

THE MODERN HOUSE



Lenham Heath, Kent
Sold

The Cowshed

This contemporary zinc-clad barn, known as The Cowshed, forms part of a cluster of houses nestled at the foot of the Kent Downs. Its striking black exterior is a clever take on the shape of local agricultural buildings, and the house occupies a privileged position in a plot of greenbelt land with expansive views over the surrounding countryside. Careful architectural decisions have been made throughout, with bespoke natural oak joinery, smooth polished concrete floors and large single pane windows that flood the house with natural light.

Entry is to a lofty hallway, lit by skylights in the double-height vaulted ceiling. On the ground floor is a large L-shaped living space, with dining area and kitchen. Two huge sets of sliding doors open onto the private garden and views of the farmland beyond. The whole house is of a consistent palette and design, with thoughtfully chosen and high-quality materials. The kitchen cabinetry echoes the bespoke storage in the living room, and the room is warmed with a wood burner. A 'secret' door conceals a study, while all internal doors are sliding to maximise space. There is also a boot room and discreet downstairs WC.

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At the centre of the house is the bright hallway and open staircase, which leads to three bedrooms and a family bathroom. The master bedroom has an en suite, and huge windows that make the best of views to the fields beyond. Inbuilt cabinetry follows the line of the vaulted ceiling.

The house is on a private road, and has a double carport. Behind the house, an outdoor bath and shower are enclosed in an open room for privacy. The design has been carefully thought through to be oriented towards the views to give a feeling of quiet seclusion. The house is really energy efficient, with underfloor heating, air source heat pumps and great insulation.

The Kent Downs is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty has wonderful opportunities for walking and cycling. The North Downs Way follows the legendary Pilgrims Way and is in easy reach, while Leeds Castle is only a fifteen-minute drive away.

A ten minute drive away is the pretty village of Lenham which has a bakery, post office and pubs. There are monthly farmers markets in the picturesque cobbled medieval square. Further away Ashford and Maidstone have supermarkets and options for more serious shopping. Lenham has a train station with direct services to London Victoria on the Ashford via Maidstone East line. The house is in easy reach of Canterbury and Royal Tunbridge Wells, which are within an hour's drive.

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