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**Winners,  
commended  
and finalists**

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# Welcome to our brochure of the winners, commended entries and finalists for the **RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence 2024**

The RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence showcase and celebrate the best plans, people and projects. Our coveted awards recognise and highlight the positive contribution planning professionals make in the communities we serve around the world.

On 26th November 2024 we announced and celebrated the best of the best in the planning profession at our national awards presentation.

Congratulations to all the winners and commended entries.

We hope you enjoy this brochure and we look forward to hearing from you in January when we open for the 2025 Awards for Planning Excellence.

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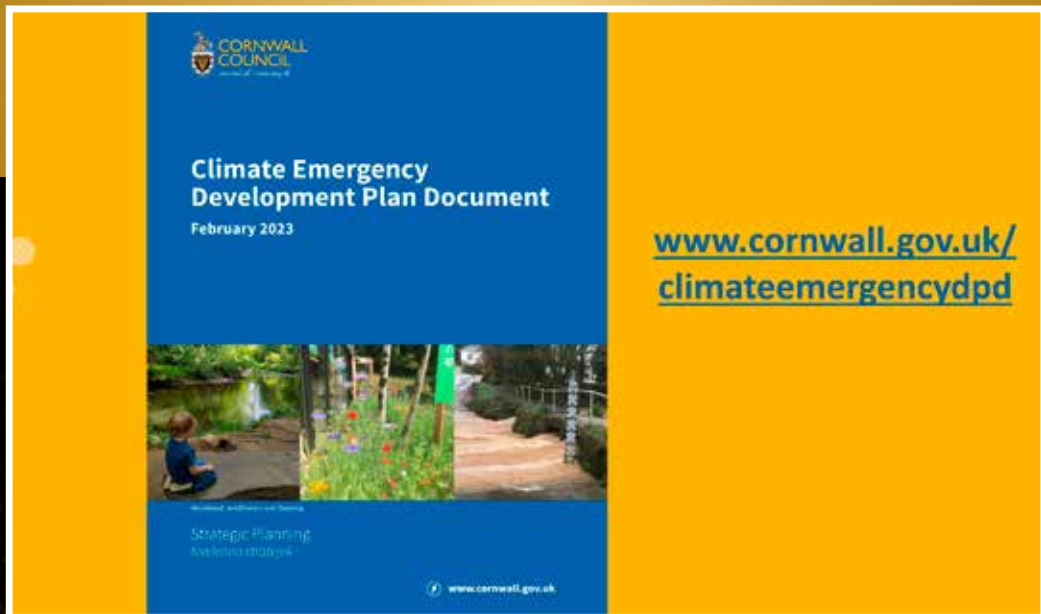
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# Excellence in Plan Making Practice Winner

## Climate Emergency DPD submitted by Cornwall Council

Cornwall Council's Climate Emergency DPD pushes at the boundaries of how planning can deliver for a sustainable future.



### The judges' comments:

Judges were impressed by the strong submission from Cornwall Council on their Climate Emergency DPD. They described it as an exemplar plan, with great transferability for all parts of the UK given the climate emergency challenges faced everywhere.

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# Excellence in Plan Making Practice Commended

## OPDC Industrial Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) submitted by Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation

OPDC's Industrial SPD provides a ground-breaking approach to delivering intensified industrial developments whilst also promoting best practice from a placemaking, design and sustainability perspective.



### The judges' comments:

Judges also commended OPDC Industrial Supplementary Planning Document as another fairly unique plan, given the emphasis on industrial development. This plan demonstrates the excellent contribution that the role of planners play in local development through embedding a clear vision and ensuring effective and meaningful collaboration, working in partnership with others and securing engagement from a range of stakeholders.

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# Excellence in Plan Making Practice Commended

## The Fraserburgh Beach Vision & Masterplan submitted by Aberdeenshire Council, Kevin Murray Associates, Rob Thompson Urbanism, Willie Miller Urban Design

The Fraserburgh Beach Vision and Masterplan is a co-produced ambitious plan to enhance the beach area by fostering health, enjoyment, connectivity, distinctiveness and sustainability. Image by Kevin Murray Associates, Rob Thompson Urbanism.



### The judges' comments:

Judges commended The Fraserburgh Beach Vision & Masterplan for its fairly unique plan in comparison to other entries given the scale and nature of the land-use. This project demonstrates excellent evidence of community engagement embracing a co-production approach and ensures timely execution despite the challenging timetable.

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# Excellence in Plan Making Practice Finalists



## Central Lincolnshire Local Plan submitted by Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Team

The Central Lincolnshire Local Plan delivers net zero through a suite of ambitious climate change policies as well as delivering wider growth and sustainability.

