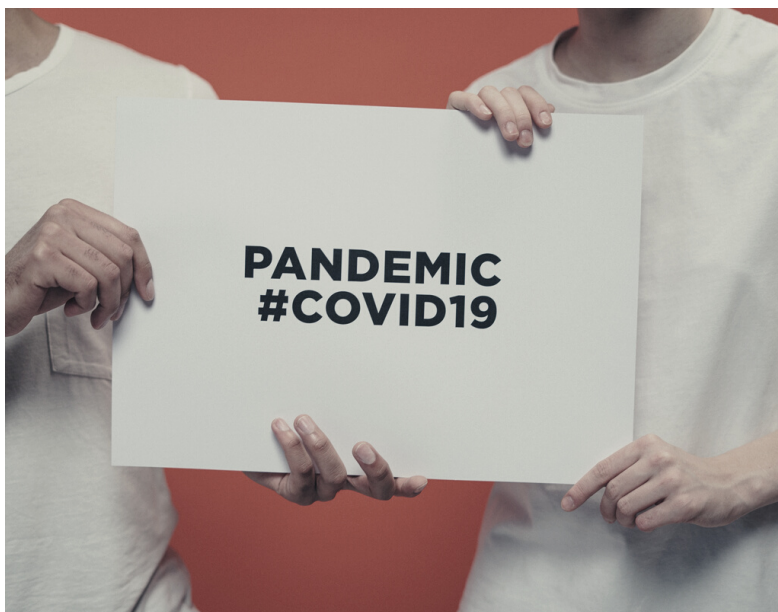
- Plumbers, electricians and other traders can still come to your house to carry out repairs - as long as they don't have any symptoms of coronavirus. They should try to stay 2 metres away from you and avoid any vulnerable people.
- If the work you are having done isn't an emergency, you should think about doing it another time.
- If you're self-isolating or someone in your home is at risk, traders should only come if it's an emergency.

## 02: Rules For Construction projects

### Quick Guide:

- Works in people's homes can continue if they count as essential repairs and maintenance.
- Trades can continue to work providing they are well and have no symptoms.
- Regular hand washing and the 2m social distancing rule must be observed.
- Working areas (including vehicles and machinery) should be kept well-ventilated.
- No work should be carried out in households that are isolating or where an individual is being shielded, unless that work is to remedy a direct safety risk.
- You should limit your site to as a few workers as possible.
- Materials should be handled in a way that reduces touch points between workers.

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# "A ROOM IS NOT A ROOM WITHOUT NATURAL LIGHT"

- LOUIS KAHN





# Disability Inclusive Design

## Adaptations:

The types of adaptation you require depends on your injury or disability, as well as the level and kind of assistance that you need on a day-to-day basis.

It is often a requirement for your needs to be assessed by an occupational therapist.

Some of the common adaptations that can be made to a home include:

- Widening doors (minor)
- Accessible window openings (minor)
- Installing vertical lifts (major)
- Room extensions (major)
- Installing stairlifts (major)
- Ceiling track hoists (major)
- Redevelopment to new open-plan, freeflowing space (major)
- A new accessible kitchen (major)
- Special baths (minor)
- Special toilets (minor)
- Provision of non-slip surfaces (minor)
- Accessible wet room (major)
- Widening paths (minor)
- Installing ramps (minor)





"WE SHAPE OUR  
BUILDINGS;  
THEREAFTER THEY  
SHAPE US"

- WINSTON CHURCHILL





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# Bespoke Home Design

## 01: Home Lifts

This lift is in one of our projects in Harrogate. The addition of a platform lift to your home can increase the resale value of your property. Making this modification to your existing house will make your home fully accessible and future proofed, especially for wheelchair users.

## 02: Home Cinema

This six seater 4k resolution cinema room was once a double integral garage on a property located in Leeds, now converted with a coffered ceiling and immersive atmos surround sound. When you're living with real cinema, every night is movie night.

## 03: Swimming Pools

### General Swimming Pools

- The temperature for a residential swimming pool used for leisure is between 26°C and 28°C

### Hydrotherapy Pools

The pool in the photo is one of our hydrotherapy Pool designs which is located in Manchester.

- The temperature for a hydrotherapy swimming pool is approximately 34°C.
- The warm water helps the muscles to relax which can ease pain and make exercise easier.



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**"TO CREATE, ONE  
MUST FIRST  
QUESTION  
EVERYTHING"**

**— EILEEN GRAY**





**MARTIN BELL**  
RIBA Chartered Architect  
Managing Director

Martin designs all the schemes and oversees all aspects of Transform Architects ensuring consistent design and delivery on every project.

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## Luxury Residential / Disability Architects.

Transform Architects is an RIBA Chartered Practice that specialises in contemporary self builds / extensions / disability adaptations and makeovers.

Family run and established in 2004, we enable our clients to recognize

what they want, visualise what it will look like, understand the costs, make Important design / specification decisions and oversee the contractual work until the project is completed.

Working with us is like having a sole practitioner with a great support team, ensuring consistent design and delivery on every project.

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**"RECOGNIZING THE  
NEED IS THE  
PRIMARY CONDITION  
FOR DESIGN"**

— CHARLES EAMES



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## LINKS TO USEFUL RESOURCES OR HELPFUL INFORMATION

While we do our best to provide you with helpful, trustworthy resources.

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### Planning portal:

[www.planningportal.co.uk](http://www.planningportal.co.uk)

### Find a planning consultant:

<https://www.rtpiconsultants.co.uk>

### Find a builder:

<https://www.fmb.org.uk/>

### Find an ecologist:

<https://cieem.net/>

### Guide to building regulations:

<https://www.labc.co.uk/homeowners/getting-started-your-building-project>

### Find inspiration and ideas your project and save them to a scrapbook:

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/>  
<https://www.houzz.co.uk/>

### House projects visual reference:

<https://homeadore.com/>  
<https://www.archdaily.com/>





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