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Introduction to Urban Design

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- **In housing design, everything is connected** – so great design will benefit residents, building managers and the wider public.
- **When assessing and commissioning developments, look at a design from all perspectives and on all sides** - and don't be afraid to ask questions – Will it last? Will it work for residents? Will people think it looks good? Does it work in and for the wider community?
- **Great schemes work because they provide elegant solutions to a number of complex challenges** including: relation of the development to the wider context; having a sense of identity; creating safe and welcoming spaces; connecting people to nature and providing buildings which work well practically - and which last.
- **National planning policy says well designed places work well**, last well and are safe, inclusive and accessible, add to the quality of an area being sympathetic to local character and supporting a sense of place, are attractive, welcoming and distinctive
- **National design guidance sets out 10 qualities of well-designed places** – including a good mix of uses and resource efficiency. We need to look at the components of any development proposal – layout, building materials and scale etc to see whether they will create these qualities.

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