

information pack

The Solent Quality Place Awards (formerly the Solent Design Awards) are all about the encouragement of quality place-making. Schemes that create special places, lift communities, and create richer experiences are to be celebrated... and it is not just about iconic buildings but also the everyday places where people live, work, and relax. Hampshire, the Isle of Wight and the Solent area are wonderful places to live, and the Solent Quality Place Awards will recognise new developments that add to the quality of life; to our experience of the workplace and our appreciation of the environment we live in.

Following the very successful design awards held biennially since 2010, which attracted many varied and high-quality entries, we are again encouraging applications for high quality schemes, including open space and public realm projects, town centre developments, residential developments, and neighbourhood renewal schemes, as well as high quality buildings. Context is important; we are not looking for isolated individual buildings, but rather developments, collections of buildings, projects and public spaces that enhance their locality - places that set the stage for more fulfilling experience of life of work, and of play.

Entries

Schemes must be: Completed between **28th February 2019 and 27th April 2022**
Sited within Hampshire or the Isle of Wight local authority boundaries
Not previously entered for a Solent Quality Place Award

The following are eligible to submit entries:

- Local Authority member or officer
- Architect/Designer of a scheme
- Developer/Contractor of a scheme
- Client of a scheme

Judging

Entries will be short-listed and judged during summer, with final awards being announced in September 2022. The judges' decision will be final.

The Awards will be made for projects that display a step-change in the delivery of quality place-making in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, with one of these being chosen as the most outstanding scheme and receive a **Quality Place Judges Award**. In addition, there will be an opportunity for the public to vote for their favourite in the **People's Choice Award**.

There will not be a separate award for sustainability; however, the response of a scheme to the pressing issues of climate change will be considered for all entries.

The **People's Choice Award** will be chosen in an on-line public vote for the scheme that is judged most popular in the eyes of the community: www.solentdesignawards.org.uk

Judging criteria

Schemes will be judged against the National Design Guide criteria:



Diagram from page 8 of the National Design Guide (see end of this pack for more details on the judging criteria).

How to apply

Completed application forms should be sent to:

Solent Quality Place Awards, c/o Darren Shorter, Urban Design Manager, at:
darren.shorter@southampton.gov.uk

(If you require a Word version of the application form, please email landscape@hants.gov.uk)

You will need to submit the following documents:

- Completed application form
- 3 photographs of scheme (high resolution .jpg or .png format – 700kb to 1mb preferred)
- Site Plan (max. A4 in size high resolution .jpg or .png format – 700kb to 1mb preferred)

Closing date

Entries must be received by **4pm on 27th May 2022**

Queries

Queries concerning application requirements should be directed to Charlotte Webb: landscape@hants.gov.uk
w: 0370 779 6313

Queries concerning publicity and press to Isabel Johnston: Isabel@ijcommunications.co.uk m: 07818 345936

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Judging Criteria

All entries will be judged against the National Design Guide ten characteristics of good place making:

Context: Enhances the surroundings	
C1	Does the site understand and relate well to its local and wider context?
C2	Does the site demonstrate sensitivity to heritage, local history and culture?

Identity: Attractive and distinctive	
I1	Does the site respond well to existing local character and identity?
I2	Does the site have well-designed, high quality and attractive places and buildings?
I3	Does the site create character and identity?

Built Form: A coherent pattern of development	
B1	Is the site a compact form of development?
B2	Are the buildings appropriate in type and form?
B3	Does the site have destinations?

Movement: Accessible and easy to move around	
M1	Does the site have (or connects well into) a network of routes for all modes of transport?
M2	Does the site plan well for active travel?
M3	Does the site have well-considered parking, servicing and utilities infrastructure for all users?

Nature: Enhanced and optimised	
N1	Does the site provide a network of high quality, green open spaces with a variety of landscapes and activities, including play?
N2	Does the site improve and enhance water management?
N3	Does the site support rich and varied biodiversity?

Public Spaces: safe social and inclusive	
P1	Does the site have well-located, high quality and attractive public spaces?
P2	Does the site provide well-designed spaces that are safe?
P3	Does the site make sure public spaces support social interaction?

Uses: Mixed and integrated	
U1	Does the site have a mix of uses? (or increase the mix of uses in the area?)
U2	Does the site have a mix of home tenures, types and sizes?
U3	Is the site socially inclusive?

Homes & Buildings: Functional, healthy and sustainable	
H1	Do the homes and buildings on the site have healthy, comfortable and safe internal and external environments?
H2	Do the homes and buildings relate well to external amenity and public spaces?
H3	Has attention to detail been paid for storage, waste, servicing and utilities

Resources: Efficient and resilient	
R1	Does the development follow the energy hierarchy?
R2	Has there been careful selection of materials and construction techniques?
R3	Does the design maximise resilience?

Lifespan: Built to last	
L1	Is the site well-managed and easily maintained?
L2	Is the site adaptable to changing needs and evolving technologies?
L3	Is there a sense/clarity of ownership?

Successful projects will be deemed by the judges to have met these characteristics where possible to do so. For more detailed information on expectations refer to the [National_design_guide.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/100000/national_design_guide.pdf)