



LONDON OPEN HOUSE



A 1970's garment factory in North London was converted into 2 flats and 3 family houses. The existing steel frame and envelope of the original building was largely retained with new roof terraces created on the first floor to allow for daylight into the living areas and to provide private outdoor areas for each of the dwellings. A row of roof lights at the back of the building allows daylight into the rear of the ground floor. At the front two new openings with douglas fir shutters were introduced to open up for views to the street and to change the character of the building to be more in keeping with its residential surroundings.

Knott Architects acted as a catalyst in bringing together the group of households, which formed a company to act as their own developers. The impetus for the project drew on factors that had recently evolved within London's property market. First; it was a direct response to current strategic thinking on brown field development policy and the stimulation of the housing market. Second; it was a reaction to the spiralling prices of residential property in London.

Architects
Engineers
Contractors
Contract sum

Knott Architects
Price & Myers
MP Brothers
£420K

