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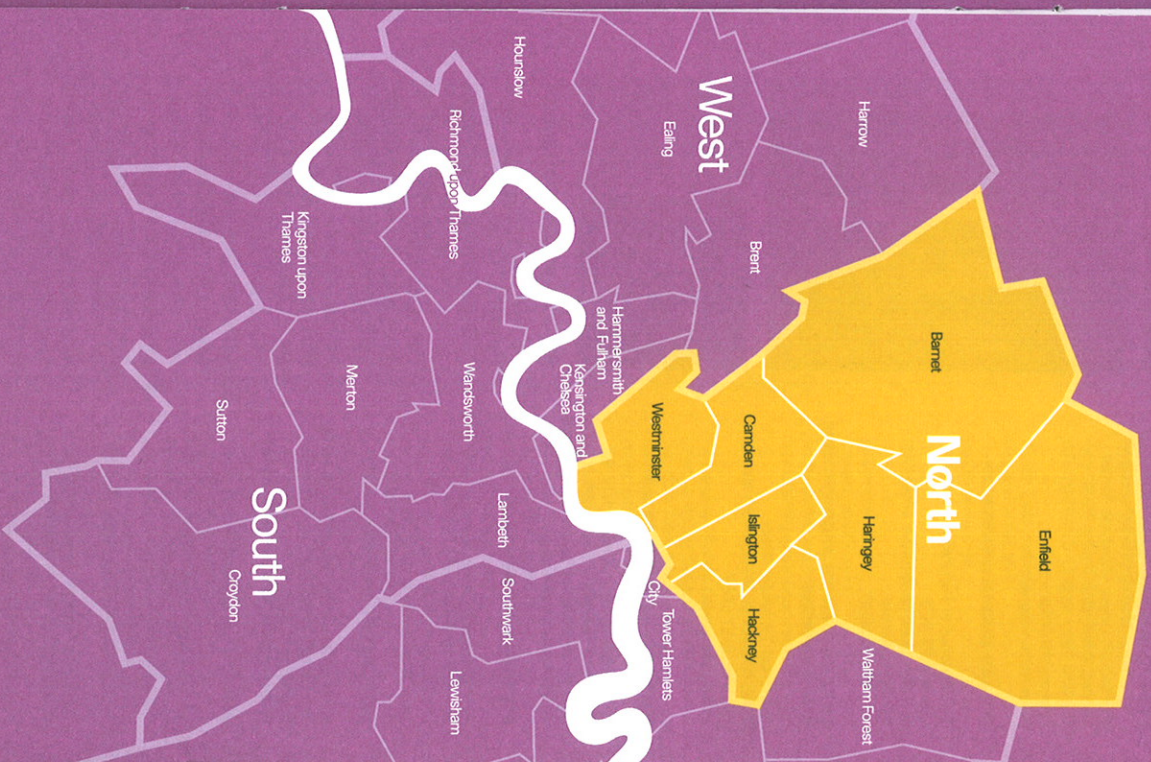
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RIBA Award Winner 2006**Wrap House
Alison Brooks Architects**

The concept of providing a simple dining room extension by Alison Brooks Architects has been extended to create a complex spatial arrangement that colonises the garden with a terrace, part of which is framed with a roof. The timber deck, walls and roof are carefully detailed and emphasise the clarity of the architect's vision encapsulated in the name 'Wrap House'. Both as a minor, but by no means trivial, work of architecture and as a result of that exceptional partnership, it is model intervention in a suburban setting.