
DESIGN YORKSHIRE

THE DESIGN REVIEW PANEL FOR
YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER



We believe in the value of good design...

Design Yorkshire is the new name for the Yorkshire and Humber Design Review Panel, managed by Integreat Plus.

Design Yorkshire is an independent and impartial peer review system working across Yorkshire and the Humber as part of the Design Network, promoting the highest quality of design and placemaking throughout the region.

Utilising a multi-disciplinary panel of experts, Design Yorkshire positively assists design teams in achieving high quality outcomes and supports Local Planning Authorities in determining the design quality of proposals.

Design review is recognised in the NPPF as a tool to improve design outcomes in the built environment, and can help design teams and local authorities to better achieve the principles set out in the NPPF and the National Design Guide.

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Who Is Design Review For?

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Whether undertaken at the pre-application stage or after an application has been lodged, Design Review supports Local Planning Authorities in ensuring that developers and design teams produce high-quality buildings and public spaces. It helps them to recognise outstanding and innovative design, supports them in resisting poor design and gives them a practical means of understanding where improvements should be made.

When a planning authority is fully engaged in the review programme, its confidence in assessing and dealing with design issues grows substantially.

DESIGN TEAMS

Design Review gives constructive and impartial advice to architects, urban designers, landscape architects and other design professionals from fellow practitioners who are able to assess the project design from a variety of fresh perspectives. This can help to identify design issues which the project designers may be too close to see. The process supports good design intentions and highlights any opportunities and weaknesses that may have been missed.

Where design thresholds and expectations are high, such as homes in the open countryside (paragraph 79 of the National Planning Policy Framework), Design Review can help project teams work towards and demonstrate design proposals that are truly outstanding or innovative.

DEVELOPERS

The review process helps developers by reducing the risks and costs of delays in the planning process that can result from inadequate design quality. It draws attention to opportunities for design changes that could significantly raise the overall quality of the proposals in very cost effective ways, and make the completed scheme more satisfactory for its users.

