Design Review
Prospectus

Urban Design
London
Since 2010, Urban Design London (UDL) have been offering Design Reviews and their more informal counterpart; Design Surgeries.

We have set up specialist panels for large infrastructure projects such as Crossrail and Silvertown Tunnel and advised on transformational schemes such as Leonard Circus in Hackney and Clapham Old Town in Lambeth.

In celebration of our 15th anniversary, which we celebrated in 2017, we refreshed our Design Review panel.

This booklet explains what we do, how we do it and introduces our panel.
What We Provide

Project Specific Panels
For large scale transport and infrastructure schemes that need more specialised technical expertise we set-up project specific panels. We have done this for Crossrail, Silvertown Tunnel and the Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf Crossing projects.

Design Reviews
We primarily advise on streets and public realm schemes and recommend that Design Reviews be undertaken on design proposals that have a significant impact on the public use of any public space or have an impact on busy places with significant street life and through-movement, including Liveable Neighbourhood schemes.
To support members who do not have their own in-house Design Review panels we also provide advice on building, masterplanning and plan-making proposals.

Design Surgeries
An informal alternative to Design Review, Design Surgeries are available to all borough members who wish to receive supportive peer review for a street or public realm scheme. Project teams and designers can meet with our expert panel members who will offer informal advice and can help recommend what design input should be planned throughout a schemes development.

Design Workshops
In addition to our Design Review service we deliver workshops and facilitate meetings on behalf of our borough members to support them through pre-planning application and public consultation processes.

Network Meetings
We also provide networking support for those involved in Design Review across London. Since 2012 we have been bringing London’s ever expanding Design Review community together to discuss best practice, emerging issues and to learn from one another.

Our Panel Members
We have 28 members on our Design Review panel who together cover a wide range of expertise to reflect the variety of schemes we review.
We have split them into three key areas; Streets & Public Realm, Transport Planning & Infrastructure and Architecture & Planning.
We will also invite people from Transport for London, the Greater London Authority and the Mayor’s Design Advocates to supplement our panel.

How It Works

The Design Review Panel
Each Design Review panel is chosen to suit the scheme being reviewed. It is therefore important to let us know any specific expertise you want on the panel when booking your Design Review.
As a panel, we subscribe to the Mayor’s Charter for Quality Review & Best Practice Guidance. We agree to deliver a high quality service that is independent, consistent and collaborative.

Meeting Structure
A typical Design Review will take 90 mins if a site visit is not deemed necessary. During this time, the scheme will be presented for 20 mins, allowing the panel 60 mins to evaluate the proposal and provide independent and practical advice.
We will issue a note highlighting the panel’s key recommendations within 10 working days. In keeping with normal pre-application process, any advice given before an application is submitted remains confidential.

Cost
For Transport for London and our London borough members, Design Review and Design Surgeries for streets and public realm schemes are available at no cost as these are currently included in their yearly subscription.
Design Review for large scale transport and infrastructure projects or for building, masterplanning and plan-making proposals incur a small fee to cover expenses and panel member’s time.

Monitoring & Evaluating
To monitor the usefulness of our Design Review we follow-up with the project team 6 and 12 months after a review to determine how the panel’s recommendations influenced the design quality of their scheme. This ensures that we have a good understanding of the value-added by Design Review and helps us monitor and fine-tune our offering to ensure we provide the best service possible.

How & When to Book
We encourage schemes to come forward early-on when the advice given by the Design Review panel can be most effective.

To book a Design Review please contact us at info@urbandesignlondon.com.
Fred previously worked as Director of Regeneration and Environment at Southwark Council. Fred was a member of the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment design review panel from 2002-2007 and from 2011-present, and the Olympic Legacy design review. Fred was a member of the Mayor's Design Advisory Group and has an honorary OBE (2001).

As a chartered landscape architect, transport planner and urban designer Marie's skills include master-planning, town centre enhancement, landscape design, environmental assessment, and public consultation. In addition to wide practical experience, Marie has also undertaken public realm-based research projects, and is a visiting critic at a number of architect schools.

David has 26 years experience as a chartered Landscape Architect. He has specialised in streetscape and urban design including design and project management, for both local government and private sector clients and has extensive experience in streetscape design and the interface with traffic and highway engineering from sketch proposals through to implementation.

Lud is a Chartered Landscape Architect and Urban Designer with 15 years post masters experience delivering innovative projects across the private and public sectors. Lud specialises in Landscape Architecture and Public Realm planning and delivery, particularly in Central London. Lud regularly has Design Review roles for Design Council CABE and LB Islington.

George has previously project managed a number of high profile schemes in Lambeth, including Van Gogh Walk, Clapham Old Town, Venn Street and Electric Avenue in Brixton. His work has been recognised by the National Transport Awards, the London Planning Awards, the Placemaking Awards, the Royal Town Planning Institute, the New London Awards as well as Transport for London.
Murray leads on the Borough’s bidding to funding programmes, which has successfully secured over £30m worth of improvements to transport and public realm in Newham. He is also the link between the highways, urban design and regeneration teams and leads on the Council’s transport policies and LIP.

