

ANDY & KATHARINE BALKWILL

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RE: LLOYD-THOMAS ARCHITECTS

We are approaching completion of our first New Build project – a 5 bedroom detached house - having entered the process with enthusiasm but very little knowledge. We chose Lloyd-Thomas architects as we were impressed by their track record in energy efficient building and sought that level of expertise. We also wanted an architect who would be happy to have a dialogue and be able to incorporate our ideas into the final design.

Our planning application was not straightforward but Roland helped us through the process, ensuring that the planning committee had a detailed and persuasive design statement which enabled this to go through on a unanimous vote. Furthermore we chose a rather unconventional build route but Roland has advised us well and supervised the project all the way through, developing a constructive and effective working relationship with our project manager to ensure all aspects of the build have met expectations - working together to ensure that the project has stayed within budget without losing any key elements, quite an achievement.

Roland has shown great skill in designing for us a home which is full of small architectural delights, from the way the light plays on the walls of each room, to the overhangs and balconies which are integral to the house's use of passive solar gain but also look good and provide another feature in terms of appearance and useable space. We even used his equestrian expertise in locating and planning the stables and hay barn!

We have been delighted with the practice and are very happy to recommend them.