## Civic Quarter Area Action Plan submitted by Trafford Council

Trafford's Civic Quarter Area Action Plan delivers a new 4000 home sustainable neighbourhood through ambitious policies for net zero, public realm, greenspace and housing quality. Image by Planit ie / FCB.



## Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document submitted by South Downs National Park Authority

The SDNPA Design Guide supports a landscape-led approach to design, creating sustainable places that conserve and enhance its natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage. Image by Castelmer - Green Roads, Orchard, PV.

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# Excellence in Plan Making Practice Finalists



## Dunton Hills Garden Village Supplementary Planning Document submitted by HTA Design LLP

Co-designed Design Code SPD for Brentwood's new garden village, proposing up to 4,000 homes in a highly sustainable community set within a historic landscape. Image by HTA Design LLP.

## Wrexham Digital Place Plan submitted by Owen Davies Consulting

A pilot Digital Place Plan produced by Owen Davies Consulting for Smart Towns Wales was the catalyst for Wrexham becoming Wales' leading Smart Town.



## Gateshead Exemplar Neighbourhood SPD submitted by IDPartnership Northern

Gateshead Exemplar Neighbourhood SPD is a highly graphical SPD document that is helping create a climate resilient low carbon urban neighbourhood for all ages. Image by IDPartnership.

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# Excellence in Plan Making Practice

## Finalists



### Portlaw Town Centre First Plan submitted by The Paul Hogarth Company

Portlaw Town Centre First Plan - A community-led vision for Ireland's first model village, reviving heritage and the pioneering ethos of its founders. Image The Paul Hogarth Company.



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# Excellence in Planning for a Successful Economy Winner

## Stockport Interchange submitted by Stockport Council and Transport for Greater Manchester

Transformational regeneration at its best, new homes, a transport interchange, a town centre park and improved connectivity and accessibility in the heart of Stockport town centre.



### The judges' comments:

An exciting and clearly transformative project that represents a significant benefit to Stockport town centre and shows commitment to partnership working over an extended period of time. Notable benefits include the safe and accessible environment, Viaduct Park, step free access, links to the town centre and sensitivity to the iconic Stockport Viaduct. The climate benefits are also notable, particularly the commitment to reducing embodied carbon and providing the largest blue roof outside of London. The community engagement was excellent and far reaching, including through delivery.

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# Excellence in Planning for a Successful Economy Commended

## Melville Phase 1 submitted by Plymouth City Council, Urban Splash and Gillespie Yunnie Architects

The exciting transformation of a Grade I Listed Building, including boutique cinema, restaurants, offices, co-working space and gym, contributing towards a sustainable community. Image by Urban Splash.



### The judges' comments:

Judges also commended Melville Phase 1. They described it as an interesting regeneration project with many challenges. This scheme shows the value of adapting heritage buildings in a way that serves existing and future generations.

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# Excellence in Planning for a Successful Economy Commended

## Union Terrace Gardens submitted by Aberdeen City Council

Aberdeen's Union Terrace Gardens reopened in JANember 2022 after a £28.3 million refurbishment to restore historic features, improve access and provide new amenities. Image by Aberdeen City Council.



### The judges' comments:

Judges commended Union Terrace Gardens as an impressive project that has been delivered after many years of hard work and determination. Planning led with a strong policy framework and masterplan led approach. Excellent civic leadership and vision. Inclusive and collaborative.

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# Excellence in Planning for a Successful Economy Finalists



## 1000 Discovery Drive, Cambridge Biomedical Campus submitted by Bidwells

At the heart of Cambridge Biomedical Campus, 1000 Discovery Drive provides sustainable laboratory space to support Cambridge's role as life science capital of the UK. Image by Prologis.

## Bank House, Pilgrim Street submitted by Avison Young, Ryder Architecture and Newcastle City Council

Bank House is a 19,000 sqm, 14-storey landmark building comprising of Grade A offices and cafe/restaurant. The BREEAM Excellent building was completed in April 2023. Image by Lawrenson & Grebby Photography LLP.



## Cardiff University Spark|Sbarc submitted by DPP Planning

Cardiff University's Spark|Sbarc, is the world's first social science research park, fostering collaboration between academia, industry, and entrepreneurship in an inspirational landmark building. Image by Will Scott Photography & Hawkins\Brown.

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# Excellence in Planning for a Successful Economy Finalists

## North Shields Transport Hub and Town Square submitted by Napper Architects, North Tyneside Council and Willmott Dixon

North Shields Transport Hub is North Tyneside's first Net Zero Carbon building providing access to a sustainable and well-connected public transport system for all. Image by Alan Rees, Napper Architects.



