

**SIDE INFILL
SELF-BUILD**

Rick and Hannah O'Shea built a new home on a 3.9m-wide plot at the side of their Victorian end-of-terrace house in Peckham, south London. By practice Whittaker Parsons, their two-bedroom self-build has three storeys, one of which is below ground.

Featuring expansive amounts of glazing and some high-beamed ceilings, the house feels bigger than its 88sqm. Traditional brick and block cavity walls with timber stud internal walls, floors and roof enabled the couple to meet a £350,000 build budget in 2022.

The decision to team off-the-shelf kitchen carcasses with a bespoke bamboo worksurface and doors also helped to keep their costs low. (whittakerparsons.com)



3 VILLAGE HOME UPGRADE Extending and remodelling a two-storey, four-bedroom house in the village of Knebworth, Hertfordshire, cost £350,000 and added 176sqm to the original floorplan. The budget delivered a new kitchen and home office, a utility room and a training room with en-suite shower, plus a dramatic double-height atrium.

The scheme features bespoke oak joinery, exposed timber ceilings and solid oak-framed windows. Practice Emil Eve spent time finding a contractor who could deliver to the budget, with the tender process adding months to the timeline, demonstrating that getting the best price may involve waiting longer than usual. The project was completed in 2022. (emileve.co.uk) »