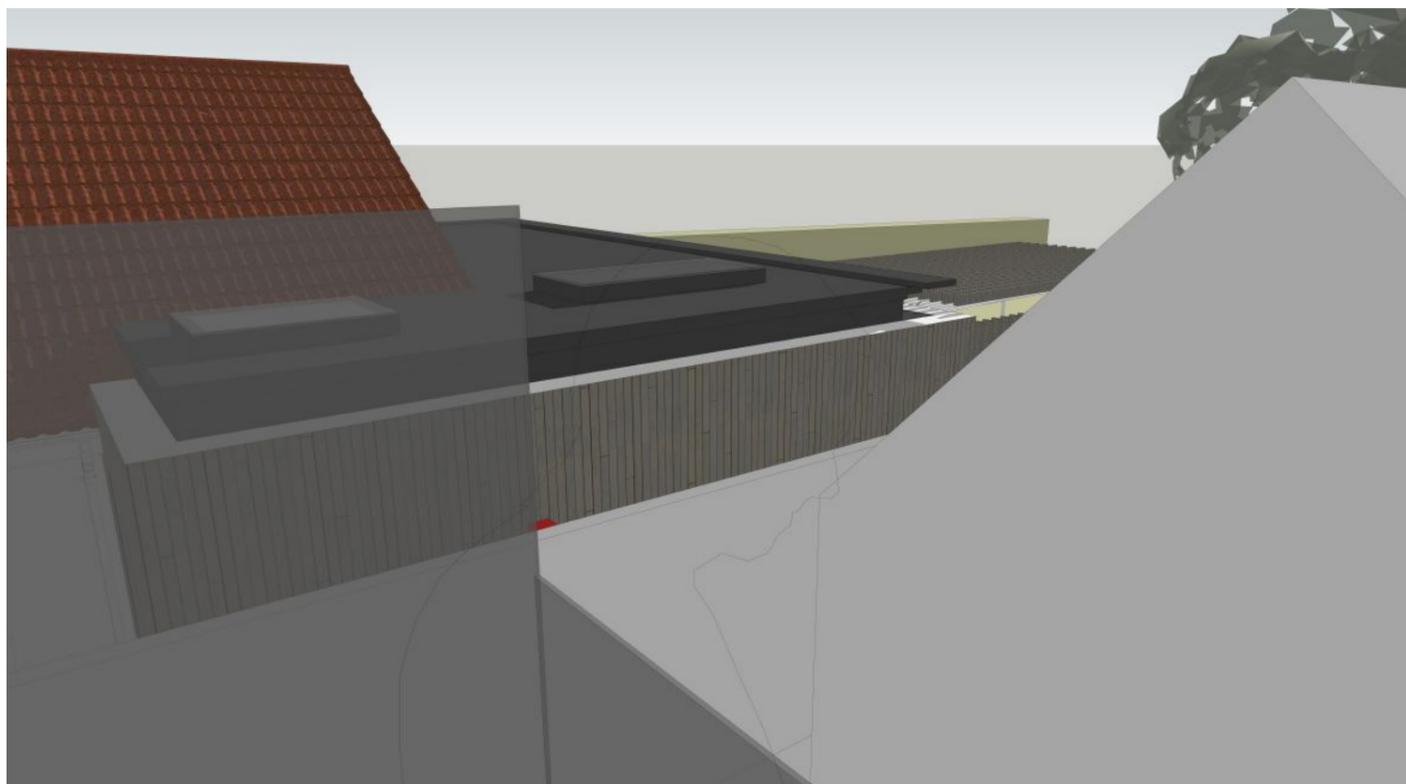




Existing



Proposed

One of the principal concerns that needed to be addressed when considering design solutions was to screen the garden in such a way that the neighbours could not overlook the property. There is currently a roof balcony that has opaque screens facing South, presumably to offer some privacy, however where there is a change in direction along the western edge of the neighbours flat roof, the glass drops to standard railing height and is clear. Although the neighbouring garage roof offers some privacy, the neighbours still have a clear view over virtually all of the garden to Crevichon. This leaves our client feeling very exposed and uncomfortable.

The reconfiguring of the plan layout internally led us to placing an extension close to the boundary between the properties, which in itself helps to give some privacy, but it didn't fully screen the garden, so we have adjusted the height slightly, extended out an overhanging eaves and then added a lightweight pergola to the western end. The overhanging eaves protects the fully glazed sides that address the garden from daytime sun and the pergola is part of the extended hard landscaping that sits within the existing hard garden area, at the same level as the main house, for ease of access. Each element is a functional part of the integrated design. We were, however, conscious not to be too high at the boundary, to prevent the extension becoming too imposing to the neighbour, we have therefore stepped the eaves detail and softened the finishes at the boundary edge using timber cladding, so that it feels more like a light-weight fencing rather than a bulky building.

