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Adrian and Maria Pearcey took a chance on a rundown house in their dream location. Several years on, they have no regrets about their decision

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While Adrian and Maria Pearcey enjoyed living in the pleasant coastal town of Hove, buying a bigger place was growing to be an urgent priority. Keen to remain in the same sought-after area of southeast England, the couple were residing in what was becoming an uncomfortably cramped maisonette. "Our son Felix was already a toddler," says Maria. "There were only two bedrooms in the property, and we wanted to find somewhere with more space because we knew that we wanted another child."

The Pearceys had imagined moving into a relatively finished house with little work to do, but once they viewed a 1930s dwelling

