

# SUPERSONIC DINING

This 7m-long kitchen counter – which runs for most of the length of a house in West London and features the colouring and livery of Concorde – was installed by What Architecture as part of an ongoing refurbishment project.

The practice's 'Lite Works' strategy, in which it carries out a 'light refurbishment' first – to allow clients to move in, get used to the house and then gain planning permission for more extensive work – means it can also have fun with a design that only has to last six months.

In this case What Architecture papered the some of the ceilings in Christmas wrapping paper and installed this long counter using the Concorde livery. This was also as a cryptic reference to the occupants, a Beirut-based couple – this home is called the The Beirutiful House – who have

notched up their fair share of air miles, and one of whom has worked regularly with Concorde Lighting.

According to What Architecture partner Anthony Hoete these projects often become a little 'heavier' than intended – in this case doorways had to be widened. On the plus side a neighbour has offered to buy the feature when the second stage of development begins.

