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The property is a Victorian, end of terrace, house, on the corner of Somerfield and Wilberforce Roads, N4. The 4 storey building was converted into two maisonettes in the 1990's and is now home to 2 families who wanted to improve their living spaces. 32A - A young family with two nearly teenage children, who needed more room in their small ground and first floor maisonette. The children were sharing one of the two bedrooms, and needed rooms of their own.

32B - The owners of the upper maisonette, a couple, wanted some outdoor space and gained it in the form of a second floor roof terrace.

In this context the works included enlarging the existing ground floor extension, infilling a corner by the boundary wall, to create a more open plan kitchen-dining family room, opening onto the garden, with new sliding doors.

Sustainable 'green' features include a sedum roof at first floor level and planters for the second floor terrace.

The first floor extension took the shape of a dark zinc clad box with contemporary bay windows. This was designed to contrast with the existing house while remaining subordinate to it, clearly allowing the original form to be read.

