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**Winners, Commended and Finalists**

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# Excellence in Plan Making Practice Winner

## Wandle Vistas submitted by Fiona Fyfe Associates and Untitled Practice

### The judges' comments:

*“Wandle Vistas is pushing the boundaries, turning plan making on its head, and the judges thought this was a creative, innovative and inspirational approach. It is not only led by planners but, by using a bottom up approach, the local community have been heavily involved throughout. This has enhanced their skills and planning knowledge, creating a sense of local pride. The judges especially liked the use of a film in the planning application process.”*

The Wandle Vistas project is a celebration of the Wandle Valley, from downland to delta. It defines a 'Wandle Vista' and embeds this into planning policy, acting as a stimulus for legacy projects. The project connects people with place, promoting health and wellbeing benefits and sustainable travel options. The technical planning document (potential SPG) highlights opportunities for delivering Green Infrastructure and enhanced views across four London Boroughs. The community-inspired map and film were made with input from local volunteers. It is an exemplar planning project of engagement and communication, supporting education and decision-making at local and sub-regional scales.



**Key participants:** Living Wandle Landscape Partnership (Client team)\*  
Studio April (Graphics)  
Bobbin Productions (film) / Image by Barry Willis

*\* 'Wandle Vistas' is a legacy project for the Living Wandle Landscape Partnership Scheme (LWLPS). The LWLPS was the first urban Landscape Partnership funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund between 2013-2018, and has now closed. The Wandle Vistas work is now being taken forward by the Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust, the four London Boroughs within the Wandle Valley, the GLA and the Wandle Valley Forum community group. With the exception of the London Boroughs, all of these organisations were on the project steering group.*

# Excellence in Plan Making Practice Commended

## East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018 submitted by East Lothian Council, Planning Service

### The judges' comments:

*“This stood out as a superb local development plan with a strong planner led focus. The judges particularly liked the use of technology to engage effectively with the local community and other stakeholders. They were also impressed by the Skills Academy established to provide training to match now job opportunities created by the project.”*

The East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018 sets out a framework for inclusive growth, homes, jobs, heritage and the environment to 2024, accommodating a generous effective land supply for homes, employment and infrastructure in a compact strategy for sustainable development with maximum use of existing infrastructure and public transport connectivity, whilst minimising travel distances and CO2 emissions where possible. Accompanied by Supplementary Guidance: Developer Contributions Framework, it sets out required infrastructure provision and funding levels that are incorporated into the Council's capital plan and budget projections, it is an exemplar of plan making in process, action setting and outcomes.



**Key participants:** Transport Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage, Historic Environment Scotland, Architecture + Design Scotland, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, NHS Lothian, sportScotland, Coal Authority.

# Excellence in Plan Making Practice Finalists



## Alderney Land Use Plan submitted by States of Alderney

The States of Alderney has substantially reviewed its Land Use Plan, evidence base and law, which can protect its heritage and provide for its future.

Image by Alamy.



## Brightwell Lakes submitted by Suffolk Coastal District Council (East Suffolk Council) and CEG

Brightwell Lakes is a thriving new neighbourhood providing a mix of new homes, shops, school, facilities and offices set in 85 acres of innovative greenspaces.



## Developing the South Essex 2050 Place Ambition submitted by Association of South Essex Local Authorities

The South Essex 2050 Place Ambition is a collaboration programme providing place leadership to support the delivery of a Joint Strategic Plan over the next thirty years.



## Halsnead Garden Village Masterplan submitted by Knowsley Council

Halsnead Masterplan SPD: a rational framework enabling delivery of exemplary mixed-use development, inspiring and driving lasting change in perceptions and quality of place across Knowsley.



## The Housing Delivery Action Plan submitted by Milton Keynes Council

The Housing Delivery Action Plan project delivered a robust local plan submission against the odds (and clock), that provides for 31,000 dwellings and secures MK's policy position.



## The Strategic Growth Plan for Leicester & Leicestershire submitted by The Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan Partnership

The Strategic Growth Plan is the result of a collaborative, strategic planning process to provide a framework for housing and employment growth to 2050. Image by Jonathan Wright, Dinc Creative.



## Sutton Local Plan submitted by London Borough of Sutton

The Sutton Local Plan is a holistic plan to deliver 6,000+ homes and 6,000+ jobs with regeneration and renewal schemes ranging from local to international.

# Excellence in Planning for a Successful Economy Winner

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## Spanish City submitted by North Tyneside Council

### The judges' comments:

*“The judges saw this as a project that had the local community at the heart of it all. Despite being cherished by the locals this seaside resort had been left behind, but the council are putting it back on the map despite challenging circumstances. They were particularly impressed by the use of technology in the overall transformation of the building.”*

### Key participants:

ADP (Architects)

Robertsons (Construction contractor)

HLF (part funders)

Kymel (Building operator)

Following decades of decline, the £10m Spanish City refurbishment has transformed a nationally iconic grade 2 listed building, which forms the core of North Tyneside Council's ambitious £37m Whitley Bay seafront Master Plan. Through excellent partnership working and phenomenal public support, the historic building was conserved, restored and re-invented for the 21st century. With the promotion of enterprise, skills and economic, social and environmental



Image by Paul Appleby.

opportunities, 'The Dome' has been safeguarded for future generations, boosting local employment and restoring pride in Whitley Bay. Renewing the town's confidence in the project has seen significant private investment through business creation and new housing.

# Excellence in Planning for a Successful Economy Finalists

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## Bond Street Public Realm Improvement Project submitted by Westminster City Council, NWECA, Publica, FM Conway, WSP and NRP

The revitalisation of Bond Street prioritises pedestrians, enhances character and celebrates heritage, creating a public realm for all users, to match its international reputation. Image by Publica 2018.



