The People’s Choice Award

The general public were able to get involved in the Lord Mayor’s Design Awards 2015 by voting, via the internet, for their favourite scheme from all of the shortlisted entries. 889 votes were cast over a three week period.

Congratulations go to the runners up:
Newcastle College Parsons Building
Park and Kensington Terrace
Crowne Plaza hotel

People’s Choice Award 2015:
The View

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FINAL JUDGING PANEL

Lord Mayor Councillor Ian Graham

Dolan Conway – Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)

Richard Charge – Design Council CABE

Oliver Jones – Northumbria University

The following organisations and professional institutions were represented on the initial judging panel:

Royal Town Planning Institute (Northern Region)

Royal Institute of British Architects

Design Council CABE

Institute of Historic Building Conservation

Tyne and Wear Building Preservation Trust

Lord Mayor’s Design Awards
Winners 2015

The View
Sustainability

COMMENDED FINALIST

The Core
Client: Newcastle City Council
Architect: FaulknerBrowns Architects
Main Contractor: Sir Robert McAlpine Ltd

The judges welcomed numerous elements of the scheme including the living wall and the green roof. The panel was pleased that the building had been designed to plug in to the future on-site CHP system as part of the site-wide energy strategy. The building has achieved a BREEAM ‘Excellent’ (BREEAM Offices Version 4); EPC rating of B.

The judges also welcomed the future provision for an improved A rating by connecting into the proposed low carbon district heating network.

Refurbishment

Redevelopment of Monument Mall
Client: Hammerson PLC
Architect: FaulknerBrowns Architects
Main Contractor: Laing O’Rourke

The judges were impressed with a refurbishment scheme which has brought the building back to life. The building now addresses prominent corners in the city centre as well as allowing visitors to experience the city from a roof terrace which provides views of Grey’s Monument and Grainger Town. The high quality refurbishment has attracted aspirational retail brands to the city.

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Newcastle College Parsons Building
Client: NCG Group
Architect: Red Box Architecture
Main Contractor: BAM Construction

The judges thought this a sustainable scheme which has retained and refurbished rather than demolished an existing building. The remodelling has resulted in well planned and executed internal spaces whilst externally the building is now an energetic addition to the skyline in the west of Newcastle.

AWARD WINNER

The Rise
Client: New Tyne West Development Company
Architect: IDPartnership - Northern
Main Contractor: BDW North East

The judges were unanimous in their praise of an exemplary housing scheme with high developer aspirations. The development has overcome difficult site constraints to create a good street layout and clever architecture resulting in a new development which feels like a place. The use of different materials and colours has resulted in an uplifting, vibrant phase 1a of this housing development.

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Park and Kensington Terrace Student Accommodation
Client: Newcastle University
Architect: MosesCameronWilliams Architects
Main Contractor: Graham Construction

This scheme comprises both a refurbishment and a new build element. The judges welcomed the retention and refurbishment of Kensington Terrace which had been carried out sensitively, providing a unique offer of student accommodation with large rooms and period features which had been retained alongside the modern fixtures and furnishing.
**Black Gate, Newcastle Castle**

Client: Newcastle City Council  
Architect: Purcell  
Main Contractor: Northern Construction Solutions

The judges gave praise to the well executed scheme that has opened up the building for public use through sympathetic additions to a structure which is both a Scheduled Monument and a Grade I listed building. The judges applauded the bravery to move away from a glass lift addition and instead introduce a design which is a bold and functional form with oak cladding, referencing the ruggedness of medieval construction and complementing the existing building.

**Westgate Hill Primary School**

Client: Newcastle City Council  
Architect: WSP|Parsons Brinckerhoff Ltd  
Main Contractor: Sir Robert McAlpine Ltd

The judges praised a scheme which is an excellent example of what can be done in re-using a listed building. In particular, the remodelling and refurbishment of a building originally designed as a board school in 1898 to provide modern day educational facilities was applauded. The removal of later extensions and infills has allowed the building to return to its original form providing additional space through small glazed extensions.

**The Rise**

Client: New Tyne West Development Company  
Architect: IDPartnership - Northern  
Main Contractor: BDW North East

The Lord Mayor and the other judges praised the scheme as the best development to happen in the area for a number of years. This first phase of building is an impressive start to a development which has been in the planning for many years.

**Crowne Plaza Hotel**

Client: Clouston Group  
Architect: Space Architects  
Main Contractor: Galliford Try

The judges felt that the scheme should be applauded for its contribution to the area and the overall benefits of the redevelopment of this part of the city centre as the Stephenson Quarter. The panel also praised the introduction of the landscaping scheme to the front of the hotel which added a welcome area of open space and greenery to the redevelopment of the area.

**Redevelopment of Monument Mall**

Client: Hammerson PLC  
Architect: FaulknerBrowns Architects  
Main Contractor: Laing O’Rourke

The judges commended the refurbishment of Monument Mall and the part it has played in rejuvenating this part of the city centre. The scheme animates the public realm around the Monument and has contributed to a new destination in the city centre.
New Building

**AWARD WINNER**

**The View**

Client: Downing  
Architect: Simpson Haugh and Partners  
Main Contractor: George Downing Construction

The building was praised by the judges as a great, striking addition to the townscape which is sharp, elegant and uses high quality materials. The introduction of this building has transformed the vista on Strawberry Place. The building also helps to animate the street with an active frontage retail use at ground floor. The judges also gave recognition to a building which demonstrates ambition and a step change in student accommodation in the city.

**COMMENDED FINALIST**

**The Core**

Client: Newcastle City Council  
Architect: FaulknerBrowns Architects  
Main Contractor: Sir Robert McAlpine Ltd

The judges commended a building which has been well designed and put together resulting in high quality architecture. The judges recognised the building use as unique in Newcastle and felt the inward looking design reflected the building function. The inclusion of the green wall gives variety to the overall appearance of the elevations. The building is a positive start to the development of the wider Science Central area.

**Small Scale**

**Discovery School**

Client: Newcastle College  
Architect: WSP|Parsons Brinckerhoff Ltd  
Main Contractor: Sir Robert McAlpine Ltd

The judges gave warm approval to a professional looking building which excellently fulfils its function as a specialist science, technology, engineering and maths school. The glazed intersection connects a refurbished warehouse and a new building whilst allowing a view through to the listed Discovery Museum. The internal spaces are multi-functional and flexible, and the building is designed to BREEAM principles.

**Great Park Community Centre**

Client: Newcastle City Council  
Architect: WSP|Parsons Brinckerhoff  
Main Contractor: Sir Robert McAlpine Ltd

The judges had high praise for a very successful building in terms of architecture and use. The design is striking with a memorable curved, active frontage and is particularly impressive for a community building. The building is multi-functional and a high successful community asset.

**Accessibility**

**Black Gate, Newcastle Castle**

Client: Newcastle City Council  
Architect: Purcell  
Main Contractor: Northern Construction Solutions

The building was originally designed to keep visitors out and the judges were unanimous in their praise for the works to the building which have made it accessible to the public and reversed the original design intent. The scheme has introduced numerous ramps, an elevated walkway and a lift without damaging the historic fabric of the building or the archaeology.