



**Haringey** Council

## **Haringey Quality Review Panel Biographies**

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**Peter Studdert** (chair)  
Peter Studdert Planning

Peter Studdert is an independent adviser on city planning and urban design based in Cambridge. He has a particular interest in the design and development of new neighbourhoods. He was formerly director of joint planning for Cambridge's Growth Areas working on behalf of three local authorities to secure the highest possible design standards in the new neighbourhoods being planned around Cambridge. In his previous job as planning director at Cambridge City Council he led the negotiations on the Accordia housing development, which won the 2008 Stirling Prize.

Qualified as an architect as well as a town planner, he worked for a number of inner London Boroughs in the early part of his career including Tower Hamlets from 1984-91 where he became neighbourhood planning officer for Bethnal Green. During this period he lived in Bow and served as chair of governors at Malmesbury Primary School.

He is a member of English Heritage's Urban Panel and is also an adviser to Design Council CABE. He is Co-Chair of the South + East Regional Design Review Panel and is a member of the National Assessment Panel for the Civic Trust Awards.

**Esther Kurland** (vice-chair)  
Urban Design London

Esther Kurland is Director of Urban Design London, and a planner and urban designer by background. She worked for 10 years in local authorities in policy, development control and design and conservation planning posts. Esther then moved to the GLA where she worked on the built environment aspects of the first London Plan before moving to CABE to lead on planning issues in 2003.

As Director of Urban Design London since 2006, Esther has worked to develop UDL's programme, working closely with core partners TfL, the GLA, London Boroughs and many others to support and encourage good design in the capital.

Esther has been part of a wide range of Design Review panels, steering groups and advisory committees. Through these she has learnt from, and hopefully helped improve, all sorts of projects including Crossrail stations, Thames Tunnel's new riverside mini parks, council housing estate renewal projects, historic garden improvements, major town centre improvements and street redesigns.

**Selina Mason** (vice-chair)  
LDA Design

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Selina Mason is a masterplanner and architect. Since joining LDA Design as a partner in March 2014, Selina has been leading the consultancy's Cities Programme, focusing on urban and regeneration masterplans. She has recently led LDA Design's successful bid to deliver the Chatham Placemaking Masterplan. She has a wealth of experience in commissioning and delivery complex urban masterplans having led on the design and delivery of London's post Games Transformation masterplan for the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) and then the London Legacy Development Corporation. She has significant experience in leading and inspiring large consultant teams to achieve high quality, deliverable results. Her knowledge of both front end masterplanning and detailed design of streets and buildings has been invaluable in ensuring that the Olympic masterplans provided a deliverable framework for investment. She understands the relationship between design, planning and delivery, in particular the influence that infrastructure investment and phasing has on outcomes.

Prior to joining the ODA in 2007, Selina was Director of Design Review at CABE (Commission for Architecture & the Built Environment). She provided leadership on matters relating to planning, urban design and architecture, advising the CEO and Commission on national urban design and architecture policy, major planning applications (including significant tall buildings applications) and planning inquiries.

### **Andrew Beharrell**

Pollard Thomas Edwards

Andrew is a senior partner at Pollard Thomas Edwards (PTE), an architectural practice specialising in the creation of new neighbourhoods and the revitalisation of old ones. As well as sharing in managing the practice, Andrew is very much hands on at the concept and strategy stages of architectural projects.

Andrew has over 30 years' experience in housing, mixed-use and regeneration, and has both designed and delivered a series of successful and award-winning projects. Skilled in masterplanning, he has expanded the practice's expertise beyond urban regeneration and into urban extensions in rural areas and completely new settlements. He has also led PTE's diversification into the fields of education and high density mixed-use, including the revitalisation of town centres.

Andrew is closely involved in PTE's own property activity and lives in one of the practice's completed developments in Haringey. He is also a spokesperson for PTE, and is a regular commentator on current housing, regeneration and planning issues.

## **Andrew Matthews**

Proctor and Matthews Architects

Andrew Matthews is a founding Director of Proctor and Matthews Architects with over 25 years of experience as an architect and urban designer. His extensive portfolio of award winning work includes mixed use regeneration projects, visitor attractions, education and community buildings and new residential neighbourhoods.

The practice is currently working at North West Cambridge on the University's extensive new neighbourhood, having won a design competition last year, and was recently selected by Peabody Trust to develop a masterplan for over 6000 homes at Thamesmead in London.. The practice was awarded the National Panel Special Award for Abode at Great Kneighton at the 2015 Civic Trust Awards, recognising it as one of the most innovative new housing projects in the UK.

