

Greater Cambridge Design Review Panel Member Profiles

The Panel is made up of over 50 members, with a balance of skills that address the themes of Community, Character, Connectivity and Climate. The members are diverse and nationally respected professionals from the fields of architecture, urban design, planning, landscape architecture, public realm, sustainability, highway engineers, transport planning, inclusive design, conservation, biodiversity and active travel.



Greater Cambridge Design Review Panel members: Chairs



Chris Jones, Architect

Chris is an Architect and Director of Cambridge based BCR Infinity Architects. He grew up in Cambridge, returning over 20 years ago. Chris and his team work across most sectors and care passionately about Cambridge, the surrounding villages and their future.

After being on Cambridge Design Review Panels for over 10 years Chris is honoured to be one of the new chairs. Chris will draw on his role within his Cambridge based practice, guiding and ensuring quality projects are delivered. Chris will continue to be a passionate supporter of Greater Cambridge's carefully considered, controlled, sustainable, high quality growth that ensures we protect and enhance the city and its surrounding areas' unique and special qualities, without damaging or losing them.



Eleanor Fawcett, Architect

She is an architect who brings a wealth of experience as Head of Design at the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC). Her work spans co-designed community projects to strategic plans around the transformative Old Oak HS2 station. Eleanor played a pivotal role in shaping the Olympic Legacy & Lea Valley transformation, and continues to champion design excellence through her work with Camden's design review panel & over two decades of service to the Mayor of London.

Greater Cambridge Design Review Panel members: Vice Chair



Russell Brown, Architect

Russell is an architect, writer, architectural critic and lecturer. He founded Hawkins Brown in 1988 with Roger Hawkins, after working for Peter Eisenmann in New York and Ricardo Legoretta in Mexico City. He has been chairman of LB Hackney's Design Review Panel since its inception, and a co-chair of the South Cambridge District Quality Enabling Panel. Russell has special links with Cambridge having completed Long Road UTC and designing the new Children's Hospital. Although his work is focused on projects in congested city centres, he is fascinated by the opportunities to influence new communities around Cambridge.

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Andrew Drummond, Architect

Andrew is an architect and director of RHP, based in Cambridge for over 20 years, working across the UK. His work in practice and research covers a range of scales and building typologies from masterplanning to furniture design for University, Cambridge College and commercial clients. Areas of expertise include retrofit and conservation or reinvention of 20th Century listed buildings, workplace design, housing, co-living and student housing. He was lead designer for one of the first phases of development at Eddington and has experience building within central Cambridge conservation areas.



Angela Koch, Planner and Urban Designer

Angela's background is in Planning, Regeneration and Urban Design. She founded Imagine Places in 2010. Prior to that, she worked at Urban Initiatives, Colin Buchanan and a sustainability think tank in Germany. She is interested in contributing to more sociable, authentic and regenerative streets, neighbourhoods and cities. Angela has over 20 years of experience in residential-led masterplanning and placemaking through co-designed planning application and neighbourhood plan making, often leading on creative and impact-focused co-design work. She is co-author of CABI's 'Paved with Gold – the real value of good street design' and the CIHT's 'Involving the Public and Other Stakeholders'.



Anna Pamphilon, Sustainability consultant

Director of Pamphilon Architects a young practice based in Cambridge with a strong environmental agenda. Prior to setting up Pamphilon Architects, she was the sustainability lead for Hawkins\Brown, a large internationally renowned firm, where she provided advice in aspects of sustainability across the practices' diverse range of projects. She has always been concerned about architecture's relationship with the environment and have sought to promote best practice within my profession by continually increasing my knowledge. She has an MSc in Advanced Environmental and Energy Studies (passed with distinction) and is a qualified Passivhaus designer.



