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## **ZERO CARBON COMMUNITIES ARE FOCUS OF FINAL RIBA LECTURE**

Bill Gething, long-standing partner of *Feilden Clegg Bradley Architects* and RIBA President's Sustainability Advisor, will be at Newcastle University on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2008 to give the final lecture in the 2008 series of *Architects on Architecture*. Following the success of the previous series, the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) in the North East has invited three eminent practitioners to come to the region. *Architects on Architecture* is sponsored by Ibstock Brick Ltd and supported by both Northumbria and Newcastle Universities and is an opportunity for RIBA members and interested parties to listen to, and question, leading experts in the field.

One of the first practices to develop expertise in sustainable design, Feilden Clegg Bradley has received numerous awards for its work in this area including a Queen's Award for Sustainable Development and the Civic Trust's Sustainability Award.

Bill has overall responsibility for the practices research work, is a regular speaker on sustainable construction and a contributor to the judging panels of national and international architectural competitions and awards.

In this talk Bill Gething reveals two exciting projects currently in development: Houndwood Housing, a new sustainable urban quarter in Street, Somerset, based around the Danish concept of 'shared space'; and Brighton One Planet Living, a joint venture with eco-developers BioRegional Quintain, the first in a planned series of communities adhering to 'One Planet' principles including zero carbon and zero waste

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Chairman of RIBA North East, Dolan Conway, said:

*'Architects on Architecture* has been a great success and we are concluding this year's series with a talk from a practitioner who is at the cutting edge of sustainable communities design. I am sure there will be many lessons we can take from Bill Gething's work to apply to sustainable urban developments here in the North East.'

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**Note to editors:**

- Lecture will take place in **Lecture Room 2, Herschel Building, Newcastle University**, from 6pm. **Media invited**. For further details please contact **Jon Jo Macnamara** on **0191 2220186** or **07875 492659**.
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