## Derby Aerospace Campus Masterplan submitted by AECOM

Masterplan to repurpose an ageing industrial facility as an HQ and world-leading research campus. Planning consent has been achieved and the first elements completed.



## Gloucester Transport Hub submitted by Gloucester City Council

This is an architecturally distinct development, delivering both the modern renewal of the City's primary gateway and the catalyst to provoke broader City regeneration.

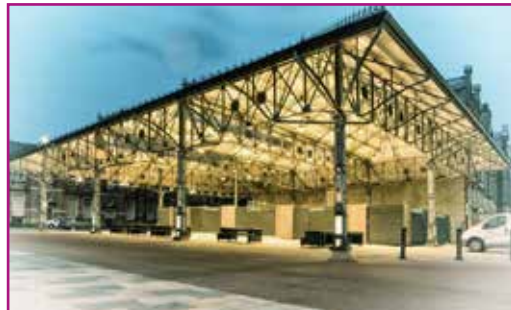
## LLDC Combined Economy Study, 2018 submitted by London Legacy Development Corporation, Hatch Regeneris and We Made That

The Combined Economy Study provides comprehensive economic evidence base for the area, beyond specific national requirements to include culture and the night time economy.



## Magherafelt Public Realm Scheme 2016-2017 submitted by Mid Ulster District Council

Through strong collaborative leadership Mid Ulster District Council Planning Department, reshaped Magherafelt Town Centre, previously perceived as a contentious space, is now a people centric, public shared space.



## New Market Facilities submitted by Frank Whittle Partnership Ltd and Preston City Council

Restoration of Fish Market Canopy and 1875 Covered Market Canopy and proposed new free standing Market Hall underneath existing 1875 Covered Market Canopy.



## Planning to Ensure Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects Realise Tangible Legacies submitted by Sedgemoor District Council

The innovative planning approach is achieving HPC legacy benefits delivered through the National College for Nuclear, Cannington Court, Somerset Energy Innovation Centre and Bridgwater Gateway. Image by Richard Downer Photography.



## The Urban Science Building, Newcastle Helix submitted by Newcastle University and Newcastle City Council

A recently completed building for Newcastle University on Newcastle Helix which provides teaching accommodation, offices, lecture theatres, labs and a café and is known as the Urban Science Building (USB).



# Excellence in Planning for a Successful Economy Finalists

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## Whittlesford Parkway Station Masterplan submitted by WYG

A masterplan for the creation of a rural multi-modal transport interchange to provide the capacity and connectivity to facilitate housing and jobs growth.

Image by WYG.

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# Excellence in Planning for Health and Wellbeing Winner

## Cuningar Loop Urban Woodland Park submitted by South Lanarkshire Council

### The judges' comments:

*"The judges thought this was a transformational project that had an impressive inclusive approach with all stakeholders both pre and post application. With a strong vision, it not only benefits the local community but is a driving force for delivering economic and social benefits to the area as a tourist destination. With planning talking a lead the judges felt Cuningar Loop was not only an exciting project, which has a transferable approach, but is inspirational too."*

Through extensive partnership working throughout the planning process South Lanarkshire Council, Clyde Gateway and Forestry Commission Scotland have successfully transformed Cuningar Loop from a derelict wasteland with a history of quarrying, illegal mining and landfill uses to a 15 hectare urban woodland park connecting the communities of Rutherglen, Dalmarnock and Parkhead in South Lanarkshire and Glasgow's East End. The project, which forms part of the 2014 Commonwealth Games legacy, has resulted in the development of a safe and inspiring public space along the River Clyde which has helped to improve public health and wellbeing in an area where life expectancy is seven years below the UK average.



Image by South Lanarkshire Council.

### Key participants:

Clyde Gateway Urban Regeneration Company  
Forestry Commission Scotland

# Excellence in Planning for Health and Wellbeing Commended

## Tackling Health Inequalities in South Worcestershire: an holistic approach submitted by Worcestershire County Council

### The judges' comments:

*“This project highlights that it is time for the profession to be a leader in delivering projects with a strong focus on health and wellbeing. It presents planners as social architects addressing the cause of problems rather than the symptoms. The council addressed health benefits directly through the planning system, an issue which is often underrepresented in development plans and the judges were impressed with the innovation of partnering with health authorities.”*

The project involved the holistic delivery of opportunities under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, which gave upper-tier local authorities new duties to improve the population's health. This unique approach brought County and District planners together with Public Health officers to address health inequalities and to use planning to reduce ill health and deliver health-promoting environments. The project included a 'Planning for Health' research paper and workshops; a 'Planning for Health in South Worcestershire' SPD; secondment of a planning professional within the Public Health Directorate; implementation of Health Impact Assessments; and the integrated consideration of health in planning applications.



### Key participants:

The South Worcestershire Councils (Worcester City Council, Malvern Hills District Council and Wychavon District Council).

# Excellence in Planning for Health and Wellbeing Finalists



## East Dulwich Hospital Redevelopment submitted by Tibbalds Planning and Urban Design

Planning and redevelopment of the East Dulwich Hospital site to create a new secondary school - The Charter School East Dulwich - and health care centre - Dulwich Health Centre.



## Essex Design Guide 2018 submitted by Essex County Council

The 2018 Essex Design Guide is the UK's first interactive web-based design tool. Content embraces new themes and articulates the design principles to provide practical guidance. Image by Place Services at Essex County Council.



## Marlborough Primary School submitted by CBRE

The Marlborough redevelopment in Chelsea replaces a Victorian school on a constrained site with a state of the art school featuring cascading garden roof terraces. Image by Paul Riddle.