Aram Mooradian, Architect

Aram graduated from the Architectural Association with honours in 2011 and is the director of Mooradian Studio, a London-based architecture practice. Recently completed projects include Bodney Road Studios, a mixed-use refurbishment in Hackney that has been shortlisted for the 2022 Architect's Journal Retrofit Award. At 6a, prior to establishing Mooradian Studio, Aram worked on the Juergen Teller Studio, which was nominated for the RIBA Stirling Prize in 2017, and The Perimeter, a gallery nominated for the RIBA London Award in 2018. Aram has taught the MPhil in architecture and Urban Design at the University of Cambridge since 2015.



Ben Coleman, Urban Transport Planner

Ben is an Associate Urban Planner with over twelve years' experience of urban design and transport planning. Prior to joining PJA, Ben has worked at consultancy, local authority, international and third-sector organisations. Ben's technical experience ranges from initial site analysis and concept design, through to public engagement and detailed design. His projects focus predominantly on the promotion of better streetscapes and improving urban environments, focussed particularly in supporting local authorities.



Chris Bowden, Environmental Consultant

Chris is an environmental consultant specialising in developing and managing projects which investigate natural capital approaches, implement ecosystem services markets and develop innovative funding mechanisms for environmental programmes/projects. Clients include the Defra OxCam Arc team, Environment Agency, Warwickshire County Council, Cambridgeshire ACRE and Wildlife Trusts. Chris previously worked as RSPB Operations Manager for Cambridgeshire where he managed the development of major conservation projects and seven nature reserves.



Chris Senior, Architectural Technologist

Chris is Director of multi-award winning practice, PiP Architects. Chris is known for his ability to promote and deliver high-quality, design-led developments across residential and commercial sectors. The core values of Chris' practice are founded in biophilic design and Passivhaus principles. He promotes designs which are sustainably delivered and provides placemaking across the city and surrounding area. Chris has a commitment to community engagement, involving residents in the implementation of new public spaces to ensure that they are of the highest quality, easily accessible and meet a local need. His developments hold community at their heart, incorporating intimate knowledge of the history and richness of our region.



David Knight, Structural Engineer

David is a chartered structural engineer and designer, with extensive experience in the design of footbridges, public sculpture and moving structures. He is passionate about the benefits of active travel and place making through good design, and the importance of sustainable design and our Net Zero commitments. He runs a consulting structural engineering practice (Cake Engineering) and is director of Cake Industries (a design-led fabrication firm). He is a former board member and trustee of the Institution of Structural Engineers, and is currently the vice-chair of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Engineering British Group.



David Murphy, Transport Consultant

David has over 16 years' experience in highways, development and transport planning. Previously, David was the lead officer within the public sector for major development proposals including residential, retail and office developments. His experience also extends to the planning and implementation of major development areas and urban extensions. In the private sector, David has led the transport planning input for a wide range of development and transport operations including major residential, office, retail, education, sporting developments and logistical sites. David has a Masters in Transport Planning and Engineering and is a member of the Chartered Institution of Highways & Transportation.



Dr Deb Upadhyaya, Planner, Urban Designer & Researcher

Deb is a passionate advocate of sustainable urbanism, delivery of quality places and value creation through collaboration/ design led innovation. Over the last 20 years, he has led delivery of large scale and complex housing, regeneration, garden communities and sustainable urban design projects, both in the public and private sector championing quality design outcomes and sustainability at the heart of the delivery process. He champions inclusion and diversity for delivering resilient legacies/ built environments and pursues practice-led research on delivering 'quality' and 'at pace' on 'sustainable development goals, smart technologies and climate change for places, people and partnerships'.



Edward Leigh, Senior Transport Officer

Edward is the Senior Transport Officer at North Herts Council, working in the strategic planning team. Previously, he was a consultant and business executive, variously involved in shaping transport and planning policy, and running businesses in marketing and events, web development and software licensing. Edward recently gained an MSc in Transport Economics. He founded and led Smarter Cambridge Transport and wrote a weekly column on transport for the Cambridge Independent newspaper 2016–21. Edward chairs the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel, and contribute to the Cambridge Past, Present and Future planning committee and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Climate Action Coalition.



