

**Another
Exciting Year**

It has been another busy and eventful year for Re-Format. Our plans for expansion are moving ahead apace with key projects in the education, housing, social care and faith sectors along with exciting developments for our graphics studio who have delivered an online Secured by Design Toolkit for ACPO and our first transport livery for the Hampshire School Crossing Patrol team.

We end the year with an expanding order book and the largest team of designers in our history.

Shortlisted for the sixth time for the national Housing Design Awards (3 wins so far) we also successfully renewed our ISO quality standards without a hitch and we are shortly to be reviewed for the silver Investors in People standard, raising the bar from our current bronze award.

Expansion plans have seen Richard Goodall join us to offer specialist planning consultancy and we are also now able to provide a range of specialist services such as topographic and measured surveys and 3D city modelling. We have developed supply chain partners in other specialisms to cover the increasingly broad requirements for planning and construction projects all under one roof. This has been delivered effectively for Guildford Baptist Church.

The year is also a milestone which sees one of our founding partners, David Lovegrove, retire after more than 20 years. From the first day of the new practice back in 1990 (and no clients) to the current busy year, David's leadership has been invaluable and he goes with our sincere thanks.



Special Praise

Image 1 | 2

The Headteacher for the new Woodlands Meed Special School in Burgess Hill has glowing praise for Re-Format's design. Constructed in partnership with West Sussex CC and Willmott Dixon for around £12m, she is: "loving the space here and the amazing rooms, courtyards, balconies, colours and shared spaces."

On the Market

Image 3

We achieved planning & listed building approval for a dramatic 10,000 sq m mixed use commercial scheme in Nottingham's historic Lace Market Conservation Area. CABE were amongst the consultees, saying the scheme "is a good example of how contemporary design can sit in historic settings".

And the Winner is...

Image 5 | 6

Bolnere Village Primary School (5), shortlisted amongst 12 other schemes, was chosen in October as Overall Winner at the Mid Sussex Design Awards 2012. The panel, which included the planning authority, was unanimous noting that the "highly successful building delivers an ambitious brief and achieves a high standard across a number of criteria".



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Step of Faith

Image 4

We achieved planning consent for the substantial remodelling of the Millmead Centre, home of Guildford Baptist Church. The project has been funded by the commitment and faith of the church membership.



Sailing On

Image 7

After 22 years as a founding partner of the practice, David Lovegrove is retiring at Christmas.

Having set up the practice in 1990 with Stephen Lampard and Neil Armitage, later to be joined by Rex Milton, David has decided that it is time to pursue other interests which have been on hold for many years. His dinghy sailing skills are apparently in need of attention.

David is very proud to have been a part of an ever growing and respected design studio and he sends his thanks and good wishes to all his building industry colleagues who have made his practice career so enjoyable.



You've Been Frameworked

A recent vote of confidence was the renewal of our long term framework commission with West Sussex County Council. Only 6 architects were appointed. We have a large number of primary school projects along with the special school (1) and a fire service control centre.



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Across Hampshire

Image 8 | 9

We have completed a commission by Hampshire County Council to create a new identity for their School Crossing Patrol. Work covered staff guideline booklets, posters, a tri-annual newsletter and our first vehicle livery design, all as part of Re-Format's graphics framework with HCC.

Safe as Houses

Image 10

Working closely with ACPO we have designed and developed this web based interactive toolkit. Exploring the principles of designing out crime within a fictional residential development, the toolkit illustrates poorly designed examples and offers secure alternatives. Having been very well received, plans are underway for commercial and education versions. Secured by Design is a key element of the Code for Sustainable Homes.

www.securedbydesign.com/toolkit



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Winchester Win!

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We are commissioned by Hazeley Developments to look at a cutting edge residential development to the rear of houses in Harestock Road, Winchester. Planning was won despite restrictive 'garden grabbing' policies with a supportive client and an innovative design. We have since submitted planning for a further 7 dwellings for our clients on adjoining land.

Going Local

By Richard Goodall, Planning Consultant

It's started! ... or at least that's what we have all been led to believe. As with most planning revolutions the rhetoric and the reality have been some way apart. The hysteria that multi-storey car parks would be appearing in a National Park near you has proved to be wide of the mark.

It started with the Localism Act 2011. Its underpinning message is 'power to the people' and in the planning context this is intended to allow greater local input into both Local Planning policy making and decisions on planning applications. Localism's inherent weakness is that development is invariably seen as a threat and with scarce land supplies, difficult and unpopular planning decisions will always have to be made.

Phase 2 of the planning revolution has seen the publication and instant adoption of the short and snappy National Planning Policy Framework. Its key message is the presumption in favour of

sustainable development and the renewed focus of development that supports economic growth. The effects of the Framework are still working through the system as the appeal decision precedent increases by the day.

Given the Localism agenda, the looming planning conflict will be deciding on sustainable developments which have widespread local opposition. Sweeping planning policy reform does not make planning easy and never will. Planning is hugely political and, mirroring its political nature, is only easy for the party in opposition.

Re-Format is working on a key £100m development alongside community groups in a positive take on the Localism agenda.



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Magic Wand

Image 13

Permission has been granted for a dramatic house set within the Wandsworth Common Conservation Area. This low energy, 400 sq m, 6 bedroomed, contemporary home's approach "results in a modern building which sits comfortably within the site and minimises the impact on the surroundings" say the planners.

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