## Stephenson Building at Newcastle University submitted by ELG Planning, NORR and Newcastle University

The Stephenson Building is a collaborative hub for engineering designed to transform the teaching and learning experience and showcase the research being conducted on campus. Image - © Kristen McCluskie & NORR.



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# Excellence in Planning for Health and Wellbeing Winner

## Morpeth Leisure Centre submitted by DPP Planning

A stunning destination facility, Morpeth Leisure Centre is transforming the local community. A result of true collaboration between design-team, client, operator and local people. Image by Kirsten McCluskie.



### The judges' comments:

Morpeth Leisure Centre is a great example of how the needs of local communities are met in one accessible place through good communication, engagement, and partnership working. It incorporates excellent levels of community involvement and collaborative working to transform brownfield land into a leisure centre and hub for the benefit of the health and well-being of the community it serves. Morpeth Leisure Centre is an exemplar of leading practice.

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# Excellence in Planning for Health and Wellbeing Commended

## Brainkind Neurological Centre, York submitted by JLL (Jones Lang LaSalle)

The Brainkind Neurological Centre, York provides specialist care to people with an acquired brain injury and complex needs such as cognitive, physical and emotional difficulties. Image by HBD.



### The judges' comments:

Judges commended the role of planning in this submission, stating that planning has been central to the delivery process, including site selection, project refinement, and best practices in the development management process.

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# Excellence in Planning for Health and Wellbeing Finalists

## Brighton 3Ts - Louisa Martindale Building submitted by BDP and University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust

BDP's planning strategy adopts a long-term approach to deliver a state-of-the-art hospital, secure future estate redevelopment and decarbonisation, and enable significantly upgraded healthcare in Sussex. Image by Nick Caville.



## Buntingford First School submitted by Smith Jenkins Planning & Heritage

Buntingford First School was developed by Hertfordshire County Council as a pilot net zero carbon scheme, and is the first in the County. Image by Holmes Miller.

## InterCity Place submitted by Plymouth City Council, University of Plymouth and Stride Treglown

Realising a prime regeneration opportunity, the transformation of InterCity Place created a facility where the University of Plymouth is educating future generations of healthcare professionals. Image by University of Plymouth.



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# Excellence in Planning for Health and Wellbeing Finalists



## Murphy's on Main Street Ederney Community Hub submitted by Keys and Monaghan architects

Murphy's on Main Street Ederney Community Hub involved the sensitive adaptation and extension of a B1 listed building for a health and wellbeing centre. Image by Department of Communities.

## Play Sufficiency Assessment Pilot submitted by Glasgow City Council

The PSA aims to ensure Children's and young people's voices are not overlooked or lost when decisions are being made about change in our city. Image by Glasgow City Council.



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# Excellence in Planning for Heritage and Culture Winner

## Melville Phase 1 submitted by Plymouth City Council, Urban Splash and Gillespie Yunnie Architects

The exciting transformation of a Grade I Listed Building, including boutique cinema, restaurants, offices, co-working space and gym, contributing towards a sustainable community. Image by Urban Splash.



### The judges' comments:

This project is an exceptional example of a genuinely plan-led scheme resulting in a high-quality, sustainable mixed-use project. It demonstrates strong leadership and highlights how excellent partnership working is significant to its success. The sustainability-led approach to creating this state-of-the-art building has resulted in an impressive space for all to enjoy, promoting heritage and culture in its highest form.

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# Excellence in Planning for Heritage and Culture

## Finalists



### Aviva Studios submitted by Deloitte LLP

Aviva Studios, the home of Factory International, is a landmark new cultural space for Manchester and the world. Deloitte has led the planning process throughout. Image by Marco Cappelletti, courtesy of OMA and Factory International.

### Emmanuel College South Court Redevelopment and Refurbishment submitted by Bidwells

Navigating complex planning and heritage constraints resulted in the provision of exemplar spaces for students to learn, work and socialise. Image by Nugent.



### Lilidorei at The Alnwick Garden submitted by Pegasus Group

The Alnwick Garden's new children's play and adventure village delivering the world's biggest play structure and a world-class visitor experience to the North-East. Image by The Alnwick Garden.

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# Excellence in Planning for Heritage and Culture Finalists



## Portlaw Town Centre First Plan submitted by The Paul Hogarth Company

Portlaw Town Centre First Plan - A community-led vision for Ireland's first model village, reviving heritage and the pioneering ethos of its founders. Image by The Paul Hogarth Company - Heritage setting of Portlaw Town Centre First Plan.

