

Why use an architect?

Here's a simple way to express it: if you ask a builder or a draughtsman to design a new addition or a new house, you'll get a very serviceable set of rooms. But if you ask an architect to design that new addition or new house, you'll get something you never thought was possible, and in which you continually discover new delights and new excitement.

If you ask a good architect to design your house, you'll get something that is affordable, and that fits you and your site 'like a glove' – and from which you will never want to move!

Why use Organon Architecture?

We strive to achieve a harmonious integration of your functional and financial needs with the site context to create a timeless and inspiring living environment.

Organon Architecture strives to do what you would do if you were a good architect.

Satisfaction Guaranteed

If you aren't completely satisfied with the design consultation during the first hour, you may stop the consultation at that time without charge.

Scheduling the Consultation

When you're ready to schedule your design consultation, just contact our office. Design consultations are typically scheduled in the late afternoon. This is when there is the least risk for disturbances due to active construction.

Fees You Can Afford

A typical design consultation takes two to three hours and costs \$400 including the session's conclusions. Additional consulting time is offered at our normal hourly rates.

Travel time within Greater Auckland is free. For locations outside this area, travel charges can be negotiated in advance. With appropriate photographs and documentation, the consultation may be conducted at our office. Many out-of-town clients have taken advantage of this option.

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If you are looking to get 'a flower' instead of a weed' out of the system, if you're interested in design that integrates the architecture with your site...

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Architectural Advice
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A Design Consultation...

We offer this valuable service to clients considering a new home, or an addition or renovation to their existing home. A design consultation gives you architectural expertise for limited time at a reasonable price, with no strings attached.

What to Expect

Think of a design consultation as a house call: we visit your home, discuss and sketch possibilities, and answer basic questions about costs and construction alternatives for your new home, or for your proposed renovations.

Together we can explore placement of a new home or extension, sculpting of awkward spaces or facades, correct balance, composition, and add visual interest. We can even recommend how to avoid some common mistakes.

Most conceptual possibilities are explored during the design consultation. Depending on the project's complexity and the available documentation, some consultations may take longer.

After the consultation, a letter may document the results and conclusions of the design consultation. The design consultation is a "stand alone" service. You are not required to retain us for the duration of your particular project. In some cases, the consultation will be all the architectural services required. Subsequent architectural services, if needed, can be discussed and reviewed during the design consultation.

Getting The Most From Your Design Consultation

The following items will help us give you the most useful recommendations in the least amount of time. Have copies ready before the consultation begins.

- Site Plan or Survey. This document, prepared by a Surveyor, locates your site or your existing house relative to property lines, driveway, and servitudes. It will usually be included with your purchase documents.
- Photographs of the Site or Exterior. We sometimes approximate what your new home or additions may look like by drawing directly over a good snapshot. Take photos of the front, sides and rear of your home, and of any major features inside or views round about. Don't tilt the camera up or down, as this distorts the image. With a digital camera, you can easily take fifty to a hundred photos quite easily and then write them to a CD. More is always better.
- Subdivision restrictions (if applicable). Many subdivisions will have restrictive covenants that limit what can be done on your site or with your existing home. These covenants can limit the materials, establish mandatory building setbacks and require approval of any plans. Look in your purchase documents for these. If you aren't sure if your subdivision has such restrictions, check with your real estate agent, solicitor, or neighbourhood association.
- Floor Plans. A copy of your existing home's plans is essential for renovation. If the original plans are unavailable, check your purchase documents for a plan that may have been included in the appraisal or in the description of the property. Most council offices will have copies of plans and specifications of existing local houses..

- Contour Plans. For all new house projects and for many renovations, you will need to supply a site level survey. You may need to employ a surveyor for this. Ask us for a recommendation if you are at all uncertain.
- Your 'Clipping' File. No two homeowners prefer the same materials, colours, fixtures or appliances. To help us learn your preferences, tear out pages from favourite home improvement magazines or collect materials and brochures illustrating the 'feel' you want. Place a note on each, noting the items that caught your eye, and why.

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