



## Radical conversion of barn



Sulgrave Farm was a large early 19th century brick barn in open countryside just outside the village.

The barn was a redundant farm building and the client wished to convert it into a single dwelling. The client's brief specifically required a spacious house rather than a barn so a radical approach was called for.

Acanthus Clews' plans were for a complete conversion of the building, including having double storey height in the ground floor hall and creating a large reception room. Maximum use of space was achieved through designing the ground floor higher than normal and taking the first floor into the roof space.

A specific and potentially controversial aspect was the design for large floor-to-ceiling sash windows. Consent for these was achieved due to the quality of the design and because the building was not listed.

New floors were introduced along with two hardwood staircases leading to bedrooms with en suite bathrooms.

Attractive brick detail on the cart opening had survived and was reproduced on all windows.

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