As Head of Urban Integration at Crossrail, Sam has led and managed the largest programme of urban realm improvements associated with an infrastructure project in this country. He has led Crossrail’s work on integrated design reviews and managed the reports identifying the impact of Crossrail on land values and land use planning. He is a town planner and has worked for TfL, London Underground and London Boroughs and is a member of the HS2 design review panel.

Brian is one of the UK’s leading experts in cycling infrastructure and has contributed to many engineering journals on this subject. He specialises in feasibility and design of cycling schemes and his most recent publication includes The EU Cycling Strategy (2017).

Hiro has more than 20 years of architectural design experience. He is an award-winning specialist on the design of regenerative transport hubs and was a leading figure in the delivery of some of London’s most high-profile schemes such as the modernisation of King’s Cross Station.

Joanna is a chartered Town Planner and has experience in strategic transport planning for masterplans, planning policy formulation and development planning schemes. Since joining Arup, she has provided transport advice on a number of large development planning schemes and opportunity areas. Joanna has specialist experience in bus network planning.

Phil is a Chartered Engineer with over 30 years experience in the planning and design of development infrastructure. He specialises in achieving synergy between highway and urban design, with the aim of creating places and spaces that meet aesthetic, social and functional aims. Phil was part of the team that produced Manual for Streets and publications such as the statutory Wales Active Travel Design Guidance.

Nivedita is an Urban Designer and Architect with over 15 years of experience in masterplanning, public realm development and strategic design in both professional practice and teaching. She dedicates herself to working on challenging urban design, transport and planning projects, which involves innovative design principles and sustainable design approaches to address the increasing challenges in urbanism.

Lee is a qualified Civil and Transportation Planning Engineer with 18 years’ experience of working with Boroughs and TfL on a wide range of traffic management and multi-modal transport projects across London. His expertise lies in taking schemes from initiation through to implementation, covering all modes and integrated transport planning approaches.
Edward Jarvis
Urban Design Manager, LB Camden

Edward is an accomplished urban design and conservation officer with specialist in townscape and historic context. Edward has driven an extensive range of masterplanning projects and commended buildings in central London as both a client and planning negotiator. Edward is valued for his ability to enhance projects, find solutions to challenging schemes and provide clear direction through the planning processes.

Jane Briginshaw
Director, Jane Briginshaw Associates

Jane is a public policy leader providing advice and design training to local authorities. Jane specialises in design and sustainability policy, regulation and practice in government departments and agencies, championing design quality and sustainability in housing and schools, with a focus on community participation. Jane is a member of numerous panels including Wandsworth and the LLDC.

Jon Herbert
Director, Troy Planning + Design

Jon is a chartered planner with almost twenty years’ experience in the consultancy sector working across all spatial planning scales. Jon brings to his work a thorough understanding of all scales of housing development and regeneration, and the policy and funding regimes that have shaped Britain’s contemporary built environment. Jon is a Design Council CABE Built Environment Expert (BEE) and a member of several other design panels, including LB Merton and LB Bexley.

David Prichard
Co-founder, Metropolitan Workshop

David’s lifelong interest is in housing and placemaking. He is an expert on the urban design, planning and architecture of housing developments. He has a profound understanding of all scales of housing development and regeneration, and the policy and funding regimes that have shaped Britain’s contemporary built environment. David is a member of several design review panels, notably the Cambridgeshire Quality Panel.

Jo McCafferty
Director, Levitt Bernstein

With vast experience of designing and delivering innovative housing, Jo is adept at steering projects through complicated planning processes and advising clients on design and quality standards. Jo’s key role within Levitt Bernstein has been to champion imaginative design solutions. Her approach has been rewarded with numerous competition-winning schemes, which she has led through to final completion.

Peter Studdert
Director, Peter Studdert Planning

Peter is an independent adviser on city planning and design, with over 35 years experience working in planning and development mainly in local government. Qualified as an architect as well as a town planner, Peter chairs a number of high profile design review panels and also advises local authorities on how to manage change and growth from the sub-regional level down to individual sites.

Deborah Saunt
Director, DSDHA

Deborah’s work blurs the boundaries between infrastructure, landscape, architecture, art, and urbanism. Her studio, DSDHA, has received 17 RIBA awards in the last decade and has been twice nominated for the Mies van de Rohe Prize for European Architecture. Deborah is a member of various prestigious advisory boards and one of the founding faculty for the radical London School of Architecture.

Mike Hayes
Director, Michael Hayes Consulting Ltd

Mike is an independent consultant advising on spatial planning policy, development management and community engagement. He has experience in senior public sector roles and is a former president of the Royal Town Planning Institute. Mike is a Design Council CABE Built Environment Expert (BEE); a member of Historic England’s Advisory Committee and Secretary to the National Planning Forum.

Gillian Horn (Co-Chair)
Partner, Penoyre & Prasad Architects

Gillian’s has extensive experience working in the built environment encompasses architectural practice, research and design review. Gillian is chair of LB Waltham Forest’s Design Advisory Panel, Vice Chair of the new PLACE Review Group for the OPDC and sits on various other panels including CABE’s National Design Review Panel and Design South East.
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