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Project:

The Drive, Rickmansworth

Client:

William and Jennifer Coyle

Architect:

Gregory Phillips Architecture



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The Drive is a stylish 21st Century 5-bedroom home in Rickmansworth that has used a fabric first design approach, resulting in a modern and luxury house that is fully sustainable.

Precise architecture, construction and the adoption of green technology contribute to The Drive's EPC level of 90. A light-weight steel frame construction and 'Schuho' glazing offers low U-values. A green-conscious space design fully utilises the power of the sun, with the installation of over 27sqm of Photovoltaic panels, whilst underfloor heating systems and a MVHR system ensures up to 95% of otherwise wasted air is recovered, to provide a comfortable and well-ventilated family home.

Judges' Comments:

"An excellent example of an expressive, open plan house which has responded well to the brief and the desires of the family who live within it. We liked the dramatic arrival experience and the glimpse of the rear garden through the house. The building has well positioned windows and good use of site-specific shading analysis to aid environmental control including the use of trees for privacy and shading."

"We were particularly drawn to the excellent attention to detail and craft which was displayed throughout the house from the brickwork to the open plan ground floor with feature staircase."



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