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We explore new ways to extend your living area and bring the outside in.

CORNER OPENING
Here, two walls of floor-to-ceiling sliding windows extend the living space to a sheltered decked area, merging the boundaries between inside and out.

LEVEL FLOORS
By keeping the flooring at the same level as the lawn, this garden is effortlessly accessible from the interior. The choice of stone is a forgiving option for traffic entering from the garden.

SHADED GLAZING
This stunning contemporary design, created by architects McClean Quinlan, gives uninterrupted views, while overhead timber-slatted panels provide shade.

PALE TONES
Choosing a pale-coloured floor helps create a seamless connection between inside and out, and also maximises the light that floods in from two large glazed openings.
ALFRESCO DINING
A seamless join between the kitchen and the outdoor space makes it easy for crockery and food to be carried outside.

WIDE OPEN
Aluminium-framed folding doors ensure that this rear extension can be completely opened up to the paved outdoor area. Cream armchairs carry the interior's neutral colour scheme outside.

LINKING SPACES
Using the same worktop on the kitchen units and the outdoor cupboards creates a visual link between these spaces, giving the illusion of a garden "room".

PLAIN VIEW
This compact bedroom and terrace have a spacious feel thanks to the latter's glass balustrade, which opens the entire space up to far-reaching views of the capital.