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We support policy development and plan making, neighbourhood plans and public buildings, housing and public space projects by offering a clear, constructive and consistent voice on design issues.

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Who we are – expert, collaborative and impartial

- An independent non-profit organisation with a cross sector board - a social enterprise delivering social value
- Supporting a better built environment for 20 years, never a typical Architecture Centre, always focussed on enabling and review
- Working throughout the greater south east, including London – a unique observatory on development
- Providing a clear, constructive and consistent voice on design

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How do we define PLACE Review

- Enabling and Collaborative
- P.L.A.C.E: a fully multidisciplinary Panel
- Place-making
- Reaching out to communities



Enabling and Collaborative

- Start early and remain engaged: no longer planning applications
- Constructive dialogue: a positive process enabling a successful outcome
- Collaborative: not confrontational





P.L.A.C.E: a fully multidisciplinary Panel

- National and international expertise, deployed locally
- Planning
- Landscape
- Architecture
- Conservation
- Engineering

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- Regeneration
- Community planning
- Urban design
- Ecology

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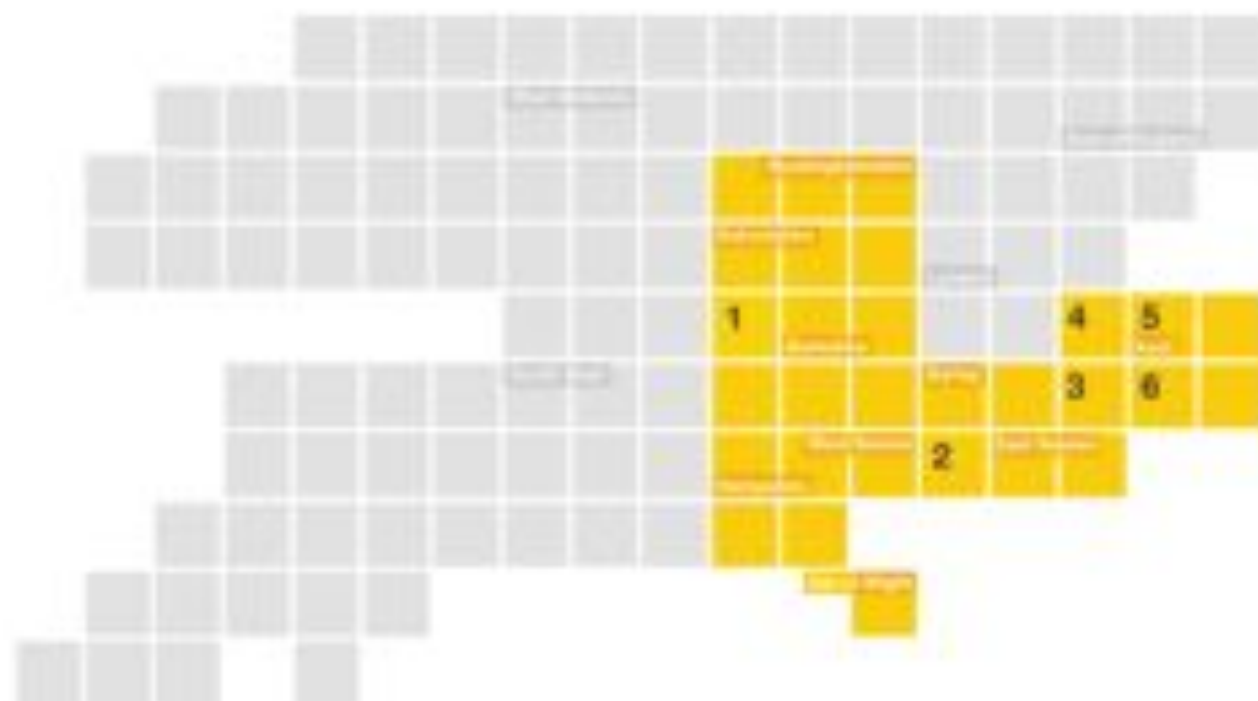


Place-making

- Embedded in the Place
- Understand the context of our advice; physical, political, social and economic
- Panel remain engaged with the place through workshops, training and other informal advise sessions



We work in partnership with local planning authorities to develop an effective solution to Paragraph 6c of the NPPF. Our local branches of the South East Panel provide the same quality and consistency of review as the South East Panel, but ground the expertise in a local area. Once developed, Design South East manages the local design review panel. Applicants are charged for design review, usually as part of our local authority partner's pre-application process. Design review is therefore cost neutral for the local planning authority. A number of panels have been developed over the years in the South East, covering 10 local planning authorities:



For more information about the regional panels, select one of the following:

1. [Berkshire Panel](#)
2. [Coastal West Sussex Panel](#)
3. [South East Panel](#)
4. [Lodge Hill Panel](#)
5. [Surrey Panel](#)
6. [Ashford Panel](#)



Reaching out to communities

- Engaged with Local decision makers, Councillors.
- Raise the dialogue about high quality placemaking and design
- Work with residents and citizens







The London picture

London Design Review survey by UDL demonstrates how the DR system 'grew up with' is continuing to change. Potentially using the idea of a group of 'constructively challenging experts' for different things:

- Doing a kind of Placecheck with expert input (Place Reviews I think?)
- Reviewing other than planning schemes, such as streets, town centre improvements, heritage park improvements (we have done a couple of these with EH in the past)
- ensuring the quality of reviews and providing consistency, transparency and coordination
- UDL are now working with the GLA to do a proper audit, asking for information direct from each borough



Where next..?

- Future branches of the South+East Panel: in Surrey and Suffolk
- ‘PLACE Conversations’: inc. Surrey and Kent
- Bespoke offer: reflects the different demands and needs of different places
- How can we help..?

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Conclusion

- Future 20 years of experience
- Maintained the integrity of design review
- Led on early stage review and continuous dialogue
- Transformed it into a constructive, collaborative process
- Continue to evolved and developed new models of local design review in partnership with local planning authorities

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