



Design Review Network

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- **London is unique in the amount of design review work happening.** There is a need to encourage transparency and consistency of process to facilitate better understanding of design review.
- **The Urban Design London webpage** aims to become a future sharing resource, giving a picture of design review in London as well as promoting it. It has the potential to help boroughs make information about the design review process more publicly available.
- **London Quality Review Charter:** More understanding of the Charter is needed as many boroughs are not signed up to it. UDL is holding an event on 20th May on the Charter where there is potential for panels to share their experience and the GLA will be involved.
- **Monitoring & Evaluation:** There is a lack of monitoring and reporting of what is achieved by panels – currently, only 1 panel in London has an annual report that is publicly accessible. We need to encourage evaluation of the process and outcomes to help input into a wider understanding of its impact.
- **Data Collection:** A more qualitative assessment of design review is needed, for e.g. understanding what triggers a design review in different places, what common themes cut across panels, etc.
- **Feedback** from clients/ users of design review is important and provides an opportunity to encourage best practice. How much did they change the design of their scheme as a result of design review? Were the panel positive or negative in their attitude?
- **Administration** of the process is a challenge and very time consuming. Some panels link the design review payment to the PPA to reduce administration activity.
- **Diversity** of panel members is lacking in many panels. Some managers are refreshing their panels to improve diversity.

Speakers:

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Attendees: 35