

Innovation of the Year

Mill Engineering Centre - Manchester City, Trafford
The award-winning centre is an example of a modern, multi-use building. It has a central atrium with a glass roof and is surrounded by a landscaped park. The building is a prime example of sustainable design and has won several awards for its design and construction.

HS2 Construction Challenge and Hackney Homes - Hackney Decent Homes Programme (Phase 2)
The programme is a set of work that aims to improve the quality of homes in Hackney. It includes a range of measures such as energy efficiency, water conservation and improved maintenance. The programme is a prime example of how to improve the quality of homes in a multi-tenanted building.

Drapery Quay in Leeds - The Gateway, Peckham
The Gateway is a new residential development in Peckham, London. It is a prime example of a high-quality residential development that has been designed to meet the needs of the local community. The development includes a range of amenities such as a gym, swimming pool and children's play area.

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AIG Engineering Group – Blackenham Park, Ipswich

Using an integrated approach to site purchase and remediation in Ipswich, AIG has transformed a former brownfield site into what is now a modern vibrant housing development. Ipswich Borough Council and the Environmental Agency worked closely with AIG to devise a total solution using sustainable techniques which involved minimal removal of material from site and an engineered solution for landgas issues.

BASF Construction Chemicals and Hackney Homes – Hackney Decent Homes Programme (Phase 2)

This submission outlines a set of supply chain arrangements put together by Hackney Homes under the PPC2000 agreement, a legal framework that is able to manage the complexity and diversity of the works, whilst at the same time, take advantage of the opportunities for shared experiences, values and efficiencies.

Dransfield Owens de Silva – The Galleria, Peckham

Seeking a business use which would be appropriate for the site whilst enhancing the residential development the idea of a number of artists studios was proposed. Dransfield Owen de Silva approached ACME artists, who were enthusiastic about the idea and agreed to buy the studios from Barratt at an affordable price and manage them. This is the first example of affordable workspace being created through the planning gain process and is an exciting new way to tackle regeneration.

Peter Brett Associates – Astolat Estate, Peasmarsh, Guildford

PBA were appointed by a joint venture of Hutley Land and CMS to carry out a geo-environmental investigation across the whole site. The investigation assessed the effectiveness of the existing remediation scheme, identified any other contaminated areas and developed conceptual models enabling risk assessments to be carried out. PBA then designed and implemented remediation schemes to satisfy not only the client objectives of the redevelopment but also carried out stringent requirements of the local authority and Environment Agency.

United House – Grand Union Heights, Middlesex

In order to transform the site from a supermarket to a residential development, a single storey concrete podium was constructed over the site area as a platform for the timber framed development. This solution is simple, quick and cost effective. It fully embraced modern methods of construction and minimised on site time. The use of an oversized car park for residential development proved to be a very effective way of maximizing development potential on an under utilised site.

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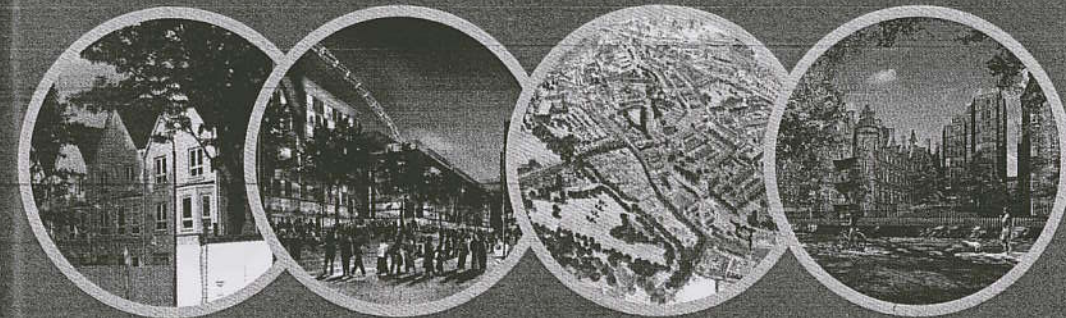
In February 2005, Urban Initiatives was commissioned by the Housing Corporation, CABA and English Partnerships to design an interactive game for the Housing Quality forum. The purpose of the game is to illustrate how various agents involved in development influence design at the outset of the decision making process, well before any design work begins. Due to its success, this game has subsequently been used by the English Partnerships and South East Centre of Excellence.

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