## Queens University Belfast (QUB) Business School & Student Hub submitted by Gravis Planning

The new QUB Business School is a state-of-the-art academic centre, in a woodland setting and with nearby listed buildings. Providing modern facilities with sustainability goals. Image by Chris Bryson.



## Union Terrace Gardens submitted by Aberdeen City Council

Aberdeen's Union Terrace Gardens reopened in December 2022 after a £28.3 million refurbishment to restore historic features, improve access and provide new amenities. Image by Aberdeen City Council.

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# Excellence in Planning for Heritage and Culture Finalists

## Virginia Civic Cultural and Library Services Centre submitted by Cooney architects Keys and Monaghan architects JV

Virginia Civic, Cultural and Library Centre breathes new life into a protected structure, reinvigorates Main Street and links several functions together under one roof. Image by Ste Murray.



## York Guildhall submitted by Burrell Foley Fischer

Re-imagining of York's Grade I listed medieval Guildhall, returning it to its wider community, as a world class venue, supporting the city's thriving creative industries. Image by Murray Scott Photography / Vinci Building.



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# Excellence in Planning for the Natural Environment Winner

## Luston Wetland - Phosphate Credit Trading Scheme submitted by Herefordshire Council

The Luston Wetland is a nature based solution, reducing phosphate pollution from waste water treatment works, with a phosphate credit trading scheme to enable development. Image by Herefordshire Councils Ecologist.



### The judges' comments:

Judges described Luston Wetland as a truly pioneering scheme demonstrating the collaboration of multiple stakeholders, tackling the issue of nutrient phosphate pollution and unlocking stalled housing projects in River Lugg catchment which can be an excellent lesson learnt for other parts of the UK.

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# Excellence in Planning for the Natural Environment Commended

## West Cumbria Pipeline submitted by Lake District National Park Authority / United Utilities

Cross-boundary infrastructure project to supply water to 80,000 homes and businesses in West Cumbria via 62 miles of pipeline, delivered by a planning performance agreement. Image by United Utilities.



### The judges' comments:

Judges commended this entry as they thought it was a well-executed project. Judges acknowledge the West Cumbria Pipeline was one of the largest feats of engineering undertaken by United Utilities and the largest project of its kind in the country at the time. It remains by far the most significant and technically complex planning performance agreement delivered by the Lake District National Park Authority.

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# Excellence in Planning for the Natural Environment Finalists



## Claremont Park - Brent Cross Cricklewood Regeneration submitted by London Borough of Barnet

Claremont Park - a new neighbourhood park delivered at the heart of the ambitious Brent Cross Cricklewood regeneration. Image by John Sturrock.

## Considering and including biodiversity in development guidance submitted by Orkney Islands Council

Developed with local stakeholders, Orkney guidance on Considering and including biodiversity in development aids understanding and delivery of national planning policy in a local context.



## Coverack North Coast Protection Scheme submitted by AECOM

The Coverack North Coast Protection scheme is an essential piece of infrastructure protecting the Cornwall shoreline from the risk of substantial erosion. Image by Coverack North Coast Protection Scheme.

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# Excellence in Planning for the Natural Environment Finalists



## Llanwern Solar farm submitted by Lighthouse Development Consulting Ltd

Llanwern solar farm and co-located battery storage is located on a sensitive SSSI site and its delivery has achieved significant environmental recovery. Image by Lighthouse Development Consulting.



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# Excellence in Planning for Communities (small schemes of 50 or less)

Whilst all four entries were interesting and innovative examples of housing delivery, none of them tipped over the line towards being exemplary or pioneering projects which the judges would support highlighting as planning excellence. That's not at all to say there was anything wrong with any of them, but it was just that they didn't feel industry leading in planning terms. .



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# Excellence in Planning for Communities (small schemes of 50 or less) Finalists



## Gedling Green submitted by Keepmoat Homes East Midlands

Gedling Green, Nottinghamshire. A collection of zero carbon ready homes, the future of sustainable living, and the UK's first open market sale Future Homes development. Image by Keepmoat Homes.

## Moylinney Court, HAPPI Development submitted by Radius Housing Association

This project at Moylinney Newtownabbey is the first HAPPI (Housing our Ageing Population Panel for Innovation) principle project in Northern Ireland.



## Redevelopment of the Former Newton Community Hospital submitted by Stantec

Redevelopment of Former Newton Community Hospital to provide 39 new affordable houses included the conversion of non-designated heritage asset within the Green Belt. Image by John McCall Architects.

