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# DESIGN REVIEW

YORKSHIRE'S EXPERT ADVICE SERVICE  
FOR BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC SPACE DEVELOPMENT

# HOW DOES DESIGN REVIEW WORK?

**Design review** is a tried and tested, well respected, independent peer-review system that aims to improve the design quality of new developments and speed up the planning process.

The Yorkshire Design Review Service, managed by **Integreat Plus**, is the regional design review panel working across Yorkshire and the Humber, as part of the **design network** which works across England.

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As part of the new **National Planning Policy Framework** (NPPF), good design is seen as a key aspect of sustainable development that contributes positively towards making places better for people. This is good news for designers and their clients but sometimes it can be difficult to demonstrate this to local authorities during pre-application discussions. **Design Review** can be a useful way of engaging planning officers at an early stage by exploring your design ideas with like-minded professionals from a broad range of backgrounds. This independent and constructive second opinion covers not just architecture but wider design issues for an overall picture of your scheme. In addition, projects that have been to design review are often looked on favourably by planning committees as it demonstrates commitment to good design.

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If you are a developer, part of a design team or member of a community group, design review may be an effective tool to help improve the design of your development and demonstrate to a local authority that you are committed to delivering a high quality scheme for Yorkshire. This independent view provides a valuable baseline for local authorities when making their decisions and the review format offers a neutral forum in which all parties can discuss design.

The **Yorkshire Design Review** Panel is made up of over 60 experienced and well-respected professionals from disciplines such as; architecture, landscape architecture, town planning, engineering, sustainable construction, conservation, low energy design and building performance evaluation.

This panel is able to review any scheme where: the design is considered contentious; a local authority is unsure of its design merit; a project team wants to raise the design quality bar, get a second opinion or engage with the local authority. The panel also works with **community groups** to help develop ideas for places they care about. Advice is not limited to construction projects but covers planning guidance too.

For further information or to arrange a design review, please **get in touch**.



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A photograph of a meeting in progress. A man in a white shirt stands at the front, pointing at a large whiteboard that displays several maps and diagrams. The room is filled with people seated in chairs, some looking towards the presenter and others looking at their own documents. The setting appears to be a professional meeting or a design review session.

“I know from my earlier career working on large scale development schemes in London how a timely design review can benefit option appraisals, and also often unlock a more viable approach with greater potential for enhanced design quality.”

Richard Conroy, Chief Executive, Conroy Brook Developments Ltd, West Yorkshire