Dr Elanor Warwick, Architect, Urban Designer, Researcher

Elanor was an architect before focusing on built environment research within the social housing sector. Elanor studied city design at LSE, with a PhD on the regeneration of post-war housing estates from King's College London. She was Head of Research at CABI, managing a diverse programme providing evidence to shape national policy and embed good design practices about housing, placemaking and urban renewal. Elanor is currently Head of Strategy Policy Evidence and Research at Clarion Housing Group, England's largest housing association. She teaches at the Bartlett, UCL and Cambridge University, with research interests spanning the value of good design, Lifetime Neighbourhoods, planning for sustainable new settlements, and measuring social value and wellbeing. She is a member of the Cambridgeshire Quality Panel.



Fiona Heron, Landscape architect

Fiona is a Landscape Architect with over 25 years' strategic and detailed design experience in public and private sectors. Schemes includes public open spaces, squares and housing in sensitive sites. Committed to quality, two of her schemes were CABI Case Studies and several of her city centre designs are featured in Pevsner [Nottingham]. Fiona has won Urban Design awards for both her landscape and her art. A fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, she has written for the Landscape Journal, sits on a number of design review panels, tutors at Nottingham University and speaks at multi-professional training sessions and seminars.



Georgina Bignold, Architect.

Georgina is a Director of Proctor and Matthews Architects and has overseen large scale, award winning residential and place-making projects since joining the practice in 1999. Key projects include Abode at Great Kneighton, a major new community in the Cambridge Southern Fringe growth area and Inholm, a sustainable urban neighbourhood of 400 homes that sets pioneering townscape design principles for the wider new town of Northstowe, near Cambridge. Georgina has recently been applying her experience to write design guidance including The Design for Ebbsfleet Study and The Strategic Sites Design Guidance for large urban extensions and new settlements in Hertfordshire.



Graham Whitehouse, Architect

Graham is an experienced Architect and has worked in general Practice for over 40 years. He grew up in South Cambridgeshire and has previously worked for Cambridgeshire County Architects. He has extensive design review experience and was appointed the inaugural Chair of the Design Enabling Panel in 2014, having previously chaired design panels for Mid Sussex and design reviews for Brighton & Hove. He has maintained a keen interest in Cambridgeshire and the city. He founded GWP Architects in 1985 and his experience includes volume and small housing developments, the health & care sector as well as community projects, nature reserves, museums and Listed Buildings.



Helen Goodwin, Design Advisor

Helen is Head of Programmes at Design South East, a not-for-profit design consultancy supporting local authorities and their stakeholders to deliver positive urban change. With 15 years of experience spanning architectural and urban design practice, planning, education and academia, Helen's interest in collaborative placemaking comes from a background in both architecture and anthropology, having studied at Cambridge University. Her doctoral thesis explored the social impact of projects of urban regeneration in London, focusing on how processes can foster a sense of community and belonging. Helen co-led a cross-disciplinary architecture/landscape design studio whilst a lecturer at Kingston University's School of Architecture and Landscape.



Hero Bennett, Sustainability Consultant

Hero is Principal Sustainability Consultant and Partner at Max Fordham LLP. Max Fordham's Sustainability team are currently involved with setting zero carbon strategies on a number of projects and advise on all aspects of sustainability including whole life carbon and embodied carbon. Hero worked on the Engine Shed in Stirling, a refurbishment with new elements built from natural materials applying circular economy principles, and the LSE Centre Range Buildings Redevelopment with RSHP. Hero has technical expertise in multiple areas from environmental design and energy to health and wellbeing issues, working on high profile buildings and masterplans. Hero also developed an updated sustainability matrix, the Max Fordham sustainability communication tool for publication in 2010 and is a Chartered Environmentalist.



Ian Bramwell, Architect

Ian is a Director of Mole Architects, a Cambridge based practice specialising in sustainable homes and community housing. Through his work, Ian has developed a longstanding relationship with Living Architecture, working in collaboration with internationally renowned architects MVRDV, JVA, and Peter Zumthor, to deliver three of their extraordinary houses. Whilst at Mole he has been responsible for RIBA award winning projects as well as the Stephen Lawrence Prize winning Houseboat. He has overseen the delivery of an affordable PassivHaus scheme in Norfolk, and 4 further PassivHaus' houses. He is currently a Professional Advisor for Cambridge University Part III Professional Qualifications and has previously sat on the Cambridge Design and Conservation Review Panel.



