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Oxford Gardens

Designed for his own use by the renowned architect Alex Michaelis and built in 2004, this is one of London's pre-eminent contemporary houses.

The property comprises a five-bedroom main house of approximately 3,074 sq ft over two floors, plus a separate one-bedroom ground-floor apartment of approximately 931 sq ft with its own access on St Marks Road. The two are linked together by a lawned garden, providing perhaps the ideal setup for family living. There may be scope to extend the lower floor of the house beneath the garden, subject to planning permission.

The house is notable for its clever use of a sensitive site between period buildings. It is almost invisible from the street, hidden behind a 6ft boundary wall, the only clue to its existence being a wire sculpture on top of the mature sedum roof. There is a gate opening onto an off-street parking area, and a separate pedestrian gate leading to a ramp that winds down to the front door.

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The upper floor of the house is primarily dedicated to a wonderful open-plan reception room and kitchen, with a separate study area and huge glazed sliding doors onto the garden. An elegant open-tread staircase leads to the lower floor, with an adjacent Corian slide for children to whizz down. There are five bedrooms, three bathrooms, a utility room and a heated indoor swimming pool. The separate flat has a large reception room, kitchen, double bedroom and bathroom. The garden has a patio off the reception room, and an extensive lawn.

The house has been built with environmental sustainability in mind, with photovoltaic panels and a fresh-air supply system that minimise utility bills. For more information, see the History section.

Oxford Gardens is a beautiful tree-lined North Kensington avenue located within easy reach of the shops, restaurants and bars of Ladbroke Grove, Portobello and Notting Hill. Ladbroke Grove underground station (Hammersmith & City Line) is a short walk away.

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