



Building Conservation & Extension to Form Day Nursery

Client: Private Client, Northants

Project value: £160,000

Problem:

The owners of a Northamptonshire farm found themselves in possession of two residential properties within close proximity – one, a recently-built two storey farmhouse that provided the main family residence, and the other a run-down 1950s bungalow. This had been originally earmarked for demolition, but it became apparent that the building had the potential to be adapted for other uses. Although the bungalow was poorly configured and in need of attention, a plan was formulated to change the use of the building to create a children’s day nursery.

Solution:

When we were consulted about the project, we recommended and then secured planning consent for the internal alterations and extension. We designed a full interior refurbishment to adapt the space to provide suitable nursery accommodation, together with a front extension to allow for a large entrance hall and kitchen. A sedum ‘green’ roof and red cedar cladding to the extension provide an innovative and attractive design for the main approach.

Result:

The fledgling nursery business has a modern, bright and spacious base from which to welcome new children and parents. There are two separate playrooms, an office, kitchen and store together with ancillary facilities. Children will be able to access the farm directly from the nursery to continue their outdoor education. Nursery Owner Kim How said: “PCMS Design helped take our ideas forward to the next stage by producing detailed designs and getting them agreed by planning. During the build, PCMS also provided contract administration and project management services. The Nursery will shortly open for babies and children, and we are very pleased with the well thought out space – both inside and out.”