Ian Johnson, Design, Planning, Conservation

Ian has masters degrees in heritage conservation and town and country planning and a postgraduate diploma in urban design. He is a chartered town planner and full member of the Institute of Historic Building Conservation. He has been Bedford Borough Council's lead officer for heritage matters for over fifteen years and regularly appears as expert witness in formal proceedings. He manages the Council's heritage service as well as the appeals and enforcement teams. Ian has advised on a wide range of projects including major residential schemes and urban regeneration projects.



Jasmine O'Garro, Inclusive design

Jasmine is an Inclusive Design and Human Factors consultant. Having graduated with a degree in Ergonomics (Human Factors Design). Jasmine brings her experiences from studying a multi-disciplinary course which explored many topic areas with Human Factors, User Centered Design, and Inclusive Design at its heart. Jasmine has worked on a range of projects; from large infrastructure rail developments, commercial buildings, through to research and guidance development in active travel as well as Ergonomic research for the government. Outside of work Jasmine is passionate about social mobility and coaches all-star cheerleading.



Joel Gustafsson, MEP Engineer

Joel is the founder and director of JG Consulting. He established the business to help clients understand the environmental impact of their projects and is driven by a desire to improve the performance of the built environment. Having completed a PhD in atmospheric chemistry he entered the environmental design and engineering industry to maximize the positive impact of his work. He is motivated by real world outcomes and thrives on assisting clients in finding and delivering the right solution for their projects. Joel has 14 years' experience of environmental design, energy strategy development and mechanical and electrical engineering.



John Leonard, Architect

John is Director of Nicholas Hare Architects. He has been a key member of the practice since 1996 after graduating from St John's College, Cambridge. He has led on education, commercial and cultural projects. These include the RIBA Award-winning Richard Doll Building (a cancer/epidemiology research facility for the University of Oxford), the design of over eight new and remodelled schools across the Southeast of England and has recently been delivering the design of life science research facilities at Unity Campus near Pampisford. John comes from a large international family, and he is committed to addressing well-being in design.



Jo Williams, Inclusive design

As a disability advocate with her own lived experience of being a wheelchair user since 2018, she is driven by accelerating equity and inclusion, with a particular focus on the built environment. She is Inspired by inclusive design and innovations that harness diverse user experiences and the concept of futureproofing for subsequent generations and evolving socio economic and environmental expectations. She is a PR & Communications Manager at Motionspot.



June Barnes, Planner

June worked in social housing for most of her career. She re- tired in 2014 after 16 years as Chief Executive of East Thames Housing Group which operated in east London and Essex. She is currently the Chair of Hornsey Housing Trust and a member of the Jersey Architecture Commission, the London Borough of Redbridge Design Review Panel, the Design South East Panel, the Cambridgeshire Quality Panel and the LLDC Quality Review Panel. Until January 2020 she was a Non-Executive Director of Urban and Civic plc, master-developers with around 40,000 new homes in their development pipeline. They are now wholly owned by the Wellcome Trust.



Kaori Oshugi, Architect

Kaori is a director at Stanton Williams and an award-winning architect who works with clients, stakeholders, local authorities and communities to help them unlock the social and spatial potential of any site. Having gained experience both in the UK and internationally, Kaori joined Stanton Williams in 2004. Since then, she has been responsible for several high-profile projects, many of which are considered a benchmark for development, regeneration and placemaking such as the University of the Arts London and the Stirling Prize-shortlisted Key Worker Housing in North West Cambridge. Kaori holds a degree in architecture from the Bartlett School of Architecture, University College London and from the University of Bath.