## Planning and Delivery of Schools: Attleborough submitted by NPS Group on behalf of Norfolk County Council

NPS identified, secured and delivered three new schools in Attleborough to meet pupil demand from housing growth and to enhance educational excellence and inclusive schooling. Image by NPS Group.



## RFU Rugby 365 Artificial Grass Pitches submitted by CBRE

On behalf the English Rugby Football Union, CBRE secured planning for twelve Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs) with floodlighting, at grass roots Rugby Clubs across England. Image by RFU 2018.

# Excellence in Planning for Heritage and Culture Winner

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## Spanish City submitted by North Tyneside Council

### The judges' comments:

*“The judges felt this was a brave planning-driven project. They noted that the economy, environment, heritage and the community as well as the wider regeneration scheme were well considered when delivering this project.”*

Following decades of decline, the £10m Spanish City refurbishment has transformed a nationally iconic grade 2 listed building, which forms the core of North Tyneside Council's ambitious £37m Whitley Bay seafront Master Plan. Through excellent partnership working and phenomenal public support, the historic building was conserved, restored and re-invented for the 21st century. With the promotion of enterprise, skills and economic, social and environmental opportunities, 'The Dome' has been safeguarded for future generations, boosting local employment and restoring pride in Whitley Bay. Renewing the town's confidence in the project has seen significant private investment through business creation and new housing.



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### Key participants:

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Robertsons (Construction contractor)  
HLF (part funders)  
Kymel (Building operator)

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## **Anstruther, Cellardyke & Kilrenny: Community Burgh Survey submitted by Fife Council**

This was a Fife Council-led community heritage planning project designed to engage local people in the better planning management of the historic burghs of Anstruther, Cellardyke and Kilrenny.



## **Auckland Tower submitted by Durham County Council on behalf of Brighton Bishop Auckland Partnership Board**

Auckland Tower is a modern, bold, new timber framed building and tower which provides the welcome and ticketing centre for The Auckland Project visitor destination.



## **The Ironworks, Backbarrow, Lake District submitted by Indigo Planning**

Conversion of part-built live work development into a viable residential scheme including securing the long-term future of the Lake District's most important industrial heritage asset. Image by Millson Associates.



## **Ordnance Yard submitted by Elite Homes**

Ordnance Yard is a nine-home housing development at the former Priddy's Hard MoD Ordnance Depot in Gosport. It's part of the wider Priddy's Hard Peninsula Regeneration project.



## **The Smiddy - Centre of Excellence for Silversmithing and Jewellery submitted by Aberdeenshire Council**

Restoration of a derelict listed building creating a Centre of Excellence for Silversmithing and Jewellery as a focus for creative industry and regeneration in Banff.



## **Studio 144 submitted by CZWG Architects**

Southampton's Arts Complex, Studio 144, is a key landmark fronting onto Guildhall Square, at the heart of the Cultural Quarter, attracting 350,000 people a year. Image by Anthony Coleman.



## **Swanage Pier Restoration submitted by Swanage Pier Trust**

Securing the future of Swanage Pier, restoring its heritage, economic and tourism potential, creating new jobs, training and business opportunities and providing an outstanding visitor attraction. Image by Mark Bauer.



## **Union Street CARS - Schools Shopfront Design Project submitted by Aberdeen City Council**

Engaging school children with Aberdeen's built heritage, urban regeneration and changing city centre as a part of the City's Union Street Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme.

# Excellence in Planning for the Natural Environment Winner

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## Stirling Enhanced Landscape Mitigation Project submitted by Ironside Farrar Ltd and Scottish Power Energy Networks

### The judges' comments:

*“This scheme had strong ministerial support. The judges commented that this was an impressive landscape mitigation project involving innovative community engagement and impressive collective working. The planners went above and beyond.”*

The Energy Minister tasked Scottish Power Energy Networks and Partners to develop enhanced mitigation for the Stirling corridor complementary to the 400kV Beaulieu to Denny Overhead Line.

The Partners (SPEN/SGovt/SC/CSGN) developed a bespoke programme to empower and engage with local community groups. Local communities were invited to shape and frame their priorities for local projects, determine spend and engage directly in the design and delivery.

The result has been a truly innovative, devolved planning delivery process. The partners have worked directly with communities facilitating local decision, building capacity and supporting local decision making around place and needs.



### The Partnership Group:

Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN)  
Central Scotland Green Network Trust (CSGNT)  
Stirling Council (Planning)  
Scottish Government (Energy Consents Unit)

# Excellence in Planning for the Natural Environment Finalists

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## **Bird Aware Solent** submitted by **Portsmouth City Council**

This was a Fife Council-led community heritage planning project designed to engage local people in the better planning management of the historic burghs of Anstruther, Cellardyke and Kilrenny.



## **Silverlake** submitted by **Savills UK Ltd**

Auckland Tower is a modern, bold, new timber framed building and tower which provides the welcome and ticketing centre for The Auckland Project visitor destination.



## **A Survey of Important Trees and Hedgerows in the Parish of Market Bosworth** submitted by **Market Bosworth Parish Council**

Conversion of part-built live work development into a viable residential scheme including securing the long-term future of the Lake District's most important industrial heritage asset. Image by Millson Associates.



# Excellence in Planning for Homes – Small Schemes (up to 50 homes) Winner

## PLACE/Ladywell submitted by The London Borough of Lewisham

### The judges' comments:

*“The judges said that this project was an innovative way of offering temporary accommodation for homeless people and delivered fantastic social benefits beyond basic shelter. It was made possible through excellent contribution from the local planning authorities.”*

The judges commented that this scheme was an example of best practice, and could easily be redeployed in other towns and cities to provide a good solution for the urgent and growing homelessness crisis in the UK.”

