

WIMBLEDON HOUSES

Wimbledon Park, London, UK 2009 - 2012

The boat-like houses

Architect	Lacey & Saltykov
Client	Siwan and Angharad Jones
Area	350 m ²
Cost	Confidential
Structural Engineer	Peter Eaton and Associates
Services Engineer	Rybka
Contractor	Wood Newton
Project Stages	Inception to Completion

This project is the first completed by Lacey & Saltykov. Tom and Andrei started collaborating on its design in 2009 and following its near completion in 2011 they decided to formally establish their practice together.

The architects approached the project as a kind of sophisticated three dimensional puzzle that deals with a host of obstacles posed by an extremely constrained site, ambitious client brief and unfavourable planning history, among other challenges. Although located in an established residential location with an aspect

onto an attractive southerly park and a view of Wimbledon Village, the site's constraints were such that several previous owners had failed to have it developed. It subsequently fell into disrepair and was used as a dump.

Explaining their inspiration, the architects said: "We see the houses as being like boats, with living areas floating above the gardens at sea level. The living spaces are like elevated decks, with views out towards Wimbledon Park, while the main sleeping areas are large cabins below deck."

1 - View of the main living area

2 - View of the kitchen

3 - View of the two stairs from the main level

4 - View onto the park from the main living area

5 - View of the the larger of the two houses from the driveway

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