

Chair’s Award

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The Chair's Award is a discretionary Award chosen by the Regional Chair and agreed with the Regional Judges. This year’s Chair's Award focused on "Supporting Greener Planning in Practice". The theme tied into the Chair's priorities for 2021. The Award may be given to a person, team, department, authority or planning practice which has stood out this year.

The Award this year was presented to the South Downs National Park Authority for their commitment to action against climate change and green policies contained with their development and action plans. The Sustainable Construction SPD shows the

commitment from SDNPA that all development should be more environmentally sound. SDNPA's commitment to greener, more sustainable planning is further enhanced through its Climate Change Adaption Plan and Strategy. The evidence that the green planning policies are having a positive effect have been demonstrated through its most recent Annual Monitoring Report which illustrated that adopted policies are having a positive effect on developments in the South Downs region. This included positive effects such as improvements to air quality, renewable energy and better sustainable design.

The South Downs National Park Authority have demonstrated clear ambitions on how environmental principles and protections can inform sustainable placemaking to support the areas needs and the wider "greener" planning agenda. It was concluded that the green policies in adopted SDNPA plans provide best practice for the planning profession to create a better, greener and more sustainable future for all.