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The Chief Planning Officer
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Dear Colleague

Housing Design Awards 2019

The Government has made it clear that it places great weight on achieving high quality places and that good design in new housing schemes is important. Developers need to engage with communities to understand the expectations of those living there, and it is for that reason the ministry has decided to support a new category at this year's Housing Design awards, entitled the "Good Neighbour Award". The winner of this category will demonstrate evidence of community support for the new development, and I have set out the criteria on the attached annex.

This letter invites you to put forward schemes where you think these criteria have been met and where new homes contribute positively to the existing communities and can be regarded as "good neighbours".

Please take time to consider schemes and encourage entrants to be submitted on line at www.hdawards.org/ by 5pm on Monday 4 March 2019.

Yours sincerely,

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GOOD NEIGHBOUR AWARD CRITERIA

- a) A submitted scheme will have received full planning approval at committee
- b) A submitted scheme should be 'Completed', being wholly or partly occupied since January 2018, so that judges can visit the incoming community
- c) A local representative from the neighbouring area should be available for judges to meet to answer questions when shortlisted schemes are visited in early May
- d) The development should be exemplary design quality and demonstrate an appropriate response to its context
- e) The submission should explain how the new scheme works within the existing framework of development and amenity
- f) The submission should show how the development addresses local housing needs
- g) The submission should include evidence of local support

Any further enquiries should be address to the team at Housing Design Awards by email using info@hdawards.org