Karen Ross, Inclusive design

Karen Ross is an experienced Inclusive Design consultant, Access Auditor and trainer and a member of the National Register of Access Consultants. Karen has an MSc (Accessibility and Inclusive Design) from the University of Salford and a PgC (Accessible Environments) from the University of Portsmouth. She has over 30 years experience and has been running her own Inclusive Design Consultancy since 2003 working with architects, design consultants, landscape architects and developers as well as a number of London Boroughs.



Kat Scott, Sustainability consultant

She is deeply committed to advancing the built environment towards a regenerative future. As an architect specialising in sustainable design, she has played integral roles in leading sustainability initiatives such as Architects Declare, LETI, and ACAN. Additionally, She holds Living Future accreditation. She has worked at several well-regarded architecture practices and for the past 7 years at dRMM where she qualified as architect. In her current position as dRMM's Sustainability & Regenerative Design Lead, she oversees the enhancement of architectural designs by leveraging insights from past projects and employing evidence-based decision-making processes.



Laurie Handcock, Historic Conservation

Laurie is Director of the Built Heritage and Townscape team at Icen Projects, advising local authorities, developers and landowners in urban and rural contexts across England and Scotland. His work covers a range of scales, from individual listed buildings to major regeneration schemes but, in each case, he is passionate about helping new development to capture the identity and character of its place. Design quality more widely is also a focus and he has historically been a member of design review panels elsewhere; he is currently a member of the Hertfordshire Design Review Panel.



Leo Hammond, Urban Designer and Planner

Leo is a dual qualified Urban Designer and Planner with 18 years' experience. As an Urban Design Associate Director at Project Centre in the Landscape and Urban Design Team, Leo works on schemes across the UK, the majority of which are for local authority clients. He previously worked for Pollard Thomas Edwards (PTE) and led the urban design for two major projects currently on site in Cambridge: Wing / Marleigh, a 1,300 home mixed use eastern extension to Cambridge; and Cromwell Road / Timer Works, a scheme for 175 homes and pocket park on a brownfield site near Mill Road. Leo is a past Chair of the Urban Design Group (UDG), a UDG Recognised Practitioner, a Chartered Town Planner, a member of the Haringey Quality Review Panel and a visiting Urban Design Tutor at UCL.



Lindsey Wilkinson, Landscape Architect

Lindsey is a Chartered Landscape Architect, and Fellow of the Landscape Institute and Royal Geographical Society. With twenty five years' professional experience, Lindsey works as a freelance practitioner specialising as a landscape architect and green infrastructure consultant, with historic landscape and greenspace expertise. Lindsey is a current Design Council Expert, Chair and Member of Design Review Panels for Design South East, Design Midlands and Cambridgeshire's Quality Panel, and newly appointed Greater Cambridge Review Panel. She sits on the National Trust's Historic Environment Group and Design Advice Forum as a Specialist Advisor.



Louise Wille, Sustainability consultant

Louise joined XCO2 in 2021 as Associate in the Environmental team. Her expertise includes operational energy assessments, BREEAM and other environmental assessments, circular economy strategies, and delivering energy and sustainability strategies across projects at all scales from masterplans to detailed individual applications. She is also a qualified BREEAM Commercial Assessor since 2011. Louise has a keen interest in net zero carbon strategies, as well as working on heritage/listed buildings, and she is a previous member of the London Energy Transformation Initiative (LETI) Taskforce. A certified European Passivhaus Designer, Louise co-authored the chapter on thermal comfort for the Passivhaus Designer's Manual which was edited and published in 2015 by Christina J. Hopfe and Robert S. McLeod.



Maggie Baddeley, Planner

Maggie is a chartered town planner, and a planning and development surveyor, with over 20 years' consultancy experience in development planning and management (for both public and private sector clients). She was a senior associate with Tibbalds Planning and Urban Design, working on complex development and infrastructure projects at all scales; she is also a vice chair of the Essex Quality Review Panel. Before joining Tibbalds and while a planning director at Lichfields - and then as England policy lead for the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) - Maggie regularly contributed to shaping emerging national planning policy, guidance and legislative changes.