There is an acute affordable housing shortage in London and Lewisham, where the number of homeless families is on the rise. The vacant former Leisure Centre site provided an opportunity for the Council to provide meanwhile uses ahead of redevelopment. PLACE/Ladywell is an innovative off-site volumetric scheme providing affordable housing for 24 homeless families with workspace which will activate this site for 4 years before being re-located to another site in the borough. The scheme was designed to be re-deployable and is an exemplary solution to the affordable housing shortage that Councils face.



Image by Rogers Stirk Harbour Partners.

### Key participants:

Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners  
AECOM

# Excellence in Planning for Homes – Small Schemes (up to 50 homes) Commended

## Burlingham Square, Worcester submitted by Matthews City and Country Homes

### The judges' comments:

*“Planners played a central role in this project, facilitating partnerships with multiple other organisations and adopting a strong community engagement strategy. The scheme also created multiple apprentices as part of its construction process.”*

The Burlingham Square development has brought 35 new homes and apartments to the heart of historic Worcester. Developing the site was complex due to the presence of protected species, adjoining heritage assets and surrounding residential properties. Inspiration for the site's design was taken from the adjoining Conservation Area; with Burlingham Square adopting the 'Georgian Square' style of architecture. While this approach ensured that the new homes integrated with its historic surroundings, modern touches were incorporated within the design of the properties to maximise the scheme's contribution to the achievement of sustainable development.

### Key participants:

Worcester City Council  
Worcestershire County Council  
Natural England  
Zebra Architects Ltd  
Naturally Wild (ecological consultants)



Cotswold Archaeology (heritage consultants)  
Structa (drainage consultants)  
Phil Jones Associates (highways consultants)

# Excellence in Planning for Homes – Small Schemes (up to 50 homes) Finalists



**Agar Grove Phase 1a** submitted by **Hawkins\Brown**

Agar Grove Phase 1a delivers 38 social rented homes to the Passivhaus standard, part of a masterplan of 493 homes for new and existing tenants.

Image by Jack Hobhouse.



**Brickworks Community Centre and Affordable Housing** submitted by **HTA Design LLP**

This project comprises a new community centre for the local residents of Tollington ward in Islington and 23 new affordable homes.

Image by Keith Collie.



**Erection of six dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping following demolition of existing unlisted outbuildings** submitted by **Test Valley Borough Council**

A development of six dwellings in a village Conservation Area, of varying sized and design, two units secured as affordable housing, and street frontage orchard'.



**Gilbury Hill Phase 2** submitted by **Situ8 Planning Consultancy**

Situ8's passionate planners are keen to roll out the inclusive approach used in designing Gilbury Hill 'Phase 2' across Cornwall and the rest of the UK.



**Knapdale Close** submitted by **Fuller Long**

Fuller Long worked closely with Lewisham Homes on behalf of Lewisham Council and architects BPTW partnership, on a planning application for the creation of new affordable homes.

Image by BTPW Partners.



**Mackmurdo Place** submitted by **Maldon District Council**

A community-led development, for 27 dwellings, providing affordable family housing, homes for older people and fifteen open market houses meeting all needs to sustain village life.



**Marklake Court** submitted by **Tibbalds Planning and Urban Design**

Marklake Court delivered 27 new social rented homes in a former garage site in Southwark. The design and development process was led by the community.

Image by Bell Philips Architects.

# Excellence in Planning for Homes – Large Schemes (50 or more homes) Winner

## Dargavel Village submitted by Renfrewshire Council

### The judges' comments:

*“This is one of the largest brownfield sites in Scotland, and the judges felt it was a great example of a large development scheme that brought previously inaccessible land back into use and is created a self-sustaining community.*

*In particular, the judges noted the inclusion of multiple community facilities including green corridors and woodland areas.”*

Dargavel Village is the site of a former BAE Systems Royal Ordnance Factory to the south west of Bishopton, Renfrewshire. At 964 hectares it is one of the largest brownfield sites in Scotland and has been subject to major regeneration as a Community Growth Area of 4,000 new homes, associated retail, education, health and recreational facilities, along with a Green Network consisting of parks, path networks, woodland and habitat pockets.

Initial phases of a long term, 25 year strategy have been transformational, providing strategic infrastructure across the site together with over 1,000 new homes and facilities in a sustainable location.



### Key participant:

BAE Systems

# Excellence in Planning for Homes – Large Schemes (50 or more homes) Commended

## Castleward Urban Village Redevelopment submitted by HTA Design LLP

### The judges' comments:

*“The judges commented this was a great example of plan-led regeneration. It offers a wide range of amenities and community benefits and links together multiple parts of the city centre. The commitment to delivering social and affordable housing in this scheme was also commended.”*

The vision of the development team to make Castleward a thriving place transformed this neglected central area into a new urban neighbourhood and business area. Castleward in Derby is an important large city centre regeneration providing over 800 new homes, a school, shops, community buildings and offices, removing the existing surface car parks and run down industrial sites.

The development team worked collaboratively with the City Council to produce an agreed deliverable and realistic strategic planning approach. This collaboration helped HTA Design deliver an innovative and creative scheme and Compendium Group deliver the first phase of the urban regeneration.

### Key participant:

Compendium Group and Derby City Council



# Excellence in Planning for Homes – Large Schemes (50 or more homes) Finalists



**351 Caledonian Road** submitted by **Jestico + Whiles**

351 Caledonian Road exploits the unique characteristics of a challenging urban rail-side context, providing 156 high-quality homes in a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation.

