Hi Peter.

We would like to nominate New House Art Space for the design award.

## Address including postcode

New House Art Space Fays Passage Bedford Road Guildford Surrey GU1 4SJ

## Category of Project from list below

 Regeneration Project including those involving an extension to an existing building.

## Brief description of the Project including key features of the design, maximum 1 page A4

New House Art Space was originally an unused, four storey office block, situated in Bedford Road in central Guildford.

The property came up for lease in Summer 2021, when Dominique Frazer, founder of The Boileroom music, community and arts hub took on the lease.

The concept of the refurbishment was to create a community hub for the visual arts - converting the first, second and third floors into individual artists and creative business studios, and a gallery and two accessible studio spaces on the ground floor, and social space within the reception that could be multi-use - a coffee house during the daytime for residents, and bar area for exhibition launch night events.

In a post-covid world, the individual studios were a key design feature, as opposed to an open plan space, so that artists would have their own secure space in which to work, and have 24/7 access to the building.

We wanted the gallery space to be as accessible and inclusive as possible, and kept the larger ground floor space open for this purpose. In our first year we facilitated 10 exhibitions, 11 launch nights, 4 workshops, 1 art market and 1 artist talk, working with 51 artists from local to international works.

Construction work began in October 2021, finishing in January 2022; and our first group exhibition, 'Looking In, Looking Out' launching in February 2022.

## Photographs of the completed project: <u>https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/14</u> -aJ30YEvyp27b2EQAINTQ8rjigOW68?usp=share\_link

 Name of Client and architect, design consultants or artist responsible for the design
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Dominique Frazer

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Thank you so much for your consideration! We look forward to hearing back from you.

Best,
Lauren Thompson
Gallery Curator & Studio Manager
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