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Yorkshire Region Planning Awards 2008

The National Planning Awards entries are now in and here is your chance to apply for the Yorkshire Region Planning Awards for 2008. The Award programme is designed to encourage and reward outstanding achievement in planning. We aim to celebrate the contribution made by the planning profession to the quality of life throughout the UK and to raise awareness and understanding of pioneering work. The RTPI recognises the diversity of planning achievements, from large-scale spatial planning through to small-scale environmental enhancements.

For details of Judging Criteria and Entry Form, please check our website at http://www.rtpi.org.uk/rtpi_yorkshire/ or email Paula Nolan, Regional Administrator at yorkshire@rtpi.org.uk

**The Closing Date for the 2008 Yorkshire Awards entries is
Monday 30th June 2008**



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Judging Criteria:

- Enhancement of the physical environment leading to recognisable social and economic benefit in terms of human happiness, greater safety and greater efficiency
- How the scheme has addressed all aspects of sustainable development
- Originality of the achievement or approach
- The key issues and problems that needed to be overcome
- Quality of the professional work involved in project design, the development of planning concepts and the application of planning techniques
- Extent to which the achievement may serve as a model for work elsewhere or as a basis for the development of further related schemes
- The role played by the planner working in partnership with other agencies

Categories

Sustainable Communities
City and Metropolitan Areas
Town Regeneration
Renewed Neighbourhoods
Rural Areas and the Natural Environment
Heritage
Arts, Culture, Sport
Climate Change
Spatial Strategies
Planning Process
E-Government
Equality and Diversity
Other Categories

All types of planning activities are eligible, including plans, processes, projects or completed schemes. However one of the tests of plans such as master plans is their capability of implementation. It is appropriate that plans of this kind are entered when there is evidence of their success on the ground. The scale of the project is not necessarily relevant to the evaluation of the achievement.

Entry Requirements:

Electronic Format

All submissions should be submitted in electronic format as a pdf file and **also** a printed version posted to: Paula Nolan, Regional Administrator, RTPi Yorkshire, The Green Sand Foundry, 99 Water Lane, Holbeck, Leeds LS11 5PN.

Project Summary

The project summary should comprise no more than 4 sides of A4.

The project summary should draw attention to the particular nature of the achievement, for example in terms of methodology, approach, design, co-ordination or implementation of the plan, process, project or completed scheme. It should include basic facts about the entry, including where appropriate:

- 1) *The location of the project*
- 2) *A description of the area*
- 3) *The timescale over which the project evolved*
- 4) *The problems tackled by the project*
- 5) *The solutions devised*
- 6) *The results achieved*
- 7) *Building elements and financial aspects*
- 8) *How the entry fits into its statutory planning context, and sustainable development requirements.*

All the major parties involved in the project should be listed so that their contribution to the achievement can be evaluated. These may include local authority departments, planning and other consultancies, developers, public agencies and voluntary and community bodies.

Support Material

Additional support materials including photographs must also be included

(The weakest part of many entries in previous years has been the failure to recognise the importance of the project summary and how the entry fulfils the seven separate judging criteria. In order to help the judges it is suggested that the summary consists of a short paragraph under each of the judging criteria explaining how the entry addresses this criteria.)

Other Essential Information Required

- Name, address, telephone number and e-mail contact details for entrant
- Brief title of entry
- Its address or location, if relevant (This must be sufficiently detailed for a judge to find and identify the scheme, on the ground. A location plan and/or postcode may well help)
- Firm, agency or other body responsible for entry
- Contact name (if relevant)
- Relationship of entrant to responsible body, if any
- Description of entry
- Ways in which the entry meets the criteria which the judges will be considering
- Other agencies or partners involved in the scheme