

**Mitchell**Evans LLP have just submitted a planning application for a new build dwelling on a site in Wescott near Dorking.

The clients brief was to create a relaxed modern family home with subtle references to the vernacular of the Surrey hills.

The process started with two designs, a traditional house inspired by the arts and crafts movement and a modern high-tech house designed to make an impact on the hillside location.

The clients decided they liked both, so our challenge was to take elements from each to create a seamless convergence of two the styles of architecture.

The form comprises of three volumes that are linked together with walkways and paths. The materials have been chosen to merge the building into its context. The principle elevation is both heavily glazed and spread from a central axis to take advantage of the sun and the views out across the Surrey Hills countryside.



**Mitchell**Evans LLP have been successfully granted permission on a new build house in Abinger in Surrey.

The site is located with an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) so a carefully detailed planning application was required to ensure a successful outcome.

The clients wanted a traditional arts and crafts inspired house that took advantage of location whilst providing the comforts of modern living. The spatial organisation focuses on fluid circulation and open plan reception areas that provides the basis of modern living. The house boasts a feature staircase set in a fully glazed entrance hall and will have 5 bedrooms all with ensuites. The house will benefit from an advanced lighting scheme and full underfloor heating system.

The project has had full construction package created and is currently out to formal tender with carefully chosen contractors with expected start date on site of January 2012.

