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A Hertfordshire guide to promoting sustainability in development

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New Hertfordshire Design Review Panel

The way in which we design places and the buildings within them is fundamental not only to creating environments that communities value, but also to ensuring we reduce our use of resources and the environmental impact of new development.

1st April 2011 sees the launch of a new Design Review Panel for Hertfordshire, available as a resource to support the delivery of high quality, sustainable development in the County.



The Panel, funded by Hertfordshire County Council, has been set up to help planners, developers and designers realise the full potential of development schemes. Panel members will be drawn from a range of built environment professions and will provide independent, expert advice on how development schemes could be improved.

This new service to the Building Futures initiative will be provided by Essex County Council on behalf of Hertfordshire County Council. The Panel will draw on the expertise and experience of the Essex Design Review Panel, which has advised on a wide variety of schemes since 2008 and which has proved successful in underpinning design standards in Essex.

Schemes are welcome from public, private, voluntary and community organisations and should ideally be at an early design stage.

To find out how local design review can benefit proposals in your area, schemes that are eligible, and how to submit a scheme, visit the **Building Futures website** or email hertsdesignreview@hertscc.gov.uk, or contact Rachael Donovan on 01992 556294.

If you work in a built environment profession and are interested in becoming a Panel member, please contact Jenny Ruder at jenny.ruder@essex.gov.uk

Hertfordshire Building Futures Awards 2011

Don't forget the 2011 Building Futures Awards. 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 will be open in the summer. 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

We have also set up the **Hertfordshire Building Futures Awards 2011 Linked In group** where you can 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](#).

HAA

The Hertfordshire Association of Architects

The Hertfordshire branch of the Royal Institute of British Architects and RIBA Eastern Region

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.



Upcoming Events

Smart energy (free event)	BRE, Watford 31 March
Environmental good practice on site	CIRIA, London 4 April
Building regulations update	RIBA East, Cambridge 6 April
UKCIP: Adapting our built environment	Oxford 6-7 April
Sustainable refurbishment for housing	BRE, Watford 14 April
Sustainable procurement in construction	CIRIA, London 19 April
Generating income from the RHI	BRE, Watford 10 May
Working together to manage local flood risk	CIRIA, London 17 May
Sustainability Now – online virtual event	18-19 May
Planning update	RIBA East, Cambridge 19 May
Renewable energy updates	RIBA East, Cambridge 26 May
Off site manufacturing	Constructing Excellence 26 May