

## RIBA Climate Change Documents

Oly Brock reviews two of the three currently published components. The remaining three due for publication early 2008.

### Component 1: Climate Change Briefing

This briefing offers the background information to the suite of documents to follow. Comprehensive in approach, the statements and data presented provide a compelling case making it clear that Architects need to act at several levels; in their own homes and practices; in their advice to clients; their design work and their liaison with other consultants. The briefing goes into depth on the mechanisms of climate change, its effects, the political responses and actions resulting from international agreements. Short at just 12 pages and with charts and images illustrating key data, the briefing is easily digestible and forms a succinct refresher for those not aware of arguably the greatest challenge facing our generation.

### Component 5: Low Carbon Design Tools

This component introduces a number of the design tools available to architects to assist in the design of low-carbon buildings. It explains the difference between compliance tools and design tools; and the reasons for using these tools in the pre-planning and development stages of any project. The tools featured represent a reasonable selection of those most commonly used and widely available. This is a useful guide to achieve basic familiarity, with plenty of links to other resources.

## Designing to Counter Terrorism

RIBA West Midlands are pleased to announce that following the success of the recent Home Office/NaCTSO pilots in London and Liverpool the event is coming to Birmingham. The pilot comes in workshop form and is designed to provide a creative forum in which architects can discuss how design can prevent the impact of terrorist attacks. The pilot events are free, and as your feedback will help form the basis of the subsequent programme; the event is aimed at architects working on large multi-disciplinary projects in urban areas. The Birmingham seminar will take place Wednesday 16 April at Malmaison from 12-5pm. For further information please contact Stacey Toth on [stacey.toth@inst.riba.org](mailto:stacey.toth@inst.riba.org).



## Great Regional Debate

For the second time, Arup Associates hosted a most successful 'Question Time' Debate, at the Arup Campus, Solihull.

Chaired this time by the Institute of Civil Engineers the event included a 'distinguished' panel from all the main professionals bodies, the RTPI, RIBA, RICS and ICE in addition to Olwen Dutton (Chief Executive of the West Midlands Regional Assembly) and a representative from the Landscape Institute.

The panel fielded questions on a whole variety of topics. The very first (allegedly by Gordon Brown) asked *'My Government has provided you with a flexible, yet robust statutory planning framework, but it seems blighted by delays in delivering key documents. What advice can the panel offer me? Should I be thinking of tinkering with the system to speed up the delivery of new homes and other essential infrastructure in the West Midlands or not?'*

Needless to say, the debate was lively and sometimes controversial with some stimulating comments from the floor and a skilful Chair who was able to keep the team in order and make sure that everyone had their say. A packed auditorium demonstrated the growing popularity of the event - as well as the quality of the buffet!

John Acres - RTPI



## Heavy Plant Site: Shortlist Announced

A shortlist has been chosen in the competition to select a team to develop a masterplan for the redevelopment of JCB's Heavy Products site in Uttoxeter. Six design teams were selected from 47 applicants and will now go through to the design stage of the competition. They are:

Bauman Lyons Architects, with ARUP, Witraz (Copenhagen), and Latz & Partner Landscape Architects (Munich)

DEGW with Camlin Lonsdale, Peter Brett Associates, Hoare Lea, Arup Planning, Buro 4, Gardiner & Theobald

Glenn Howells Architects with Buro Happold, DBK Group and Colvin & Moggridge Landscape Architects

Letts Wheeler Architects with Whitelaw Turkington, Martin Stockley Associates

McDowell & Benedetti with Alan Baxter Associates, Whitelaw Turkington, Max Fordham Consulting & Dickon Robinson

Robert Adam Architects with Gillespies Landscape Architects, WSP, ESD

The teams will present their initial design concepts to the judging panel on 8th May.

## Diary Dates 2008

BCU Urban Design Course Annual Conference  
**Monday 14 April 2008**  
9.30am-5.00pm  
Austin Court, Birmingham  
Visioning the City: 20 years on from the Highbury Initiative  
Contact: Carol Martin on 0121 331 7938

Birmingham Architectural Association (BAA)  
**Tuesday 22 April 2008**  
6.00pm - Old Joint Stock, Birmingham  
Speaker: Glenn Howells  
Contact Nicola, Associated Architects on 0121 233 6600

CPD Club Event 4  
**Thursday 24 April 2008**  
2.00-5.00pm - Austin Court, Birmingham  
Employment Law  
Speaker: Russell Brown, Partner at Glaisyers Solicitors

Birmingham Architectural Association (BAA)  
**Tuesday 20 May 2008**  
6.00pm - Old Joint Stock, Birmingham  
Speaker: Maciej Hawrylak

**For details on all events in the West Midlands contact RIBA on 0121 233 2321 or go to [www.architecture.com](http://www.architecture.com)**

CPD Club Event 5  
**Thursday 22 May 2008**  
2.00-5.00pm - Austin Court, Birmingham  
ITC Skills

Birmingham Architectural Association (BAA)  
**Tuesday 17 June 2008**  
6.00pm - Old Joint Stock, Birmingham  
The End of Year Debate  
Contact Nicola, Associated Architects on 0121 233 6600

CPD Club Event 6  
**Thursday 26 June 2008**  
2.00-5.00pm - Austin Court, Birmingham  
Construction Techniques

CPD Club Event 7  
**Thursday 24 July 2008**  
2.00-5.00pm - Austin Court, Birmingham  
Code for Sustainable Homes

CPD Club Event 7  
**Thursday 29 August 2008**  
2.00-5.00pm - Austin Court, Birmingham  
Costs

## Staffordshire Construction Awards Dinner 27 June 2008

N.Staffs Society of Architects are pleased to announce the re-launch of their annual dinner by way of a joint venture with the RIBA, LI, ISE, ICE + Constructing Staffordshire (Construction Excellence). Invitations to submit Awards entries and book tickets are to be announced very shortly. Each institute will be presenting 2 awards for categories of less than £1m and £1m+ completed within the last 2 years.

For further information please contact NSSA President Mark Rizk; [mark.rizk@hum-arch.co.uk](mailto:mark.rizk@hum-arch.co.uk)



## Mini Grand-Designs'

**Saturday 7 June 2008**  
Nuneaton Museum and Art Gallery  
11am to 4pm  
**FREE**  
[www.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk](http://www.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk)

Architecture': A distinctive exhibition by Frank Littehales and Frank Cook from 7th June to 27th July.

Be part of Mini Grand Designs! Young visitors can decorate a Teepee and Wendy House on Saturday 7th June.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

## RIBA Bookshop



**Birmingham Shaping the City**  
Ben Flatman  
**£19.95**  
RIBA  
Publishing  
March 2008

Lavishly illustrated in full colour, Birmingham: Shaping the City is an authoritative assessment of the redevelopment and regeneration of Birmingham. The book also tells the story of hugely ambitious projects such as the Jewellery Quarter and Brindleyplace. The book identifies the drivers for change in the renaissance of contemporary Birmingham and explores the depth and complexity of the public-private partnerships involved in the delivery of urban change. A series of case studies illustrates the processes involved in this transformation, assessing their influence on planned future projects and provides a chronology of key regeneration events over the last 20 years. This new book celebrates the importance of urban design for successful regeneration in this ever-changing city. It makes a lasting contribution to reinforcing the city's collective consciousness, presenting a coherent narrative of where the city has come from and where it could go.

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