

## E-Newsletter

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### Members of the Herts Design Review Panel announced

Leading practitioners in architecture, urban design, sustainability and planning have been chosen to form the new Hertfordshire Design Review Panel.

The 20 new members of the Hertfordshire Design Review Panel – a resource to support the delivery of high quality, sustainable development in the County – were chosen for their outstanding experience, expertise, and local knowledge. They are:



Hertfordshire  
**DESIGN**  
Review Panel

- Kevin Burrell
- Russ Craig
- Jane Durney
- Karl FitzGerald
- Thomas Hallam
- Rick Holland
- David Kirkland
- Emmet O'Sullivan
- John Penton
- John Pratley
- Colin Rice
- Robert Sakula
- Yasmin Shariff
- David Strong
- Peter Studdert
- Bob Thompson
- David Tucker
- Ian Turkington
- Nicolas Tye
- Francesca Weal

The Panel will provide independent, expert advice on how development schemes could be improved, and help them realise their full potential. Schemes are welcome from public, private, voluntary and community organisations and should ideally be at an early design stage.

To find out more about how the Hertfordshire Design Review Panel can benefit proposals in your area, their eligibility and how to submit them, visit the **Building Futures website**, email [hertsdesignreview@hertscc.gov.uk](mailto:hertsdesignreview@hertscc.gov.uk), or contact Rachael Donovan on 01992 556294.

## Landscape & Biodiversity module goes live

The Landscape and Biodiversity module has now gone live on the Building Futures website.

The Landscape & Biodiversity module offers up to date guidance on the important role landscape and biodiversity have in achieving sustainable and liveable places.



The module has been designed to improve built environment professionals' understanding of the legislative and policy context surrounding landscape and biodiversity; the issues to be considered and addressed throughout the development process; and the opportunities that can arise and the various solutions that can help make the most of them. The module also provides numerous case studies to illustrate where the principles and practice of designing for landscape and biodiversity have been successfully employed.

In addition to the Landscape & Biodiversity module, the web pages for the **Design module** are also now available in their final and reconfigured form, providing guidance on the principles and practice of successful placemaking within the Hertfordshire context. .

## Technical update 2011

A technical update of six of the Building Futures modules has been carried out to keep the guide up to date and relevant for today's built environment practitioners.



Sustainability consultants Cyril Sweett were commissioned to provide technical updates to the Air, Energy & Climate Change, Materials, Noise, Waste and Water modules on behalf of the Building Futures partnership. The 'key facts', 'basic principles', and 'solutions' web pages of these modules have been thoroughly updated. In particular, the Energy & Climate Change and Water modules have received significant updates reflecting the extent to which policy and practice in these two fields have changed and matured in recent years.

The updates reflect the evolving nature of sustainable construction and design, and together with the newly published Landscape & Biodiversity module and reconfigured Design module, ensure that the Building Futures stays relevant to the challenges faced by practitioners and presents guidance in an integrated way.

## Hertfordshire Building Futures Awards 2011

The biennial Awards began in 2009 and offers an opportunity for development professionals and residents to celebrate and reward the best of recent developments in the County.

Nominations for the 2011 Awards will open in the summer and anyone can nominate a building, not just owners and architects.



The Awards are open to any Hertfordshire development completed between 16 September 2009 and 16 September 2011. Entries are invited from anyone involved in delivering sustainable and quality development in Hertfordshire, such as NGOs, not-for-profits, social housing providers, local authorities, small and large scale developers, architects and individual homeowners.

The categories for 2011 remain unchanged from 2009. They are:

- **Design Excellence**
- **Most Sustainable Construction**
- **Outstanding Commitment to Adapt to a Changing Climate**

A number of exciting projects within Hertfordshire are already catching our attention, with more expected to be completed in the coming months.

If you know of a completed development or an on-going project eligible for one or more of the 2011 award categories, then please tell us about it by emailing us at [buildingfutures@hertscc.gov.uk](mailto:buildingfutures@hertscc.gov.uk)

The **Hertfordshire Building Futures Awards 2011** [LinkedIn](#) group has also been set up. Join the group and suggest schemes for an award, or let us know any ideas or thoughts you have on the awards. We will also be posting updates on the Awards during the build up to the event later this year. To join the group click [here](#).



Hertfordshire Building Futures is also a proud supporter of the *Hertfordshire Association of Architects Design Awards 2011* event which is occurring later this year. The HAA award scheme shares the same goal as the Hertfordshire Building Futures Awards of promoting excellence in sustainable construction and design in Hertfordshire.

For further information on the HAA Awards, please contact Michael Sutcliffe at [tmichael.sutcliffe@btopenworld.com](mailto:tmichael.sutcliffe@btopenworld.com).

## Upcoming Events

SMARTWaste Plan and SWMP training	BRE, Watford 8 June
Sustainable and practical use of timber in building	RIBA East, Cambridge 9 June
Green Stripes CPD programme	Green Gauge Trust, London 21 June & 6 July
UP-RES - Heat (and renewable heat) networks in planning	BRE, Watford 27-29 June
Greenbuild Expo	Manchester 29-30 June
Low carbon housing refurbishment	RIBA East, Cambridge 7 July
Valuing the Public Realm	NLA, London 5 July
Sustainability through planning 2011	BRE, Watford 14 July
Generating income from Feed-in-Tariff (FiTs)	BRE, Watford various
Generating income from Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)	BRE, Watford various

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