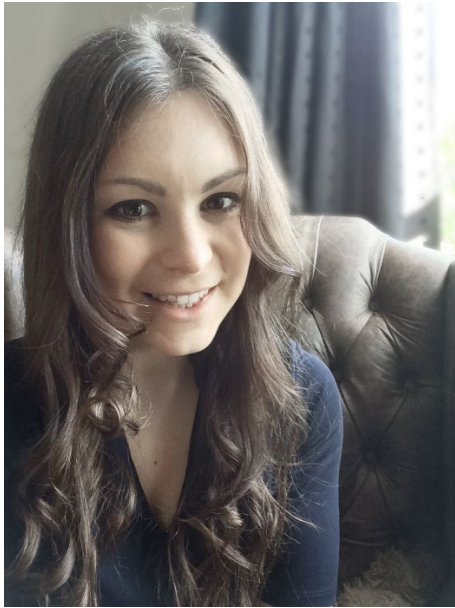
Nicholas Anderson, Civil Engineer

Nick has over 40 years experience working in highway design and transport planning in both local government and private consultancy. He has recently retired from AECOM where, for over 20 years', he led the Development Planning and Engineering group in the east and south of England. He is a Chartered Civil Engineer and a Fellow of the Institution of Highways and Transportation. Nick has worked on projects in the Greater Cambridge area since he joined AECOM in 2001 and supported the development of Cambridge Biomedical Campus since the early 2000s. he also worked on projects in Peterborough at the hospital and the station.



Nicholas Tye, Architect

Nicolas has been running his own private architects studio for over 20 years. His work includes residential, commercial, educational and mixed-use schemes all over the UK and internationally. The practice has won numerous design awards for its work, including a number of National RIBA Awards. Nicolas has also been Awards Judge for the RIBA, Civic Trust, CPRE and others, along with sitting on Design Review Panels. After training in London, Nicolas worked on several large scale commercial and mixed-use schemes in Central London and was involved in work for the original Millennium Dome construction in 1999. Nicolas has a particular interest in healthy design, sustainability and quality of living.



Nicki Whetstone, Heritage and Conservation Architect
Nicki is Associate Director and accredited architect at Donald Insall Associates and specialises in the repair and conservation of historic and Listed buildings. Nicki is passionate about traditional building techniques and skilled craftsmanship and enjoys balancing evolving requirements and modern standards in order to ensure continued use and enjoyment of a heritage asset or historic place. Nicki qualified as an architect at Cambridge University and has worked with a wide variety of Listed buildings throughout Cambridgeshire from Cambridge Colleges to solitary windmills.



Nicola Longland, Landscape Architect,

Nicola is a Masterplanner and Landscape Architect with a passion for delivering places that are inspired by their setting. Nicola is an experienced designer and planner in landscape and urban environments, which means she can provide insightful advice on the right development in the right place, but also how to shape places that communities can make their own. Nicola is an Associate at LDA Design and has worked on numerous scales and types of projects from leading the promotion of new settlements and urban extensions, as well as flood alleviation schemes, employment sites, historic landscapes and Green Belt advice.



Nopi Exizidou, Energy and Sustainability

Nopi is the Senior Carbon Manager (Net Zero Transition Lead) at the British Antarctic Survey (BAS). She has a Master's degree in engineering with more than 12 years of experience on energy/carbon reduction and wider sustainability. At BAS she leads a newly formed Net Zero team which focuses on the development and implementation of the Net Zero Carbon strategy for the BAS Infrastructure, Transport & Logistics and Supply Chain activities. Nopi chairs the BAS Decarbonisation Management Group and sits as an expert at sustainability groups across UK Research Innovation and the Natural Environment Research Council.



