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Beechcroft, London BR7

Tapiola

Set within a quiet conservation area amidst the leafy surroundings of Chislehurst is this exemplary three-bedroom house, with three reception rooms, off-street parking and garage, and generous garden space at the front and back. Designed by the architects Anthony Goddard and Donald Manton in 1975, Taipola was built to exacting standards and still retains many of its original high-quality features.

Inventive in its design throughout and sympathetically integrated into its wooded environment, the house won the architects a commendation from the Royal Institute of British Architects shortly after it was built, and is locally listed.

The house has been completely refurbished and original features have been preserved, including exposed brickwork, vaulted timber ceilings, and large swathes of glazing throughout. Entry is to a hall with utilities on the left, a guest WC, and double doors through to the main living space.

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Within the double-height void, beneath a quartet of roof-lights is the dining room, and behind the chimney stack of an open fire is a reception room with glazed doors to the rear garden. The kitchen is at the front of the house and looks out over the front section of garden through large aluminium-framed windows. There are two bedrooms on the ground floor, and a shower room and sauna, all with access the garden.

An open tread timber staircase ascends to the upper level which is arranged around the central void, where there is a master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, and a versatile gallery reception overlooking the sitting room.

Tapiola benefits from an outstanding location on a quiet residential road in Chislehurst, a popular historic village situated approximately 12 miles from central London. It is approximately 15 minutes' walk from the high street of Chislehurst and around 25 minutes from Royal Parade, both of which have a wide range of independent shops, supermarkets, cafes and restaurants. It is also 12 minutes' walk from Elmstead Woods (Zone 4) train station. Journey times are from 15 minutes to London Bridge and 25 minutes to Charing Cross. European train travel is possible from nearby Ebbsfleet International (a 25-minute drive). The M25 and M20 are within 15 minutes' drive.

The area is particularly well-served for both primary and grammar schools. The local recreation ground is a five-minute walk, with larger green open spaces at Chislehurst Commons.

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