Andrew has also been involved in teaching and research at some of the UK's leading Schools of architecture. He was a lecturer and senior lecturer at the Universities' of Sheffield and Brighton and has acted as a visiting lecturer, critic and external examiner at London Met, Greenwich, Canterbury, Ancona (in Italy) and Sheffield where he is currently a visiting professor.

Within the broader industry Andrew was a member of the East of England Design Panel, provided advice to the Mayor of London Housing Design Guide and will chair the forthcoming debate 'Offsite Innovation' at this year's Vision London conference in June.

## **Ann Sawyer**

Access=Design

Ann is an architect and access consultant. She has been involved in inclusive design for many years and was Head of Consultancy at the Centre for Accessible Environments before setting up Access=Design in 2005.

She has worked on a wide variety of projects and has extensive experience covering design, audit and management of accessible built environments, strategic access planning and project brief preparation, and staff training in access, inclusive design and disability issues. She has worked with the design team on major development projects including new buildings for Imperial College, the new Brent Civic Centre, education, arts and historic buildings and a wide variety of residential schemes.

She has taught on the MA in Inclusive Environments at the University of Reading and was course leader on the post-graduate course in Access Auditing run by CAE in collaboration with the University of Portsmouth. She provides in-house training and CPD sessions for architects and others. She is also the author of the well-respected book *The Access Manual*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. July 2014.

In addition to her membership of the LLDC Quality Review Panel, and is a design surgeon for Urban Design London.

**Annalie Riches**

Mikhail Riches

Annalie Riches is co-founder of Mikhail Riches, established in 2015 and formed from the amalgamation of Riches Hawley Mikhail and David Mikhail Architects. The practice has a growing reputation for large-scale housing projects and one-off houses. Mikhail Riches has won five RIBA Awards and five Housing Design Awards and made the Stirling mid-list twice. Their Church Walk project for 4 houses in Stoke Newington won London Building of the Year 2013. Current projects include 110 passivhaus standard houses for Norwich City Council, a mixed-use scheme with 50 flats in Hackney Wick and a new quad for New College Oxford.

Annalie graduated from Sheffield University and North London University, and was selected for the RIBA Silver Medal for her Diploma work. She has worked for RFR Peter Rice in Paris and Edward Cullinan Architects. She spent a year building her own house at Whatcott's Yard, one of a series of 3 self build houses, which won an RIBA award as well as the AJ First Building Award. Annalie is External Examiner at Westminster University and has taught at Kingston University, London Metropolitan University and UEL, and lectured both in UK and abroad.

**Charles Wagner**

Charles Wagner Historic Environment

Charles is an expert advisor on development in historic contexts, and for 10 years until April 2015 was Head of Planning and Urban Advice at English Heritage. In this role, Charles led a team covering planning, environmental assessment, regeneration, housing, infrastructure, transport, public realm, local government (including Heritage Champions) and localism (neighbourhood planning and community assets transfer).

He was part of the English Heritage team that provided input into the National Planning Policy Framework and its Planning Practice Guidance and the recent English Heritage Good Practice Advice notes on heritage in local plans and conservation areas. Charles also contributed to the joint EH/CABE guidance on tall buildings.

Prior to 2005, Charles was a Historic Areas Adviser with English Heritage running the area grant schemes, including a large project on Tottenham High Road and a smaller scheme in Hornsey.

Charles is a Chartered Town Planner, member of Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC) and the Association for Studies in the Conservation of Historic Buildings (ASCHB) and Urban Design Group (UDG) and a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.

**Chris Twinn**

Twinn Sustainability Innovation

Chris Twinn is an independent advisor on sustainable development. His experience includes 28 years with Arup, as a director and Arup Fellow, on projects based in the UK and worldwide, with three years recently based in Shanghai. His projects include, among many others, the world renowned BedZED, the Kingspan Lighthouse - first to achieve level 6 of the Code for Sustainable Homes, Portcullis House Westminster, through to Eco-city masterplanning and zero carbon projects in China and elsewhere. Chris has been involved in many decentralised energy projects including Kings Cross Central and London 2012.

Chris is a chartered engineer, an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers.

In an advisory capacity, Chris is a UK Green Building Council Ambassador, a Historic England Urban Panelist, and was previously on the Design Council: CABE National Design Review panel. He is also a chair for a local Neighbourhood Forum planning group.

**David Birkbeck**

Design for Homes

David Birkbeck is CEO of Design for Homes, a social enterprise which promotes the value of design to developers and government.

