



**RTPI Awards For
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The Finalists

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Welcome to 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.

Here are the finalists in each category, congratulations to all.

Winners will be announced at a national awards presentation on 26th November. The silver jubilee cup will be awarded to the entry judged to be the most outstanding amongst the project category winners. This must attend event will showcase and celebrate the very best of the best in the planning profession.

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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 Plantie / FCB.



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.

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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 Roods, Orchard, PV.



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.

The Fraserburgh Beach Vision & Masterplan submitted by Aberdeenshire Council, Kevin Murray Associates, Rob Thompson Urbanism and 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.



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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.

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.



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Portlawn Town Centre First Plan submitted by The Paul Hogarth Company

Portlawn 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 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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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.

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 a Successful Economy Finalists



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.

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 Health and Wellbeing Finalists



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.

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.

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Excellence in Planning for Health and Wellbeing Finalists

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.



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.

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.



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Excellence in Planning for Health and Wellbeing Finalists



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 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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Portlaw Town Centre First Plan - A communityled 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.

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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 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.

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.



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.

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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) Finalists

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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.



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.

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

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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 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.

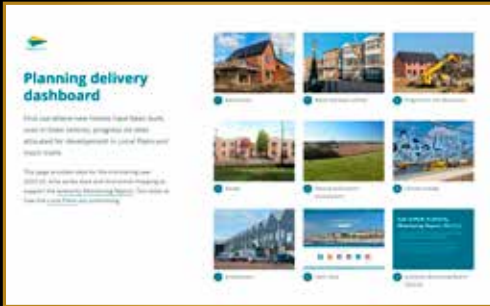


3D Digital Modelling of Heritage Constraints and Growth Capacity submitted by City of London

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 Finalists

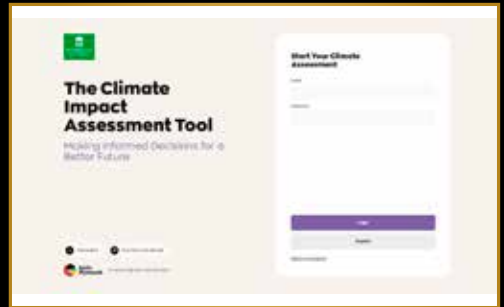


East Suffolk Planning Delivery Dashboard submitted by East Suffolk Council

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.



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

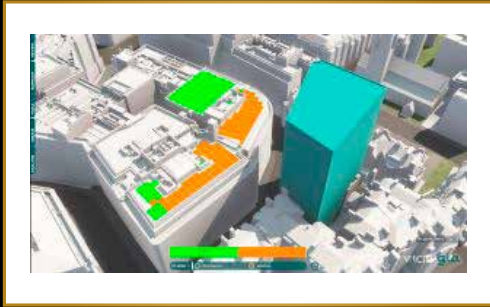
This project innovatively combines virtual reality and a digital twin model to engage users with a future cycling route, enhancing public interest in active.

Image Digital Urban Ltd.



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Excellence in Digital Planning Practice Finalists



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.

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 Finalists



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.

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.



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In-house Planning Team of the Year Finalists

ASDA

Asda's diverse and dynamic town planning team manage an extremely diverse range of complex planning projects across the whole Country. Image by ASDA - Town Planning Team Functions.



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.

National Trust

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



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In-house Planning Team of the Year Finalists



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.

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.



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 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.

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.



Lawson Planning Partnership

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.



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Small Planning Consultancy of the Year Finalists



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.



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 Finalists

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.



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.



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Planning Consultancy of the Year Finalists



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.

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.



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.

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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 Finalist



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.

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.

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Planning Authority of the Year Finalists



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.

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.

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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 Finalists

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Rob McNicol, City of London
submitted by 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.



Mike Best, Turley
submitted by 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.



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Young Planner of the Year Shortlist



James Hewitt
Aberdeenshire Council

James is a Senior Planner at Aberdeenshire Council and chair of the Scottish Young Planners Network 2024.



Rajlaxmi Gaware
Ashfield District Council

Harnessing diverse yet burgeoning planning experience, the candidate ignites innovation, fosters collaboration, and champions professional growth, aspiring to inspire transformative change. Image by Rajlaxmi.



Elouise Mitchell
Lee Evans Partnership LLP

Elouise Mitchell, Senior Planning Consultant at LEP, is an outstanding planner through any lens – ‘young’ or ‘not-so-young’. Image by Elouise Mitchell, LEP.



Josh Murphy
Fairhurst Group LLP

Josh Murphy is a Principal Planner at Fairhurst. He provides services relating to planning applications, Environmental Impact Assessments, Marine Licensing and Environmental Permitting.

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Young Planner of the Year Shortlist



Nick Salt
Turley

Nick is a highly motivated planning consultant with a breadth of cross-sector and multi-jurisdictional experience, advocating for the advancement of Northern Ireland through good planning.



Ian Pennington
WSP UK Ltd

As Active Travel Lead in WSP's Infrastructure Planning team and Chair of RTPI North West's Young Planners, Ian inspires others through professional and voluntary roles.



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Young Planner of the Year Finalists



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.



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.



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.



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Young Planner of the Year Finalists



Emily Yvonne 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.



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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Ailsa Anderson

Ajay Padimukoth

Alison Baisden

Claire Day

Danielle St Pierre

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