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Excellence in Planning for Communities  
(small schemes of 50 or less) Finalists



Teachers Close, Needham Market  
submitted by Ingleton Wood LLP

Development of the former Needham Market Middle School for 41 affordable homes and a library is an exemplar of local authority delivered social housing. Image by Ingleton Wood.



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# Excellence in Planning for Communities (large schemes of 50 or more) Winner

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## College Road, Croydon submitted by HTA Design LLP

College Road is a world-class modular co-living development in the heart of Croydon town centre with 817 co-living homes and 120 affordable homes. Image by Tide Construction.



### The judges' comments:

A leading practice in co-living and high-density exciting world class sustainable architecture. Being the first co-living scheme to be considered positively by the GLA shows creativity and innovation that can be an example to lead from on other such projects.

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# Excellence in Planning for Communities (large schemes of 50 or more) Finalists



## Allscott Meads submitted by Telford & Wrekin Council

Formed from a brownfield Sugar Beet factory; establishing its own sense of place whilst sympathetically integrating and meeting the needs of the existing local community.  
Image by SJR Homes.

## Bradwell Springs submitted by Peak District National Park

Bradwell Springs is a high-quality redevelopment scheme in the Peak District National Park, incorporating industrial space and housing, including twelve community owned affordable houses.  
Image by Paul Downing.



## Cottam Hall submitted by Homes England, North West Planning & Enabling Team

Cottam Hall is a true testament to Homes England's ability to create thriving, high quality communities through achieving a long-term vision, with collaboration and commitment.  
Image by AECOM & Homes England.

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## Excellence in Digital Planning Practice Winner

### Digital Twin: Engaging our community and bringing the Watford Green Loop to life submitted by Watford Borough Council

This project innovatively combines virtual reality and a digital twin model to engage users with a future cycling route, enhancing public interest in active. Image Digital Urban Ltd.



#### The judges' comments:

This is a standout example, that shows how you can engage a diverse range of people with excellent visual DigitalTwin and Mobility Simulation technologies. This investment, with its significant impact on the participatory planning process, has not only supported people to connect with a sustainable solution but also reassured the stakeholders about its practical benefits. Judges were especially impressed with how it appealed to all ages and encouraged children to be excited about where they live.

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# Excellence in Digital Planning Practice

## Finalists



### AI Consultation Analysis submitted by The Future Fox

The Future Fox's AI feature revolutionises consultation analysis by summarising and tagging lengthy feedback, automating report writing, saving weeks of officer time in the process. Image by The Future Fox.

### Create a Town submitted by The Future Fox

The Future Fox have developed a novel, interactive approach to community engagement on development trade-offs with their Create-a-Town digital tool and in-person VR events. Image by The Future Fox.



### 3D Digital Modelling of Heritage Constraints and Growth Capacity submitted by City of London

The City's 3D Digital modelling of complex heritage constraints enables a holistic understanding to inform Growth Capacity modelling to identify the City's tall building capacity. Image by City of London / GMJ.

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# Excellence in Digital Planning Practice

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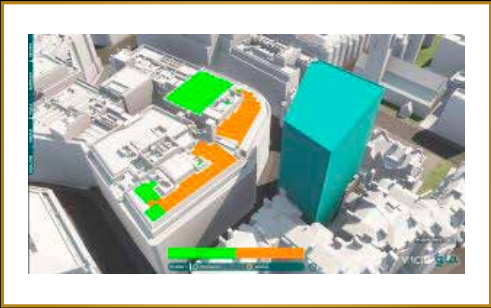
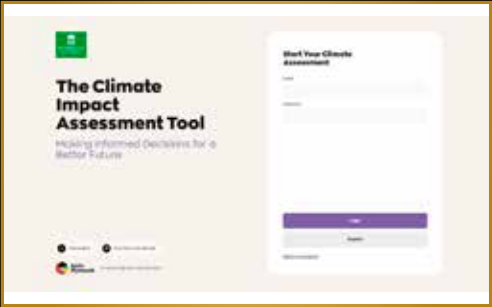


### East Suffolk Planning Delivery Dashboard submitted by East Suffolk Council

An innovative digital platform to present and share planning data in an engaging and interactive way. Image by East Suffolk Council (Dashboard homepage).

### Plymouth Climate Decision Tool submitted by Plymouth City Council

An online service that guides and captures Officer's assessment of projects' Climate impacts and related mitigation to support designing projects and making Council decisions.



### Solar PV Rooftop Assessment, Belfast City submitted by GIA

GIA researched 5,000+ Belfast properties for solar PV suitability utilising 3D digital twins, innovative apps and novel tech assessments.