David wrote the Building for Life matrix in 2002, which became widely used in the planning process, as a tool for assessing new-build applications. David took the idea further with a process for pre-application negotiation adopted by Ireland in 2008 and then rewrote Building for Life in 2012 to bring it up to date with the National Planning Policy Framework.

David is both a judge and the 'rapporteur' for the government's Housing Design Awards, a member of the Homes and Communities Agency board advising on design and sustainability standards, a National House Building Council (NHBC) Councillor, an Honorary Fellow of the RIBA and a member of the Cambridgeshire Quality Panel.

His publications include 'Prefabulous Homes', 'Car Parking: What Works Where', 'Managing Superdensity' and 'Beyond Ecotowns'.

**David Lindsey**

Max Fordham

David Lindsey is a senior partner with environmental engineering practice, Max Fordham. He has worked on some of the practice's most significant buildings, with award winning architectural practices. Recent examples include: the refurbishment of Royal Festival Hall, with Allies & Morrison; the London Library, with Haworth Tompkins; and St Martin-in-the-Fields with Eric Parry Architects.

David's experience covers a broad range of industry sectors and building types, but he has a particular interest in cultural buildings and the healthcare sector. He has 25 years' experience designing, delivering and monitoring a range of projects, working with numerous clients, project managers, architects and contractors.

**Deborah Nagan**

(uncommon)

Deborah is a landscape architect, and principal of (uncommon). Her wide-ranging professional experience includes work on masterplans, as a member of large consultant teams for projects including: Wood Wharf; Qatar Petroleum; Saadiyat; London Olympics and Crossrail. She has also initiated, designed, and implemented tiny projects, transforming neglected urban corners, creating unusual gardens and restoring compromised landscapes. Current projects include a resort in Fez, public realm Improvements in Waterloo and a commemorative flood garden in St. Flavié, Quebec.

Deborah is also a partner with London based architectural practice Nagan Johnson, and previously worked with Martha Schwartz Partners and AECOM.

She is a member of the London Borough of Southwark Design Review Panel, the Oxford Design Review Panel, and a Design Council CABE 'Built Environment Expert'.

**Gary Elliott**

Elliott Wood

Gary is a founding and now managing partner of Elliott Wood Partnership – consulting civil and structural engineers. The practice has been established for 20 years and has a wide ranging portfolio of projects of differing sizes and diverse sectors, and has a reputation for high quality, design led structural and civil engineering solutions. Recent projects include: the Quantum Cloud in Greenwich, working with sculptor Anthony Gormley; and a residential development on Charlotte Street, Fitzrovia, working with DSDHA.

Gary is a Fellow of the Institution of Structural Engineers, he has taught at a number of architectural schools and lectured on engineering related subjects. He has also served as a member of the Merton Design Review Panel.

**Hari Phillips**

Bell Phillips Architects

Hari Phillips is an architect, and founder of Bell Phillips Architects. He studied at the University of Bath and the Escola Tecnica de Arquitectura Superior in Barcelona, graduating with first class honours before completing his diploma studies at the University of East London. He gained his professional qualifications from the Bartlett School of Architecture in 2001. Prior to establishing Bell Phillips Architects, Hari worked on a number of acclaimed and award-winning projects at Avanti Architects, David Morley Architects and Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands.

Hari founded Bell Phillips Architects with Tim Bell in 2004 following their success in winning an RIBA competition to regenerate a large housing estate in East London. From this project Bell Phillips Architects has developed into an award-winning practice with a growing reputation, particularly in the housing sector. The practice was a finalist for Young Architect of the Year in 2012 and won a Housing Design Award in 2014. The practice is currently working on a wide range of projects including a new public space in Gasholder No.8, King's Cross, affordable housing in the former Olympic Village and the regeneration of Thamesmead with Peabody.

**John Lyall**

Lyall Bills and Young Architects

John Lyall is director of Lyall Bills and Young Architects, who designed the award winning pumping stations on the London Olympics site. Other recent projects include the Cranfields Mill regeneration in Ipswich, the Jerwood Dance House and a new training centre for the Goldsmiths Company in Clerkenwell. Current work includes a hotel, schools and colleges, infrastructure projects, and waterfront urban regeneration schemes. For most of his career, John has combined architectural practice with contributions to the education of architects by teaching and examining all over the world. Working for Cedric Price and Piano + Rogers lead to his forming the firm of Alsop & Lyall from which John Lyall Architects was created in 1991. His work has received awards from the RIBA, Civic Trust, RICS and has been shortlisted for the Stirling Prize.

