

North East Design Review and Enabling Service

Memorandum of Understanding with Tees Valley Local Authorities

Statement of intent

This agreement recognises an emerging partnership founded on a shared belief in the value of design as essential to improving the quality of life. The partnership is based on: (i) shared belief of value and benefits of design review and the North East Design Review and Enabling Service's experience and practical knowledge of providing independent design review and enabling services in the region and (ii) the potential of the four Tees Valley Authorities comprising Hartlepool Borough Council, Middlesbrough Council, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council and Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council to play a strategic role in identifying and encouraging developers to engage in enabling and design review, and embedding design review in their planning and development processes; thereby improving the quality of design outcomes of significant schemes in the Tees Valley area.

NE DRES and the Tees Valley Authorities agree that this Memorandum is not legally binding between them and does not create any legal rights or obligations. It is a statement of their shared intention to work together in a spirit of cooperation.

Commitment from participating North East Local Authorities:

- To identify potential schemes for design review and pass contact details over to NE DRES for them to follow up;
- To encourage developers to engage with design review and enabling services provided by NE DRES;
- To identify other advocacy opportunities for NE DRES staff e.g. speaking at developers forums/ service users panels;
- Promote NEDRES services via local authority websites / with pre-planning and planning correspondence;
- To work with NE DRES to encourage design review in planning and development processes and policies.

Commitment from NE DRES

- To approach developers of schemes identified by local authority officers to encourage them to engage in design review and enabling services;
- To consult relevant local authority officers on pre-briefing documentation on schemes coming forward for design review and enabling sessions;
- To provide copies of design review reports to relevant local authority officers;
- To work with local authority officers, when requested to embed design review in planning and development processes and policies.

The support of the Tees Valley Authorities will be publicised on the NE DRES website and in NE DRES marketing materials.

Signed on behalf of Hartlepool Borough Council

Signature:



Name: Chris Pipe

Position: Planning Services Manager

Date: 8 March 2013

Signed on behalf of Middlesbrough Council

Signature:



Name: Paul Clarke

Position: Planning Services Manager

Date: 8 March 2013

Signed on behalf of Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council

Signature:



Name: Phil Jones

Position: Strategic Planning Manager

Date: 8 March 2013

Signed on behalf of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

Signature:



Name: Carol Straughan

Position: Head of Planning Services

Date 8 March 2013

Signed on behalf of North East Design Review and Enabling Service

Signature:



Name: Amanda McManus

Position: Regional Director, RIBA North East

Date: 27 March 2013

Please feel free to give details below of any further contacts.

Please return two signed copies of this form to:

NE DRES

c/o RIBA North East

School of the Built & Natural Environment

Northumbria University,

NEDRES

Ellison Building, Ellison Place
Newcastle upon Tyne
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Appendix 1 - Contact details for each local authority

The best contact/s for NE DRES to correspond with on identifying potential schemes for design review are:

Hartlepool Borough Council

Contact 1

Name/s: Chris Pipe
Position/s: Planning Services Manager
Email: Christine.pipe@hartlepool.gov.uk
Telephone: 01429 523596

Contact 2

Name/s: Jim ferguson
Position/s: Planning Team Leader (DC)
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Middlesbrough Council

Contact 1

Name/s: Paul Clarke
Position/s: Planning Services Manager
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Contact 2

Name/s: Ernie Vickers
Position/s: Development Control Manager
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Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council

Contact 1

Name/s: Phil Jones
Position/s: Strategic Planning Manager
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Contact 2

Name/s: Adrian Miller
Position/s: Development Manager
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Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

Contact 1

Name/s: Carol Straughan
Position/s: Head of Planning Services
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Contact 2

Name/s: Barry Jackson
Position/s: Development Services Manager
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