Image by Jack Hobhouse.



**Abingworth Meadows** submitted by **Horsham District Council Planning Department**

Abingworth Meadows is a high quality development providing 159 dwellings and significant community benefits including a new village hall, village shop and sports facilities.



**Bath Western Riverside** submitted by **Savills UK Ltd**

An ambitious major urban regeneration scheme, delivering over 2,000 new homes on the former Bath Gas Works site within the World Heritage Site of Bath.

Image by Studio Egret West.



**Beaulieu Phase 1** joint submission by **DWD, Countryside Zest LLP and Chelmsford City Council**

Beaulieu is a vibrant new landscape led neighbourhood for Chelmsford comprising a series of individually designed residential zones integrated with the wider community.

Image by Countryside Properties.



**Flint Walks Housing Scheme** submitted by **Flintshire County Council**

The replacement of the 1950s deck access maisonettes with 92 Council-built affordable, energy-efficient homes in the heart of Flint.



**Heyford Park** submitted by **Pegasus Group**

Heyford Park is an exciting settlement redevelopment of a 500 hectare former Cold War military airbase in North Oxfordshire.



**Regents Park Estate New Homes** submitted by **Tibbalds Planning and Urban Design**

The Regent's Park Estate project delivers 116 homes and significant public realm improvements within three years to replace homes lost to works connected with HS2.

Image by Ståle Eriksen and mæ Architects.



**Victoria Park** submitted by **St Modwen Homes**

Residential development of 200 homes on a long vacant site in a low value area of Stoke-on-Trent, which is an exemplar of positive partnership working.

# Excellence in Tech Within Planning Winner

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## City Change Fund submitted by Plymouth City Council

### The judges' comments:

*“The judges thought this online platform is a ground breaking initiative. Despite being in its early stages of inception, the impacts are already vast. They were particularly impressed by the high levels of engagement the council have had with the public, especially the younger generation, empowering them with involvement in the early planning stages. The judges are also looking forward to seeing how this project can advance further to be even more inclusive in the future.”*

The City Change Fund project has pioneered a genuinely citizen led decision making approach for how funds for community infrastructure are distributed. By embracing crowdfunding technology, the Council pledges the ‘neighbourhood portion’ of the Community Infrastructure Levy towards projects that are led and supported by the citizens of Plymouth. Using crowdfunding ensures maximum impact by generating significant match funding, stimulating the local community and voluntary sectors, and minimising the administrative costs for the Council. The use of a digital platform has increased the visibility and success of projects that receive funding and has engaged thousands of residents in local projects.



### Key participants:

Crowdfunder UK  
Plymouth University  
Plymouth Octopus Project (POP)

# Excellence in Tech Within Planning Commended

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## Drones in Coastal Management Planning in North Norfolk submitted by NPS Group

### The judges' comments:

*“NPS Group demonstrate an innovative approach to planning that can be applied globally to reach inaccessible areas. This is a great example of how technology has been used to increase community engagement in decision making and is helping to deal with an important, technical planning issues of erosion on the coast.”*

Planners have a pivotal role to play in helping to shape the way our communities and our coastal areas respond to climate change and need the necessary tools to monitor, manage and plan for change. Drone technology has been used to help monitor cliff retreat and climate change on the North Norfolk Coast. This has helped inform coastal management planning in Happisburgh (one part of the coast under particular pressure). The data from the drone technology has helped inform the position of a coastal defence/rock sill to slow down coastal retreat, buying time for the local community to manage change.

### Key participant:

North Norfolk District Council





# Excellence in Tech Within Planning Finalists

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## A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down submitted by AECOM

Immersive technology was used to inform Public Consultation for the A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down Scheme, which will provide lasting local and regional benefits.  
Image by AECOM Highways England.



## Artificial Intelligence In Planning at Milton Keynes Council submitted by Milton Keynes Council

You wouldn't normally associate a planning service with pioneering technology, but Milton Keynes Council has changed that, transforming the future of planning nationwide.



## DATA Play submitted by Plymouth City Council

DATA Play is an innovative smart city planning led initiative bringing a grass roots collaborative culture to council and city challenges leading to technology adoption.  
Image by Dom Moore.



## Developer Contributions Database – Exacom PFM Project submitted by Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils

Development, implementation and publication of pioneering interactive s106/CIL database allowing Babergh and Mid Suffolk to achieve infrastructure delivery through openness, transparency, accountability, accessibility, collaborative working.



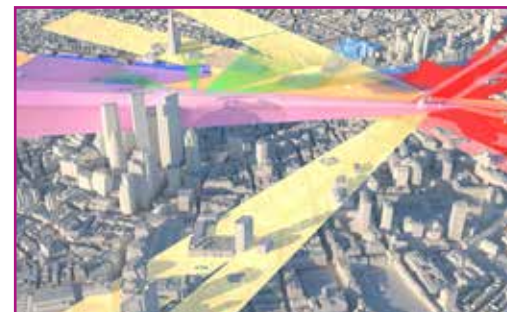
## Jersey 3D Model submitted by States of Jersey

The use of the Jersey 3D model has enabled decision makers and the community to better understand and have their say on major Island developments.



## Local Development Plan 2030, Draft Plan Strategy - 'Digital First' submitted by the Local Development Plan Team, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council used a 'Digital First' approach for the publication of their draft Plan Strategy, and to help engage with the public. Image by Ben Frith.



## Modelling the Future City using Innovative Technology submitted by The City of London

The City of London have employed innovative technology to model the microclimate, views, air pollution and predictive pedestrian flows to deliver inclusive and sustainable growth.