John is a chair of the Design Review Panel at Design Council CABI, vice chair of the LLDC Quality Review Panel, and a registered RIBA client design advisor. He teaches architecture at the Bartlett School is professional examiner at the University of Greenwich, and external examiner at the University of Brighton. John's work has been published in a book 'John Lyall: Contexts and Catalysts' (1999), and he contributed a chapter to 'Context: New Buildings in Historic Settings'(1998).

**Phyllida Mills**

Mills Power

Phyllida is a founding director of Mills Power Architecture. Her project experience includes new build, refurbishment, mixed-use and master-planning across both public and private sectors.

Phyllida worked with Penoyre & Prasad from 1999-2012 becoming a partner in 2007. Her projects include the recently completed Academic Building and refurbishment of listed buildings for Ruskin College, Oxford, residential schemes for Peabody, workplace transformation for IIED and St George's University and schools for Milton Keynes and the London Boroughs of Islington and Waltham Forest.

Having studied at the University of Cambridge, Phyllida taught architecture at London Metropolitan University and practiced with Chapman Taylor, Cottrell and Vermeulen and Colin St John Wilson. She has judged the RIBA, Partnerships Bulletin and NLA Awards and speaks on workplace, education and sustainability at conferences.

**Robert Aspland**

LDA Design

Rob is a partner at LDA Design, a landscape architecture consultancy. His projects include the 'People's Playground' in Blackpool, which Rob and his team secured through an international design competition that attracted well over 100 entries. He has also been LDA Design's lead designer in the delivery of the London 2012 Olympic Park, both in its Games and Post-Games Transformation modes. This is the largest new park to have been created in the capital for over a century.

Before joining LDA Design, Rob was responsible for leading the design and delivery of many high-profile urban realm projects, including the Paddington Basin development and associated Section 106 works for Chelsfield and, with Richard Rogers Partnership, the National Assembly for Wales in Cardiff Bay.



## **Stephen Davy**

Stephen Davy Peter Smith Architects

Stephen Davy qualified in 1992 and co-formed Stephen Davy Peter Smith Architects in 1995 with Peter Smith. Stephen has over 20 years of experience in working in the housing sector for both public and private sector clients. He has also worked on a number of masterplanning and regeneration schemes, leisure, commercial and education projects.

The practice has won numerous architectural awards and has been published widely throughout the 20 years of practice.

In 2009/10 Stephen sat on the shortlisting panel for the RIBA Awards, London Region.

Stephen assisted in formulating the RIBA Fee toolkit and is still actively involved in its progression, and has spoken on this topic in 2010 and 2011 at the RIBA Guerilla Tactics Conference and events around the country.

## **Tim Pitman**

Pitman Tozer

Tim Pitman set up Pitman Tozer Architects, with Luke Tozer, in 2002. Tim and Luke met as students in 1989 and have collaborated ever since.

Pitman Tozer are a medium sized practice, based in West London, with a mixture of projects on the go: from private houses and public housing, to commercial and community projects.

Pitman Tozer won an RIBA London Region award and the Manser Medal, for their Gap house, in central London, and a New London and a Housing Design award, for their Mint Street Housing scheme for Peabody.

Tim has wide design experience and has combined practice with teaching, since 2003. Tim has been a registered architect and a member of the RIBA since 2000. Prior to setting up in private practice Tim worked for a number of architectural practices including A+H van Eyck and Partners, Cottrell and Vermeulen architecture, Squire and Partners and Wickham van Eyck architects.

**Wen Quek**  
Cullinan Studio

Wen studied at the Architectural Association in London and has been in practice as an architect since 1985. She is a senior partner of Cullinan Studio, an established award winning practice much respected for its exemplar building design, and social values.

Wen has been involved in projects of various scales and complexities in the UK and abroad. Her unique combination of working experience based in London, Edinburgh, Berlin and Singapore has given her a broad perspective and understanding of development in different types of context, physical and culturally, inside and outside the city. Major projects include the Centre for Mathematical Sciences at Cambridge University, Singapore Management University City Campus, Bristol Harbourside Mixed Use Masterplan and Penarth Heights Residential Masterplan near Cardiff Bay. Her current projects include the construction of the National Automotive Innovation Centre at Warwick University and a new masterplan for the Eastfields Estate in Merton.

Wen is particularly interested in residential design and masterplanning. Her past and present involvement in major regeneration projects arms her with a depth of knowledge about the challenges faced by such projects and the endeavors required to surmount them. She believes that key to designing quality architecture is place making and long term sustainability.