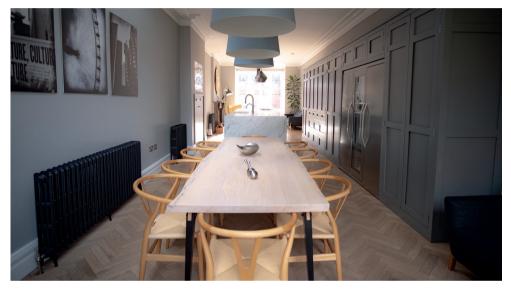
## BALTIC STAR Design & Build



Construction company based in Tunbridge Wells, specialising in home renovations and extensions.



66 Ineed to extend because my home just isn't working for me!" Words that Langton Green based Rikke Mitchell, Director of Baltic Star Design & Build, hears often.

"Homeowners can be unsure where to start and it can be a daunting prospect, but a home building project can be a rewarding experience" says Rikke. "There are many advantages to extending and renovating your home; a space which flows properly, that you can enjoy living in and if carried out to a high standard, an impressive uplift in value." She has a few tips for anyone considering starting a project.



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**Tip 1** – Get a construction professional involved at the outset to ascertain costs and options. It is a common mistake to have expensive plans drawn up only to find the build costs are beyond budget. Be open and honest with your professional about your budget to avoid disappointment.

**Tip 2** – Good design need not be expensive. Simplicity is often the key. Avoid over-complicated design; lots of glazing and enormous extensions all increase costs and are unnecessary.

**Tip 3** – You may not need to extend. It is easy to be seduced by the idea of an extension solving all of your space issues, but your home may simply need to be reconfigured.

**Tip 4** – Don't rush the process! What Rikke calls the Amazon Prime culture of having it tomorrow, can leave you with an extension which doesn't work and is disjointed from the rest of your home. ■

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