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# Excellence in Digital Planning Practice Finalists

## Joint Local Plan submitted by South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council

The Councils set out to reinvent local plan consultations by harnessing digital planning. Accessible, interactive, ground-breaking and wildly popular with the public and new audiences. Image by South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils.



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# International Award for Planning Excellence Winner

## Thimphu Structure Plan 2023 submitted by Prior + Partners and Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport and Thimphu Thromde

Thimphu Structure Plan 2023 is the new statutory plan guiding decisions on development and regeneration activity within the capital of Bhutan, up to 2047.

### Gross National Happiness within the Doughnut



Derived from Domain and indicators of GNH Index  
Source: Centre for Bhutan & GNH Studies, 2023



Derived from The Doughnut of social and planetary boundaries  
Source: Kate Raworth and Christian Guthrie, CC-BY-SA 4.0

### The judges' comments:

Judges expressed high praise for this project, describing it as fantastically innovative, collaborative, and deeply meaningful. They highlighted its exemplary performance in achieving essential planning goals such as sustainable development, inclusivity, and addressing climate change, showcasing how diverse community involvement can lead to more resilient solutions.

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# International Award for Planning Excellence

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### University of Sarajevo Masterplan submitted by Arup

Arup's work for the World Bank and EIB, focuses on building Sarajevo's urban resilience through urban regeneration and the creation of a new university campus.



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# In-house Planning Team of the Year Winner

## NHS Property Services

Only dedicated Town Planning Team in the NHS, providing specialist, comprehensive and robust planning advice to enable the NHS estate to deliver excellent patient care. Image by NHSPS.

Meet the Team



 <div>Aahsan Rahman MBT (RPS) Head of Town Planning</div>	 <div>Mark Adams MBT Town Planning Partner</div>	 <div>Ricky Ching MBT Town Planning Partner</div>	 <div>Laura Allen MBT Associate Town Planner</div>	 <div>Rebecca Marwood MBT Associate Town Planner</div>	 <div>Karen Montgomerie MBT Associate Town Planner</div>	 <div>Anna McComb MBT Associate Town Planner</div>
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NHSPS In-House Town Planning Team



### The judges' comments:

They have demonstrated innovative work, taking an inspirational multidisciplinary and cross-sector approach, a clear commitment to EDI and L&D, and excellent client feedback/satisfaction. The creation of the 'Centre of Excellence', the unwavering commitment to the NHS estate, and the integration between health and the town planning system to deliver better outcomes for patients secured a win for this submission.

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## In-house Planning Team of the Year Commended

### Homes England - North West Planning & Enabling Team

Homes England's North West Planning and Enabling Team play a critical role in the de-risking and delivery of land for development across the North West. Image by Homes England.



### The judges' comments:

Judges commended their strong commitment to learning and development, which has created various opportunities to participate in learning programmes, undertake voluntary work, and engage with the RTPI and wider sector.

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# In-house Planning Team of the Year Finalists

## National Trust

National Trust caring for nature, beauty and history. For Everyone. For Ever. Image by National Trust. Credit: Ros Stuart.



## Network Rail Infrastructure Limited

Network Rail is the statutory undertaker for the UK's railway infrastructure. We maintain and enhance the operational railway, ensuring a safe and efficient rail network. Image by Network Rail.

## OnPath Energy

OnPath Energy, formerly Banks Renewables, is a leading owner / operator and onshore developer of complex renewable energy infrastructure throughout the UK. Image by OnPath Energy.



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# In-house Planning Team of the Year Finalists



## Vistry Group

As a responsible developer Vistry Group deliver sustainable homes, communities and social value leaving a lasting legacy of places people love.



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# Small Planning Consultancy of the Year Winner

## HTA Design LLP

HTA Planning is part of a multi-disciplinary design practice specialising in residential-led urban regeneration projects, leading innovation, complemented by their research, and thought leadership. Image by HTA Design LLP.



### The judges' comments:

Judges were impressed by HTA's fantastic work on EDI. As part of a multidisciplinary team, HTA Planning is clearly championing the art and science of planning, seamlessly blending practice, academia, and outreach.

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## Small Planning Consultancy of the Year Commended

### Lawson Planning Partnership Ltd

Listening, learning and adapting, describe LPP's exemplary approach to planning for the environment, community and economy, made possible by a dedicated and empowered professional team.



#### The judges' comments:

Judges commended Lawson Planning Partnership's clear commitment to presenting opportunities for all, i.e., a flat management structure and opportunity to input into projects, promoting "homegrown" talent, and seeking routes to professional qualification and membership.