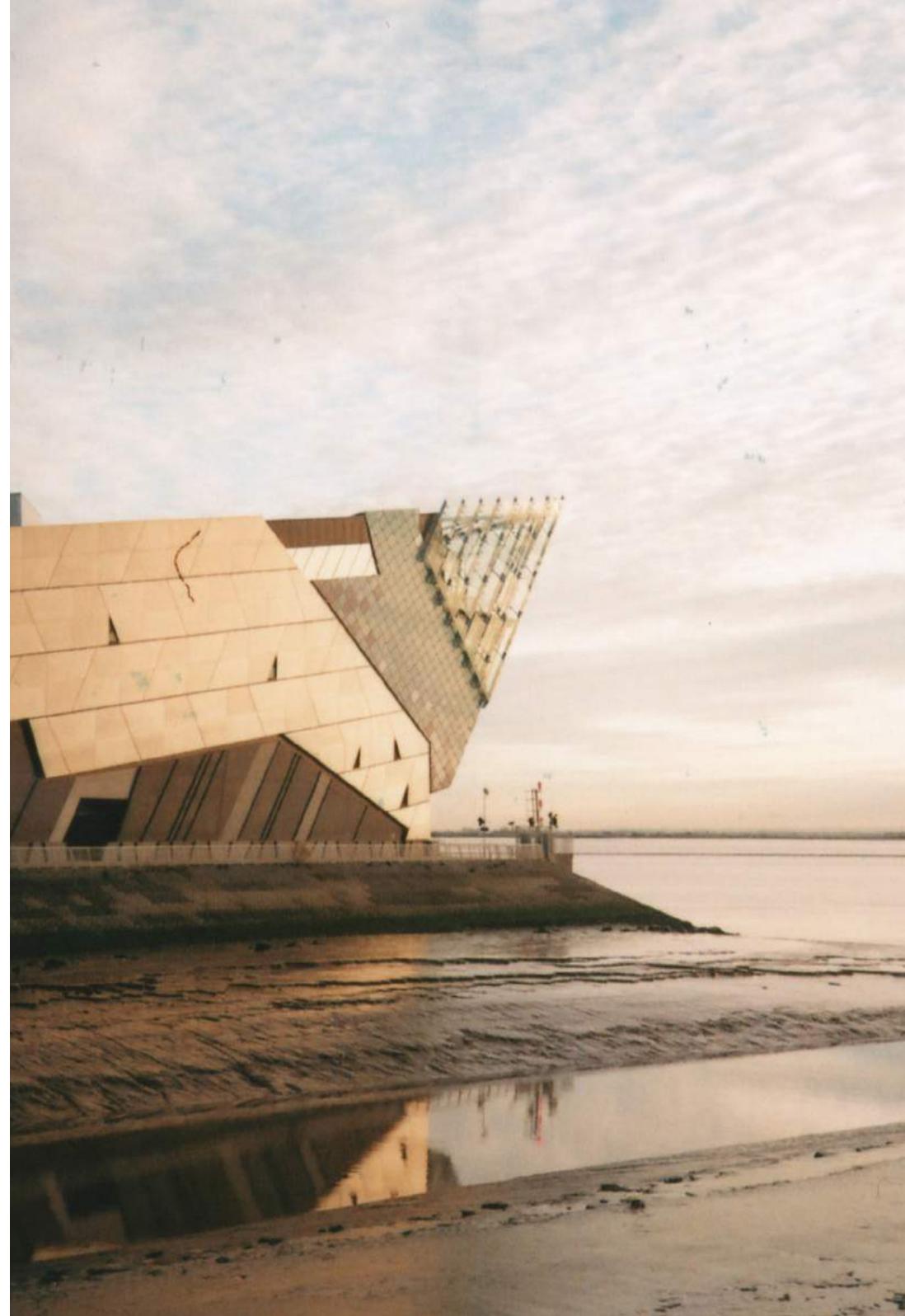


“ Design Review has proved to be an excellent sounding board at critical stages within the development of several of the city’s major schemes.

In our experience Design Review is an entirely constructive process bringing fresh perspectives, impetus and consensus around design approaches.

At its heart is the idea of collaboration which is an essential quality of any successful design process.”

Robert Beardsworth,
Hull City Council



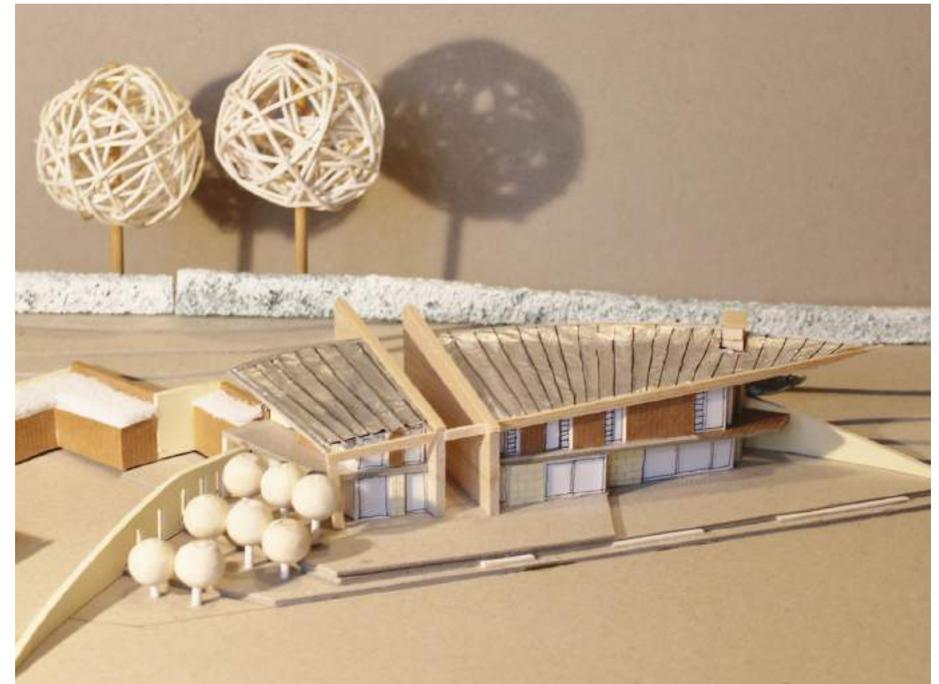
What are the benefits of Design Review?

DESIGN REVIEW CAN:

- assemble a panel with a greater breadth and depth of experience and knowledge than is available within the project team or local authority.
- offer expert views and guidance that take into consideration a wide range of complex issues, helping to achieve sustainable development.
- assess schemes in the wider context, and can challenge the design brief or assumptions that inform the project.
- give planners, developers and design teams confidence that they have had the best independent and impartial advice on design quality.
- maximise development potential by increasing site densities, improving viability and enhancing saleability and returns.
- identify weak and inappropriate schemes at an early stage, when amendments can be made with minimum cost or impact on the time-line.
- demonstrate that efforts have been made to assess and improve the design quality of schemes.

“ As designers, we felt that the panel gave us the conviction in our design and approach together with confidence to seek and squeeze out all of the potential in the scheme with the aim of creating something exceptional. ”

Nic Dormer
Dormer & Co Chartered Architects



Paragraph 79 House - Dormer & Co Chartered Architects

What can be reviewed?

Design Yorkshire can help raise design standards in architecture and the built environment by giving guidance on a range of proposals, from initial designs, through development briefs, to supplementary planning documents.