Paul Bourgeois, Energy, Sustainability

Paul Bourgeois has over 27 years of working in the environmental and decarbonisation sector. Principal areas of focus are energy efficiency/conservation and renewable energy generation technologies, green infrastructure, regional energy infrastructure, low and zero carbon construction including Passivhaus, bringing these together to consider built environment intersects and ultimately sustainable place making, and data analysis related to all these areas. Paul has worked for local authorities, regional and devolved government, and national government. He has also worked in the third sector, setting up two CICs, and the private sector including establishing his own environmental consultancy in 2007.



Prisca Thielmann, Architect

Prisca is an associate director at Maccreeanor Lavington with over 20 years' professional experience. Driven by a wide interest in the built environment, she has worked on large strategic regeneration masterplans, residential projects of different scales and smaller very specific responses to tight urban sites and historic environments. She leads complex design teams and delivers projects for private and public sector clients. Prisca is a Design Review Panel member of Croydon and Wandsworth, sits on the NLA Expert Panel for Housing and has taught at Cambridge University, TU Vienna and Kingston University.



Sarah Hare, Architect

Sarah has extensive knowledge of urban design, housing and bespoke cultural buildings. Sarah was a founding partner of Höger Hare Architects in 1995, and completed the RIBA award-winning Catholic Academy, St Thomas Aquinas Church, and St Bonifatius Chapel, Berlin. In 2000 she set up Sarah Hare Architects in the UK, and completed the Hardwick Park Heritage Resource Centre, Sedgfield, for Durham County Council. Later, she was awarded a 3 year Isaac Newton Design Fellowship at Cambridge University. Sarah then joined Haworth Tompkins, in London, leading Housing and Master-planning. Completed projects include Chobham Manor, Olympic Park and Fish Island Village.



Sarah Morrison, Architect

Sarah is a conservation accredited architect with over 20 years of experience working in Architectural practices in Cambridge on a variety of buildings in a historic context, primarily in residential and education sectors. She was a Panel member for the South Cambridgeshire Design Enabling Panel from 2014-2021 and RIBA Conservation Group member since 2018. As associate at Freeland Rees Roberts and then Feilden + Mawson, Sarah acted as lead consultant to promote sustainable construction, steering complex projects through the planning process and delivery on site. She is currently working for Historic England to promote conservation of heritage at risk, reduce carbon emissions and advise on heritage led regeneration of High Streets.



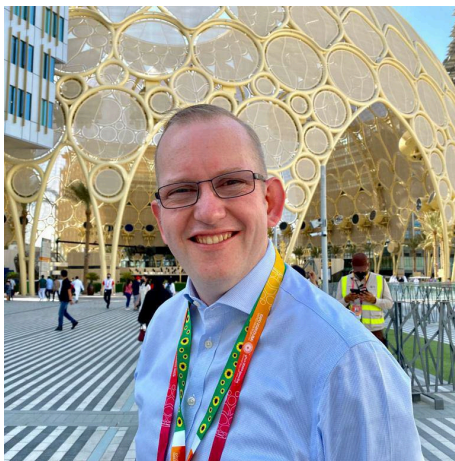
Shikha Bhardwaj, Sustainability consultant

Lead Sustainability Designer at Hawkins\Brown, committed to demystifying sustainability through an engaging and dynamic approach. Before joining Hawkins\Brown, she worked as a Sustainability Consultant for eight years at various well recognized building services consultancies, collaborating with esteemed architectural practices on numerous UK-based and international projects. She holds a degree in architecture from India and a master's degree in Urban Design from the AA School of Architecture, London. She is a certified Passivhaus designer.



Simon Carne, Architect, Planner and Urban Designer

Simon is an architect, planner and urban designer with 30 years experience in private practice and 8 years at the City of Westminster planning department. His experience has included University, public and private residential design and master planning incorporating listed buildings. Public realm designs included projects in London, Bristol and Liverpool. Westminster public practice experience included World Squares, major street improvements and public art installations. Since 2010 Simon has been appointed to many design review panels across the UK including the Cambridge Quality panel and the South Cambridgeshire Design Enabling Panel.



