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Segal Close

Surrounded by trees and situated off a peaceful passage in Honor Oak, is this wonderful three-bedroom detached house with study and private garden. One of seven properties on Segal Close, the property was built in the early 1980s using the 'Segal Method', a system of design and construction pioneered by the celebrated Swiss architect Walter Segal.

The community formed part of the first phase of a councilrun self-build housing scheme that enabled ordinary people to build and design their own homes. The method employed readily available materials to create lightweight timber frames, similar to those used in traditional Japanese architecture, minimising the need for excessive foundations and specialist skills. Although built using the same method of construction, the houses were designed with flexibility in mind. Each one is different, and many of them have been adapted and extended since they were built.

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A picturesque footpath approaches the house with entrance via a decked courtyard. Due to extensive amounts of glazing throughout, the house receives exceptional natural light, to particularly dramatic effect in the large open-plan living room, kitchen and dining area. The wide timber-framed windows are double-glazed and embrace the surrounding foliage to blur the boundaries between interior and exterior (the opening / sliding windows are single glazed). Glazed double doors open to a dining terrace with elevated views over a canopy of trees to the south. From here, a set of steps descends to a landscaped garden, with further decking, and a large storage area beneath the house. A further external storage cupboard is located by the front door.

A corridor, illuminated by a roof light, leads to the three bedrooms, two with built-in wardrobes, one with a skylight and another with direct external access. The master has an adjoining study area with wardrobe space and a protruding bay window with views of the side terrace. Opposite is a family bathroom and a separate utility room.

This particular house once belonged to Jon Broome, an architect who worked with Walter Segal and was instrumental in enabling the Lewisham self-build scheme. Broome built the house & Designed some of its features including the suspended shelving. The property has also made an appearance in two publications, 'The Self Build House' by Jon Broome & Designed Scheme, and 'Walters Way & Designed Close' by Taran Wilkhu & Designed Grahame.

Segal Close is a short walk from Honor Oak Park station, which runs regular fast services into London Bridge station with a journey time of around 12 minutes. The station also runs London Overground services, with Shoreditch High Street and Highbury and Islington to the north and Crystal Palace and West Croydon to the south. Shopping and dining opportunities are available in nearby East Dulwich, Honor Oak, Forest Hill and Brockley. Blythe Hill Fields, a large park area, is a five-minute walk away, and both Dulwich Village and Forest Hill, with the Horniman Musuem, are also close by. The area has a number of wellregarded primary schools, such as Rose House Montessori Primary, Dalmain Primary and Kilmorie Primary, and is within the catchment for the highly sought-after Stillness Primary School. The excellent fee-paying St. Dunstan's College is a short walk away.

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