THE MODERN HOUSE



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Countess Road II

Built in 1975 on the end of a Victorian terrace in Kentish Town, this fabulous freehold house offers exciting vaulted spaces and a tranquil private garden.

The house sits discreetly behind the building line, and is approached via its own front patio. It is set over a series of half levels. Upon entering, there is a wonderful reception room and dining space with an exposed roof structure and a poured resin floor. The original Victorian brick garden walls have been incorporated into the space. Natural light is brought in from all angles: via rooflights, French doors and slit windows made from glass bricks. The kitchen is partly open-plan, with a big serving hatch that connects it to the dining area. Behind it is a shower room.

From the reception room, there are stairs down to a small study with a glass ceiling, and stairs up to a conservatory. A wooden drawbridge with metal balustrade leads out to the charming rear garden, which originally had a small moat. Looking back at the house from the garden, the quality of the design is evident, with a series of interlocking monopitch roofs stacked on top of each other.

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The top floor of the house has a generous landing, which is used by the current owner as a study, and a master bedroom with very high ceilings and extensive built-in cupboards. There is electric underfloor heating.

It is very rare to find such a well-considered and engaging house at this price point. It has its idiosyncrasies, including narrow doorways, but it would make an exceptional pied a terre or primary residence for a buyer craving natural light and volume of space.

The current owners have done significant work to restore the original design, most notably replacing all the windows and frames with exact replicas. There is also a new boiler and the electrics have been comprehensively serviced.

Countess Road is a quiet residential street close to the amenities of Kentish Town, Tufnell Park, Hampstead, Camden Town and Islington. Tufnell Park Underground Station (Northern Line) is a short walk away, which provides links to the City and the West End. The vast open spaces of Hampstead Heath are situated to the west.

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