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# Small Planning Consultancy of the Year Finalists



## Euan Kellie Property Solutions (EKPS)

Euan Kellie Property Solutions has a reputation for delivering successful, commercially-savvy outcomes across Greater Manchester. The team thinks laterally to solve complex planning problems. Image by Karen Wright Photography Ltd.

## Lighthouse Development Consulting

Lighthouse Development Consulting is a small scale planning consultancy, specialising in consenting for clean-tech developments, including the emerging technologies required to realise net zero. Image by Owen Mathias Photography.



## ONH

ONH is a social enterprise planning and design consultancy serving community clients and SME builder partners. It provides plan making and development management support services.

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## Origin Planning Services

Origin Planning Services is a dynamic and commercially-driven consultancy that guides clients through the intricacies of the UK planning system, ensuring swift and positive outcomes. Image Origin Planning Services.



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# Planning Consultancy of the Year Winner

## Prior + Partners

Prior+Partners is a creative planning consultancy working across all scales to unlock the potential of places and communities around the globe. Image by Edward Bishop.



### The judges' comments:

Judges described Prior + Partners as an aspiring and inspiring organisation that has demonstrated its capacity to work within and lead multi-disciplinary teams and projects, its commitment to staff development at all levels, and its involvement within the RTPI.

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# Planning Consultancy of the Year Commended

## AtkinsRéalis

AtkinsRéalis is one of the most respected planning consultancies, globally, influencing clients to make positive and inclusive change in the communities they work within. Image by AtkinsRéalis.



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# Planning Consultancy of the Year Commended

## nineteen47

nineteen47 stand out by embedding their core values throughout their team and in their role enhancing the built environment, for the benefit of all.



### The judges' comments:

Judges commended Nineteen47 on its unique setup and imaginative planning approaches to planning. It is refreshing to see their desire to be different from other consultancies.

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# Planning Consultancy of the Year

## Finalists



### CarneySweeney

CarneySweeney is an independent town planning consultancy providing dynamic planning advice as well as securing deliverable consents across England and Wales.  
Image by CarneySweeney.

### Carter Jonas

A true multi-disciplinary property consultancy that saw increased fee income and market share despite challenging market conditions.



### Eden Planning

Eden deliver bold planning for people and places. Passionate about placemaking, Eden create spaces for people to live, work and enjoy.  
Image by Eden Planning Projects Wirral Waters, Wardle Academy and Devonshire Street.

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# Planning Consultancy of the Year Finalists



## Savills (UK) Ltd

With over 350 planners across 23 locations, Savills has the expertise to advise on projects of all scales and land use types throughout the UK. Image by Lisa Amigoni (Savills).

## Smith Jenkins Planning & Heritage

Smith Jenkins Planning & Heritage is an independent planning and heritage consultancy with offices in Milton Keynes and London employing 25 people. Image by Smith Jenkins Planning & Heritage.



## WSP UK Ltd

WSP is a leading UK planning consultancy working across the property and infrastructure sectors, and as part of a global engineering and professional services consultancy. Image by Tracey Williams - WSP UK Ltd.

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# Planning Authority of the Year Winner

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by **AIDASH**

## Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Sandwell's Planning Team have successfully levered £2.9b investment and established community-led plans to create a prosperous borough, despite significant challenges, through teamwork, dedication, and innovation. Image by J.Singh.



### The judges' comments:

Despite significant challenges, through teamwork, dedication, and innovation, Sandwell's Planning Team should be positively applauded for leveraging significant levels of investment into their regeneration programme. In an era where growth is key, it is refreshing to see an LPA so aligned to a pro-investment and pro-development strategy.

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# Planning Authority of the Year Finalist

## Stevenage Borough Council

Exemplary DM planning team with fantastic reputation. Highly competent and dedicated officers working to deliver quality development across Stevenage. Image by Ailsa Davis.



## South Gloucestershire Council

South Gloucestershire is a forward-thinking planning authority that actively strives for positive change and innovation - they are all in it together. Image by Karen Lucas.



## London Borough of Haringey

Haringey is a diverse borough in north London stretching from Highgate in the west, Wood Green in the centre and Tottenham to the east. Image by London Borough of Haringey.



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# Planning Authority of the Year Finalists



## Lake District National Park Authority

Lake District National Park planners safeguard the park's beauty, wildlife, and heritage, while securing prosperous and vibrant communities through positive planning policies and decision making. Image by LDNPA.

## Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

The planning team has successfully delivered significant change and has exceeded its performance targets, despite challenges, including through extensive and successful collaboration across key stakeholders. Image by FODC.



## Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council is a borough council serving the people, communities and businesses of Hinckley & Bosworth in South West Leicestershire. Image by Lesley Keal.

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# Inspirational Leader of the Year Winner

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## Mike Best, Turley

Mike has played a key role in shaping Turley, leading significant projects in the region and as Board Director of the Colmore BID. Image by Turley.



### The judges' comments:

Mike has clearly made a major contribution to the evolution of Turley. It is equally apparent that he has fully invested in the West Midlands through a range of client, professional and education initiatives. with extensive experience across the planning spectrum, including his educational work with the university supporting people into the profession. EDI champion promoting all aspects of diversity and inclusion.

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# Inspirational Leader of the Year Finalists

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**Rob McNicol, City of London**

Rob is one of the most influential Planning figureheads in London, transforming the City's Policy team into a dynamic, innovative team, delivering an inclusive City. Image by Building London Awards.



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# Young Planner of the Year Winner

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## Frances Keenan, Spitfire Homes

Co-Chair of the West Midlands Young Planners Committee, Frances, has gained substantial experience across both the public and private sectors in her 6-year career to-date. Image by Spitfire Homes.



### The judges' comments:

Frances's passion for planning and becoming an ambassador for Young Planners was evident. All judges were impressed by her achievements and commitment to inspiring others to enter the profession. She is a well-rounded planner who is growing in confidence and her ability to deliver planning outcomes. Her role within RTPI West Midlands has allowed her to push the boundaries through her partnership with the Grace Foundation and her ongoing engagement with schools, universities, and colleges in the West Midlands region.

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# Young Planner of the Year Commended

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## Jozie Bannister, Devonshire Homes Ltd

Jozie's breadth of planning knowledge, skills, mentoring and leadership abilities across multiple sectors, make her an inspiring planning leader of both the present and future.



### The judges' comments:

Jojo's undoubted ability and passion were demonstrated by her gaining the respect of both officers and elected members. Judges thought her depth of understanding, her articulacy, and her ideas about engaging with law students were excellent.

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## Emily Moulson, Jacobs

Emily's enthusiasm is infectious. She has a skill at digesting and analysing huge amounts of detail and offers a refreshing approach to complex consenting regimes.



### The judges' comments:

Emily was an inspirational candidate who came to planning through the Degree Apprenticeship route and is passionate about highlighting this vital pathway into the profession. As evidenced by her wide range of work, the judges have no doubt that her career will flourish.

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# Young Planner of the Year Finalists

**Matthew Harmsworth****Arcadis**

Matthew's breadth of sector and project experience, dedication to voluntary work, leadership of the Neurodiversity in Planning Network, and mentoring endeavours, are exemplary to all.

**Nia Roberts****Arup**

Nia supports the delivery of sustainable development projects across Wales, volunteers for Planning Aid Wales and is the Vice Chair of Young Planners Cymru. Image by Arup.



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# Silver Jubilee Cup Winner

## Stockport Interchange submitted by Stockport Council and Transport for Greater Manchester

Stockport has big ambitions. This shows they can be delivered. A modern transport hub, new park, new homes, new active travel links across the Town have begun the transformation. The partners – public and private – have worked together to ensure the delivery outstrips the vision. The interchange – integral to the Bee Network – demonstrates GM's vision for a London-style transport system. The park is unique in the UK and provides a green space for all in the borough to enjoy. And sustainability is in the DNA is helping make Stockport the best place to live and work..



### The judges' comments:

Stockport Interchange ticked all the planning boxes and demonstrated how planning was a tool for delivery and how planners brought the project into being. They acknowledged the risk of heritage harm and engaged early on with Historic England and the heritage officer to minimise harm, a testament to the project's commitment to heritage preservation. The presidential team was particularly impressed with the early engagement with local communities and the collaborative working between public and private sector planners.



# Thank you to the judges

Ailsa Anderson

Ajay Padimukoth

Alison Baisden

Claire Day

Danielle St Pierre

Eiryl Mccook

Eloise Maguire

Emma Watkins

Harriet Fisher

Hazel Nash

Husam AlWaer

Ian Anderson

James Brown

Jason Adcock

Jennifer Patterson

Joanne Dennis-Jones

Jordan Martin

Joseph Maphosa

Joshua Singh

Judith Jones

Julia Frost

Kath Haddrell

Kirsti Johnson

Kirsty Hall

Lap Pan Chong

Mary Fortune

Mike Bodkin

Nikola Miller

Olafiyin Taiwo

Philippa Smith

Rebecca Miller

Samer Bagaeen

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