



We are seeking nominations for the following Awards:

## Regional Award for Planning Excellence 2017

**Your opportunity to promote schemes and projects that have made a significant difference to the quality of the environment and to the well-being of communities in the West Midlands region.**

Schemes can be entered by a local authority, private consultancy, developer, voluntary group, academic institution or community. There is no requirement for entries to be submitted by RTPI members, although the central role played by the planning profession is critical. All types of project are equally eligible, including physical development, strategies and guidance, processes and research documents. The project should have been substantially completed during the past year or so. The following aspects should be specifically addressed in the submission, as they are the basis on which the judges will assess all the entries:

- Sustainable development – What are the project's short and long term public benefits? How far does the submission address and balance economic, social and environmental improvements?
- Good practice – How is the project original in approach and could it be a model for work elsewhere or developed further?
- Community involvement – What is the degree to which local residents and businesses have been involved and engaged in delivery of the project? How have their thoughts inputted into the final outcome?
- Planning content – What is the quality of the professional planning work involved in devising solutions to key issues and problems? What was the clear impact that the planners made to the success of the project?
- Equality and diversity – How far has the submission properly addressed equality and diversity issues in the context of the project?

Submissions must include the following:

- Title of the project
- Location of the project with plan (if relevant)
- Name of person or organisation submitting the entry (with contact details)
- A description of the project comprising no more than four sides of A4 explaining how the entry fulfils the judging criteria.
- Illustrative material, such as photographs, plans and published material (as appropriate). All submissions should include at least one photograph highlighting the project to be displayed electronically at the Summer Ball.

## West Midlands Regional Young Planner of the Year Award 2017

Young planners wishing to be considered for this prestigious award can be working with the public, private or tertiary sector. Nominations can be made by a colleague within, or outside of, the young planner's place of employment or young planners can nominate themselves for the award. Young planners wishing to be considered for this award must hold student, licentiate or full RTPI membership. Submissions should outline the candidate's career as a whole but should specifically focus on achievements during the 2014-2017 period. The following aspects should be specifically addressed in the submission, as they are the criteria on which the judges will base their decision:

- The range, quality and variety of recent planning experience
- The enthusiasm for the profession and the originality of the candidate's approach in carrying out their role.
- Personal and team-working skills
- Commitment to continuing professional development and involvement with professional institutes, networks, events, outreach work or recent voluntary activity.
- The extent to which the nominee serves as a role model for other young professionals.

**The closing date for nominations is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Entries should be sent electronically to:**

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**We look forward to receiving your entry!**