## The Sustainable Development Scorecard submitted by Icen Projects

The Scorecard allows users to assess the degree to which built environment projects conform to the National Planning Policy Framework's definition of Sustainable Development.

# International Award for Excellence in Planning Winner

## Ibadan City Masterplan submitted by DAR

### The judges' comments:

*“The grand scale of the exercise to transform Ibadan City was ambitious and impressive. As the first strategic plan for the city it involved the creation of digital maps and plans, updating decades-old maps, identifying new clusters of industry and planning integrated transport links from the slums to employment areas. All revolutionary for the city. The judges were also impressed with how they undertook capacity-building with stakeholders associated with a new school of heritage to help communities maintain their historic buildings.”*

With a population of over 6 million, projected to increase to over 11 million by 2036, Ibadan is Nigeria's third largest city. Over time, Ibadan has been affected by regular flooding events, which have increased in severity. In the absence of a plan to guide its future, Ibadan has been unable to respond adequately. In order to address this issue, Oyo State Government, with support from the World Bank, commissioned Dar to draft the city's first strategic plan. Developed over 18 months, it involved an extensive stakeholder engagement that was instrumental in agreeing a vision for the future of Ibadan.



Image by DAR.

### Key participants:

Oyo State Government  
World Bank

# International Award for Excellence in Planning Commended

## Plan your Brisbane submitted by Brisbane City Council

### The judges' comments:

*“This strategic plan included an impressive public consultation ‘game’ that engages a broad and diverse range of people in planning for the city. The judges were blown away by the impressive statistics of 82,000 people interacting with the game; part of a wider 277,000 interactions overall. The public engagement had a particular focus on the younger generation with 2,000 competition entries from 93 schools. This is an imaginative and ambitious approach to planning, putting the players in control of their community.”*

Brisbane City Council's Plan your Brisbane was a community engagement project about Brisbane's future and how the city accommodates an extra 386,000 residents by 2041.

Plan your Brisbane was a citywide conversation with residents from every suburb, we had 277,000 interactions and spoke to more than 100,000 people. One in five households provided input to inform the way Brisbane should grow and what trade-offs were needed.



All feedback and ideas were considered with results informing Brisbane's Future Blueprint. The Blueprint outlines eight principles and 40 actions to help ensure Brisbane thrives as a friendly and liveable place for future generations.

### Key participants:

Articulous  
JSA Creative  
Zenith Optimedia

# International Award for Excellence in Planning Commended

## Development Plan of Jinjiang Dream Town for Talents submitted by Wei Yang + Partners

### The judges' comments:

*“The judges were impressed with the successful introduction of Garden City principles in a historically and environmentally sensitive coastal location, with a broad range of outcomes only a year into inception. Numerous cultural considerations were taken into account in the community engagement and the project included the first inclusive visionary workshop in Jinjiang’s history. This project is innovative for China, but the judges feel it’s an approach of linking universities and villages to create new incubator workspace that could be replicated globally.”*

The Dream Town project outlined a collective vision and focused on an implementable framework centred on sustainable, holistic and localised solutions to revitalise a declining coastal area. This involved upgrading key infrastructure and services, preserving historic fabric and cultural heritage, connecting with businesses and the younger generation, and fostering local entrepreneurship.



Adopting the 21st Century Garden City approach in creating long-term incentives for communities and the environment, the project promoted a new way of perceiving prosperity, which looks beyond the narrow domain of economic growth, and creates a sense of collective wellbeing and fulfilment for all.

# International Award for Excellence in Planning Finalist





**From Depressive to Impressive:**  
**Huaibei Urban Spatial Characteristics Plan**  
submitted by Nanjing Southeast University  
Urban Planning and Design Institute Company  
Ltd.

HBUSCP represents a bold new planning approach, which is to transform a coal sediment area becoming the catalyst for the urban and ecological regeneration.

Image by Huaibei Planning Bureau.

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# In-house Planning Team of the Year Winner

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## Sport England

The judges' comments:

*“Sport England have delivered a huge number of successful projects in recent years. The judges particularly noted their focus on supporting communities and the systems they have developed to ensure successful customer consultation.”*

Sport England is a non-departmental public body developing grassroots sport in England. It works with national and local partners to ensure everyone can benefit from sport and physical activity. As well as responding to planning applications, including in line with its remit as a statutory consultee, Sport England shapes national and local planning policy and the design and masterplanning of large developments.



Image by Sport England.

# In-house Planning Team of the Year Commended

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## Natural Power Consultants Ltd

### The judges' comments:

*“The judges were impressed with the work Natural Power Consultants are delivering with such a small team. They incorporate new technologies in their work and use innovative approaches to ensure early community engagement.”*

Natural Power is an independent multi-disciplinary consultancy and products provider with over two decades of unique renewable energy and infrastructure industry expertise providing expertise in every stage of the project lifecycle.

Natural Power's in-house planning team continues to adapt in changing market conditions to provide innovative cutting-edge services and influence evolving national policies for renewable energy, carbon reduction and sustainable economic development. With experience in project managing environmental impact assessments, applications submitted under the Planning, NSIP and Electricity Works regimes, public and policy consultations, the team is adept at guiding developers, consultees, communities and local authorities with the development of renewable energy, and other forms of infrastructure supporting sustainable development.





# In-house Planning Team of the Year Finalists

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## Department for Education

The team works with partners and stakeholders to inform policy, promote sites and secure permission for new and expanded schools in areas they are required.



## Vail Williams LLP

Trusted property advice, which is client and situation focused. Vail Williams LLP are a multi-disciplinary Chartered Surveying and Planning partnership delivering exceptional service to all.

Image by Helen Evans.

