

Don't move; improve!

A 2.3m-wide house in Clapham, a converted warehouse in Bermondsey, a garden pavilion in St John's Wood and a rooftop office in King's Cross were honoured as overall winners of NLA's fourth 'Don't Move, Improve!' competition to find London's best and most innovative new home and small office extensions.

The adjudged overall winner in the home extension category – Slim House, designed by architects Alma-nac – Collaborative Architecture – won praise for its clever use of space in refurbishing and elongating a narrow 2.3m-wide house in Clapham, drawing light deep into the centre of the plan despite a tight budget. The interior design category overall winner went to Bermondsey Warehouse Loft, designed by FORM design architecture, which reconfigures an open-plan loft apartment to create flexible spaces for dining, relaxing and exercise.

Two projects were awarded joint winners of the small office extension or refurbishment category – Shoffice, a garden pavilion containing a small office behind a 1950s terraced house in St John's Wood designed by Platform 5 architects, and 251 Pentonville Road, a mirrored glasstop pavilion in King's Cross designed by HÛT.

The NLA competition, supported by the British Institute of Interior Design, Heal's and RIBA London, sought to find the best-designed and most innovative solutions for creating more space in homes and small offices across London. Winners were selected for demonstrating innovation and creativity in the creation of new space; high quality design; and sustainable and cost-effective approaches to project delivery.

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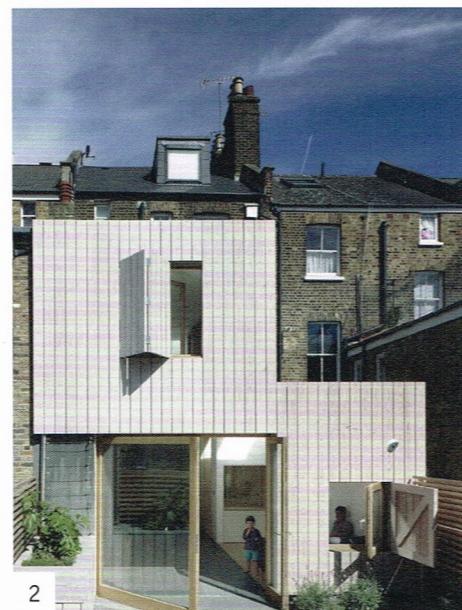
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1. Home extension winner - Slim House, designed by architects **Alma-nac - Collaborative Architecture** (Image: Richard Chivers)
2. Home extension runner up: Hampstead Beach House, designed by **Hayhurst and Co** (Image: Kilian O'Sullivan)
3. Home extension commendation: **Platform 5 architects** for Book Tower House (Image: Alan Williams)
4. Small office extension joint winner - Shoffice by **Platform 5 architects** (Image: Alan Williams)
5. Small office extension joint winner - 251 Pentonville Road by **HÛT** (Image: Terry Duffell)
6. Interior design category overall winner - Bermondsey Warehouse Loft, by **FORM design architecture** (Image: Charles Hosea)
7. Interior design runner up: Charlie, Mark & Orlando's Basement in Islington by **Zminkowska De Boise Architects** (Image: Tom Cronin)
8. Interior design special commendation: Bonhôte House in Dalston by **AOC Architecture** (Image: Timothy Soar)