Stephen Dering, Inclusive design

As a specialist in inclusive built environments, he leads campus experience, infrastructure, and estates development at UCL—shaping accessible, welcoming spaces spanning the Bloomsbury and East London campuses, as well as UCL’s broader portfolio of sites across London and the southeast, including locations in Canary Wharf, Mill Hill, and Dorking. His work involves strategic collaboration with stakeholders to embed inclusion at every stage of planning and delivery. He holds certification as an International Advanced Accessibility Consultant – Built Environment and serves on the Global Leadership Council for the International Association of Accessibility Professionals (IAAP). In parallel, he is pursuing a PhD at the University of Glasgow’s Centre for Disability Research, focusing on accessible urban environments and transport systems.



Steve McCoy, Landscape Architect, Urban Designer

Steve is a Chartered Landscape Architect and qualified Urban Designer at Allies and Morrison. He has 15 years' professional experience across a wide range of projects, from large-scale masterplanning to detailed public realm design. This experience includes many projects in Cambridge including major developments at Eddington and Great Kneighton, as well as College projects and city centre sites. Steve specialises in public realm and the urban environment, and in particular, the experiential qualities which contribute to the character and beauty of a place. He is interested in the arrangement of buildings, the sequence of spaces, streetscapes, design of green spaces and connections with the surroundings both physically and contextually.



Tahmina Begum, Inclusive design

Currently working as a Support and Advice Worker at CamSight which is a local charity that aims to enable people with sight loss to maintain their independence and live the life they choose. Her background is in secondary school teaching. She has lived in Cambridge since 2018 and moved to the new Darwin Green development in 2020. Living in a new development, she understands firsthand, the need for building a strong community.



Teri Okoro, Disability Access and Architect

She is an experienced Chartered Architect and Registered Access Consultant who has worked both on regeneration and new developments in London and the Southeast. Her interaction with and understanding of the planning process is extensive, likewise my dedication to good placemaking particularly evident in my existing roles as Mayors Design Advocate (GLA) and Design Council Expert, contributing to and influencing outcomes via Design Panels and contributing to design guidance and briefs. In addition to working professionally with design team professionals and wider stakeholders, she has held public office (with NHS Trusts, as Charity trustee, currently ARB Board member) and accustomed to working positively within diverse teams and essential public engagement processes.



Tom Perry, Urban Designer

Tom has 20 years' experience in urban planning and design leadership in the public, commercial and not-for-profit sectors. He has developed and managed projects across the world ranging from one-off buildings to award winning masterplans for major new cities. He has been an advisor to a range of public sector bodies on improving design quality and was part of the team that developed the National Design Guide and Model Design Code. His projects have always put people at the heart of the design process.



Vanessa Ross, Landscape Architect

Vanessa is a Chartered Landscape Architect and Fellow of the Landscape Institute. Having worked in private practice for over 20 years, Vanessa has a detailed and applied knowledge of landscape planning (LVIA/TVIA/EIA), landscape and public realm design and project management. Vanessa heads Arc Landscape Design and Planning Ltd. which works across various development sectors; she is an experienced Expert Witness, sits on several design review panels and is a 'Building with Nature' Approved Assessor, promoting best practice in Green Infrastructure. Vanessa also lectures at Kingston University and volunteers for a number of committees of the Landscape Institute; she is Chair of a Conservation Area Advisory Committee and a board director at Kingston First, (Kingston's BID).



Ze'ev Feigis, Architect

Ze'ev is the director of Borough Architects and a chartered architect as well as an experienced urban and landscape designer. He has trained in Jerusalem, Venice and London before establishing Borough Architects in 2014 in Cambridge, where he lives. Ze'ev has previously worked on a range of complex buildings for Eric Parry Architects and RH Partnership, where he gained significant experience in commercial mixed use, culture, health and housing projects. Beforehand he also worked on large-scale landscape schemes and urban design projects for TeMA - Urban Landscape Design in Tel Aviv. With Borough Architects, Ze'ev leads multi-unit residential and complex mixed use projects which prioritise low carbon retrofitting and adaptive re-use of existing structures, including schemes in London, Cambridge and Kent.