# Local Authority Planning Team of the Year Winner

## The London Borough of Brent

### The judges' comments:

*“The judges noted how Brent’s planning team excelled in all areas of work. They were impressed with their desire to continually reflect on their performance, and look for ways to develop and improve their service.”*

Brent Planning is serious about providing a quality service to achieve excellent outcomes for existing and future residents and businesses. Planning is taken seriously across the Council as a part of delivering corporate objectives. The service isn't complacent and is always looking for improvements to make things better for applicants and the community, including exploring what new technology can offer. Staff are invested in to ensure their professional development, there is a good relationship with Members, and the service is respected throughout the Council for their professionalism and support, evidenced recently by the team receiving a Pride of Brent team award.



# Local Authority Planning Team of the Year Commended

## Aylesbury Vale District Council

### The judges' comments:

*“The judges were very impressed with Aylesbury Vale’s clear commitment to customer service; achieved through their staff training, mentoring schemes, account management and Parish Council liaison.”*

Aylesbury Vale District Council is one of the busiest planning authorities in the country, processing almost 4000 applications each year and with considerable housing and employment growth planned for the coming years. An enthusiastic team of both highly qualified planners and those at the beginning of their careers, showing AVDC’s commitment to developing the next generation of planners, negotiate the complex challenges of planning in such a large and diverse district. AVDC is developing innovative solutions and new roles to ensure consistently high levels of customer service and to guarantee a high-quality built environment across the Aylesbury Vale District.



Image by AVDC.

# Local Authority Planning Team of the Year Finalists



## Cardiff County Council

The team have been instrumental in delivering significant growth through a bespoke Plan-led and masterplanning approach alongside a range of innovative performance improvement measures.

Image by Cardiff Council.



## Central Bedfordshire Council

The Central Bedfordshire Council Planning Delivery Team is forward-thinking, inspiring and customer-focussed with staff investment and skills development at its heart.

Image by Lisa Newlands.



## Glasgow City Council, Development & Regeneration Services

Glasgow's Planning Service is a leader in the facilitation of urban regeneration and economic development for the City, with a key focus on placemaking.



## Gloucester City Council

The City Council has enabled an unprecedented level of regeneration in the past decade with in excess of £750m invested in the City.



## The London Borough of Sutton

London Borough of Sutton officers created a Local Plan with bold, deliverable place-making frameworks and detailed policy formulation, all within a novel presentation format.



## Maldon District Council

The Development Management Team at Maldon seeks to provide an excellent, cost effective, innovative and customer driven experience that enhances the District as a whole.



## North Ayrshire Council

North Ayrshire is a local authority in central west of Scotland on the Clyde coast. Its population is 137,000.



## Thurrock Council

Thurrock has one of the fastest, most accessible and proactive planning services in the country, building strong relationships with developers and driving investment across the Borough.

# Small Planning Consultancy of the Year Winner

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## NTR Planning

### The judges' comments:

*“The judges thought NTR Planning strong examples across all categories, which was demonstrated by impressive examples of their work. They especially liked their strong resolve to making planning accessible to all. This inclusive approach to community engagement was impressive and their dedication to helping people navigate the complications of planning is noteworthy.”*

NTR Planning fosters passion in clients and professional teams. They work closely with Planning Authorities, professionals, stakeholders, decision makers and communities to bring about a better understanding of the benefits the planning system can bring - helping to deliver meaningful change and improvements in the built and natural environment. Although small, they work throughout the UK and Ireland on major projects with significant planning challenges. They bring together and lead impressive teams of professionals to deliver solutions through planning. They also work with local organisations, community groups and charities that might otherwise struggle to engage effectively with the planning system.



# Small Planning Consultancy of the Year Finalists

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## BPTW

BPTW offers a client focused, flexible and responsive planning consultancy service. We have a strong collaborative working culture and are passionate about planning and regeneration. Image by BPTW.



## Collective Planning

Innovation, collaboration and creativity are at the core of Collective Planning. They are at the forefront of pushing boundaries to deliver pioneering projects.



## Edgars

Edgars is built on great people, commercial acumen, modern thinking and local authority insight. Edgars' ethos is "care more" so clients receive the best experience. Image by Aurelien Langlais.



## Ethical Partnership

Ethical Partnership is a family-led, values-driven team of planning, environmental and sustainability consultants who strive to deliver schemes for the betterment of local economic, social and environmental conditions.



## Fowler Architecture & Planning

Through a coordinated and integrated multi-disciplinary approach, Fowler Architecture & Planning have built a reputation for providing an excellent, comprehensive service for their clients.



## HTA Design LLP

HTA Design's Planning Team works in a multi-disciplinary design practice specialising in residential-led urban regeneration projects, complemented by their research and thought leadership.



## Leith Planning Ltd

Leith Planning Ltd. is a boutique Town and Country Planning consultancy, advising some of the largest names in the development industry both national and internationally.



## MZA Planning

MZA Planning based in Chiswick, provides clients with a flexible and valuable resource. Planning permission without the headaches lies at the heart of their service.

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## LUC

### The judges' comments:

*"The judge's highlighted that LUC have strong values and principles that keeps their clients happy, demonstrated by excellence testimonials, but also consistently brings them new custom. Their commitment to their staff is admirable, as is their commitment to sustainability with an awareness of the legacy they leave. The judges were particularly impressed by the scope of LUC's work and extent of their community engagement."*

Founded in 1966, LUC provides integrated town planning, impact assessment, landscape design, heritage and ecology services to public, private and third sector clients.

While the planning system cuts across almost all of LUC's work, specific planning services include development management, strategic planning, Environmental Impact Assessment and sustainability appraisal.

LUC brings a determination to achieve sustainable development and cares about the legacy it leaves.



