

WHY USE AN ARCHITECT

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"Whether you are planning to build a new house, or alter or extend your present home, to employ a builder or just do it yourself it makes sense to employ an architect."

I guess you would expect me to say that, after all I have the qualifications that mean I can call myself an Architect and I need to make a living, but I can only do so because some people see it makes sense to employ me. There are four principle reasons why.

- 1 I can bring into reality what my clients can only dream about.
- 2 I can save you time
- 3 I can save you money or make your money go farther.
- 4 I take the stress of design and construction.

What an architect can do for you

Why use an architect? An architect will understand your hopes and anxieties, and will help you translate your vision into reality.

Imagination Whether you are looking for tradition or innovation, boldness or understatement, an architect can lift your project out of the ordinary. Anyone can alter a building. It takes an expert to do it with flair, imagination and style.

Value for money An architect can find the extra light and space you didn't know you had, suggest materials you hadn't thought of and help you find the right builder at the right price.

Freedom from worry All architects in the UK must comply with the Architects Act and register with the Architects' Registration Board. Registration depends on achieving recognised education qualifications and work experience – no-one else is entitled to use the name architect in relation to their business or professional work. Architects are construction professionals with knowledge of the industry, its working methods and standards. An architect can guide you through the complex web of legislation, regulations and contractual obligations. Your architect can also monitor the construction work through to completion and administer your contract with the builders.

Architects are trained problem solvers. They can show you how to enlarge your home so you won't have to move. Whatever your budget, architects can propose ways to get more for your investment than you imagined possible.