



Clarendon Street  
House in the Pimlico Conservation Area, London

The aim of remodelling a three-storey, terraced house in London's Pimlico Conservation Area was to make the most of a small space. The existing 1830s Cubitt house had been internally divided into small spaces on each floor, with windows only onto the street.

Eldridge Smerin's scheme, completed in 2001, opens up the spaces to daylight and views to the mature landscaped gardens between buildings by means a new vertical

window installed at lower ground floor level up to the roof. The existing vaults beneath the street now house new bathrooms and a dressing area. This increases the spaciousness of what was originally a very compact building. It also gives freer rein to the interplay between neutral surfaces and the sculptural quality of the design's interventions: a curved steel staircase, glazed floors, rooflights and translucent sliding glass screens.

The façade of the stucco-fronted house has been restored, and the only evidence of the contemporary interventions is a structural silicone glazed rooflight over the ground floor light well and glimpses of the sculptural orange stair through windows and an open door. Eldridge Smerin also designed the kitchen unit, storage and fireplace.

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