The range, depth and quality of our work, impressive levels of staff satisfaction and retention, consistently positive client feedback, and engagement with the contemporary issues place us at the very top of the planning profession.



# Planning Consultancy of the Year Commended

## Nexus Planning Limited

### The judges' comments:

*“Nexus Planning’s values have creativity and people at their core. Their walk and talk tools making planning real and accessible for the public, and they also understand how essential it is to work with other disciplines for viability. The judges noted strong commitment to their staff with an impressively high satisfaction rate.”*

Nexus Planning is an independent consultancy operated and managed by Chartered Town Planners. Nexus Planning delivers planning solutions across a variety of development sectors.

Private sector: Nexus Planning delivers planning permissions for significant city-centre mixed-use projects, new residential schemes, office, education, hospitality and leisure and energy projects.

Public sector: Nexus Planning prepares town centre investment strategies, feasibility studies and retail assessments.



Through diversity of expertise and experience, Nexus Planning applies the relevant skills to our projects providing a ‘whole life’ service, from initial strategy and policy advice, co-ordination and negotiation of applications and stakeholder consultation through to project implementation.

# Planning Consultancy of the Year Finalists

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## ELG Planning

Formed in 1995, ELG Planning have offices in Darlington and Harrogate and include a specialist conservation team (ELG Heritage).



## Iceni Projects

Iceni Projects is a multi-skilled consultancy that helps better places by transforming property and planning for communities, clients and local government.



## Indigo Planning

Indigo is a specialist planning consultancy. They have been advising both private and public sector clients, on planning matters for over 30 years. Image by Indigo Planning.



## Pegasus Group

Pegasus Group is a leading development UK consultancy specialising in planning, design, environment, economics and heritage.



## Savills

With 280 planners in 22 locations, Savills has expertise to advise on all land use sectors and projects across a range of scales and UK-wide.

# Young Planner of the Year Winner

## Jenna Langford, Sandwell MBC

### The judges' comments:

*“Jenna has huge enthusiasm for planning and the role it plays in building successful and prosperous communities. The judges were inspired by her drive to get the community involved with the work of planners and her commitment to the community she serves.”*

Jenna's enthusiasm and tenacity to challenges and the way she motivates teams and influences decisions, makes her an exemplar role model for fellow young planners.

Jenna's passion for raising aspirations and for the profession drove her voluntary work with the RTPI's Future Planners Initiative and she continually supports aspiring planners through mentoring colleagues and graduates.

Since joining the profession in 2010 and becoming chartered in 2015, Jenna's achievements include Sandwell's innovative Development Ready charter, where Sandwell won National LPA Team of the year 2014. Jenna leads the way in pro-actively working with partners to deliver Sandwell's complex regeneration schemes, becoming Regeneration Manager in 2018. Jenna is now developing Sandwell's first Regeneration Strategy to integrate Inclusive Growth measures for equitable prosperity.



# Young Planner of the Year Commended

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## Ailsa Anderson, Aberdeenshire Council

### The judges' comments:

*“Ailsa has rich planning experience and great ideas and ambitions for the future of our profession. The judges also commended her innovative use of planning tools to secure community engagement and her impressive work in promoting planning in a rural environment.”*

Ailsa is passionate about creating sustainable rural communities and abides by the principle of directing the right development to the right place. Ailsa's breadth of experience and dual RTPI and RICS accreditation provides a great platform from which to deliver this. Her awareness of the particular nuances of land use planning in a large and diverse rural authority is clearly evident. Ailsa has been a trailblazer in promoting the use of PAS's "SP=EED" guidance in community engagement in the North East of Scotland. Ailsa is an active member of the RTPI Scottish Young Planners Network Steering Group and RTPI Grampian Chapter Committee.



Image by Leanne Keir.

# Young Planner of the Year Commended

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## Charlotte Morphet, Waltham Forest

### The judges' comments:

*“Charlotte is an ambassador for women in our profession. The judges were impressed by her commitment to supporting and mentoring young people and promoting diversity within the profession.”*

Charlotte's dedication to diversity, equality and inclusion has already made lasting impact to the profession. She led the setup of 13 branches of Women in Planning and supported the set-up of Planning Out and BAME in Property.

Charlotte is an ambassador for planning within the wider industry having represented the planning profession by being an assessor and mentor for Public Practice, speaking at the London Festival Architecture, at the Alan Cherry One to Watch Award, being nominated by Property Week as a RESI TrailBlazer and being asked to speak at various property conferences.



# Young Planner of the Year Finalists

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**Bhakti Depala - City of London Corporation**

Bhakti's enthusiasm and drive leads to innovative and creative planning solutions in the City and makes her a role model in positive planning.



**Kirstie Hopcroft - Lichfields**

Kirstie's breadth and depth of planning experience, commitment to professional development combined with her commercial awareness and original approach make her an excellent contender for this award.



**Ross Raftery - Deloitte Real Estate**

Ross is a Senior Planner at Deloitte, and has developed a breadth of planning experience, including ground-breaking technologies as Deloitte Real Estate's innovation lead.

# Silver Jubilee Cup Winner

## City Change Fund submitted by Plymouth City Council

### The judges' comments:

*“The judges agreed that this is a unique and ground breaking initiative. Plymouth Council went beyond simple community engagement into community involvement by empowering the local community to be proactive and invest with them in the City Change Fund from its inception. The project is a great example of the power of technology and how it can bring people and resources together more quickly than ever before. It will be exciting to see how this will continue to advance and the impacts it will have on planning in the future, as this is an approach that can replicated globally to mobilise community development and supplement Local Authority funding in straightened times.”*



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