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Advance Dental Clinic

Chelmsford

Client Dr Andrew Moore

Architect Richard Mitzman Architects

This is a real surprise: an ingenious insertion into an impossibly constrained site, of a skillfully designed dentist surgery that is a pleasure to visit. The planners insisted on a pitched roof and the use of brick; the architect has subtly subverted their intention by giving them a monopitch roof and brickwork the Dutch would be pleased with.

A unique combination of skills and experience has produced a building that is completely in tune with the needs of its users, both dentists and patients. One waiting patient commented, 'I don't mind coming to the dentist these days.' High praise indeed. And it is working in economic terms too, with over 500 new patients taken on in the first year.