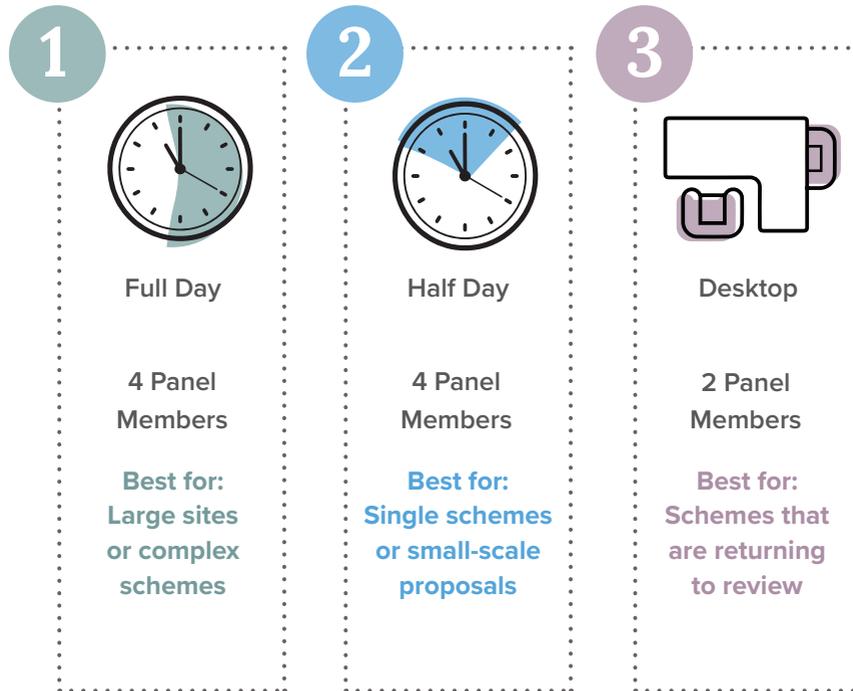


Examples of previous types of reviews Design Yorkshire has held include:

- The production of a development brief and concept statement to guide developers working on a key city centre site.
- Reviews of emerging town and city centre masterplans throughout Yorkshire and the Humber.
- The assessment of live planning applications to help Local Planning Authorities determine the level of design quality, and to identify ways in which the design could be improved.
- Review of emerging Supplementary Planning Documents.
- Review of design proposals at initial conceptual stage covering a variety of scales throughout the region.
- Review of proposals for isolated homes in the countryside in line with Paragraph 79 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

The Types Of Review We Offer

Design Yorkshire offers a variety of review types which are tailored to the needs of project teams, local authorities and the nuances of each scheme. The three main types of review offered are:



FULL DAY

Large sites or complex schemes involving more than one site are most appropriate for full-day reviews. This ensures there is sufficient time to undertake the site visits and cover all the required aspects of the scheme in detail. The review will be undertaken by 4 Panel Members including a Panel Chair. The review should take place at a location near to site.

£4,500 + VAT

HALF DAY

This is most suitable for **single schemes or small-scale proposals**. It includes a site visit which enables the Panel to gain a critical understanding of the site and its context. The session would involve 4 Panel Members including a Panel Chair. The review should take place at a location near to site.

£2,950 + VAT

DESKTOP

This review is most appropriate for **schemes that are returning** to the panel following an initial review. These are generally light-touch, using 2 Panel Members from the previous review and lasting around an hour. These are hosted at our offices in Sheffield and generally focus on the amendments made to the design since the initial review.

£950 + VAT

The Panel

We are proud of our network of over 40 Built Environment Experts who support our work delivering high-quality design to places throughout Yorkshire and the Humber.

Our panel members come from a range of sectors and together comprise a network of highly respected specialists. They provide multi-disciplinary support to local authorities, designers, developers, and communities involved in built environment projects.

The Panel boasts a range of skills and expertise including:

- **Architecture**
- **Urban Design**
- **Landscape Architecture**
- **Planning**
- **Heritage & Conservation**
- **Highways & Civic Engineering**
- **Sustainable Design**
- **Construction**

Panel members are selected based on the nuances of each scheme, ensuring that each panel provides a range of skills and experiences to help assist design teams and local authorities focus on the most important aspect of the design.

“ I was particularly impressed by the range of relevant expertise that Integreat was able to assemble.

Not only did the panel focus on issues that we had identified for consideration, but used their expertise and extensive experience to identify other matters which were not immediately obvious.

The discussion and written report was refreshingly frank and proactively suggested solutions to improve the design quality of the scheme in its widest sense. ”

Nick Read
Area Planning Manager
Scarborough Borough Council

We are proud to have recently supported...



Design Yorkshire has been used on over 200 schemes across Yorkshire and the Humber, providing regular assistance to councils, designers and developers in achieving high quality design throughout the region.

“ For Cleethorpes in particular, having a thorough design assessment and report enabled us to confidently show members that the design had been given full regard and consideration by Officers, consultees and an independent expert panel.

As a result, Design Review is recognised as a valuable tool in the planning process and we are looking forward to engaging with the panel on future projects. ”

Cheryl Jarvis
Principles Town Planner
Engie (North East Lincolnshire)

“ It is invaluable having an expert, independent design review as a tool to seek improvements to the design of a scheme.

All of the staff involved found it a positive and enlightening experience.

I would not hesitate to use an Integreat Plus Design Review Panel in the future. ”

Nick Read,
Planning Area Manager,
Scarborough Borough Council

Integreat PLUS is the trading name of the Cultural Industries Quarter Agency (CIQA), a social enterprise which provides regeneration, design and economic development support for communities, local authorities & other social enterprises.

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