



NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2014

## Opinion



### Working together to create Healthy Places, Healthy People

The built and natural environments are major determinants of health and wellbeing. Peter Wright of Hertfordshire's Public Health team and Michael Chang of the TCPA talk about a place-based approach to improving health and reducing health inequalities in Hertfordshire.

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## News



### Planning for Sustainable Energy

Hertfordshire Building Futures hit the road this month with the TCPA and others to talk about how the Europe-wide SPECIAL project and our very own [Sustainable Design Toolkit](#) can help embed sustainable design and energy into the planning of new development at the local and regional level. You can download presentations from the Manchester event [here](#).

For further information on the SPECIAL project, and how to get involved and benefit from it, visit [www.special-eu.org](http://www.special-eu.org)

# THE FARRELL REVIEW

## Post-Farrell Review

A progress report on the *Farrell Review of Architecture and the Built Environment* was published last month, with updates on what has happened since the review came out in May and what future actions are planned under each of its five themes. It is the first of what will be a series of regular progress updates on the implementation and evolution of the Farrell Review.

You can download the *FAR Progress Report 01* [here](#).

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## Lewis responds to Wolfson Prize Winner announcement

Housing Minister Brandon Lewis gave a lukewarm response following the frenzied announcement that *Urbed* picked up the Wolfson Economics Prize 2014 for proposing a series of urban extensions to the hypothetical 'Uxchester Garden City'.

You can read the Government's response [here](#), and learn more about the Wolfson Prize, including one entry from a six year-old in Letchworth Garden City, [here](#).

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## Passivhaus Conference comes to Hertfordshire

The Passive House Trust will be holding its annual conference at the Stevenage Arts & Leisure Centre later this year. The UK Passivhaus conference 2014 will explore how Passivhaus can be used to help deliver near and zero energy buildings, including leading-edge project presentations, detailed project case studies, a full-scale exhibition room and networking sessions to bring you up-to-date with all the latest research and practice.

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## Advice note for planners on Integrated Water Management

Cambridge University's Institute for Sustainability Leadership has published a new advice note for planners, which provides a one-stop-shop to de-mystify water management, and to demonstrate the benefits of building it into plans and planning decisions.

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Dates for your diary

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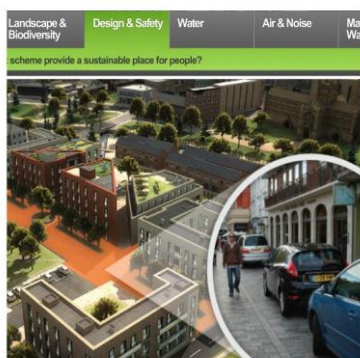


- Urban Design for All  
[18 to 20 September, Nottingham](#)
- 'Are we out of the Recession?' - Herts & Beds Constructing Excellence AGM and Question Time event  
[24 September, Hatfield](#)
- An Introduction to the Historic Environment  
[25 September, Birmingham](#)
- UK Passivhaus Conference 2014  
[16 October, Stevenage](#)
- The Interaction of Transport and Land Use Planning  
[23 October, Birmingham](#)
- The Changing Face of the East of England  
[25 September/16 October, Cambridge](#)

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