



Judging Criteria

All the projects will be assessed using the following criteria:

a) Context:

- Has the design approach demonstrated clear understanding of the site and setting and has the project communicated and justified that approach?
- Is there evidence of physical regeneration and enhancement of the site and surroundings when comparing before and after?
- How does the finished project fit within its urban or rural setting: how has it treated existing site features and any identified natural or historic assets?
- In what way has the design been informed by its surroundings in terms of the siting, form, materials or any other particular features?

b) Environmental and Sustainable Design:

- Has the project demonstrated an actual long-term positive environmental impact, or the probability of it, in the Justification for Design?
- How has the project demonstrated that the design has minimised the carbon footprint of the development including the size and orientation of different parts of the building?
- How has the project demonstrated that the materials and construction methods used:- are appropriate to preserve existing fabric, have low embodied energy, are locally sourced, manage water use and generally minimise the energy use of the building?
- Has the project incorporated renewable energy technology, grey water recycling systems or sustainable drainage systems?

- Demonstrate how the project has exceeded Bronze Active in the Scottish Building Standards 7: Sustainability for Building Regulations.

c) Economy, Innovation and Community

- Set out if the project included or generated activity or employment within the local workforce and whether new skills been developed locally as a result of the project?
- How has the project included original or innovative ideas or technologies as a pilot project or in new circumstances not previously used in Dumfries and Galloway?
- How has the project provided low cost housing or workspace designs which are affordable for occupation by local people?
- Can it be demonstrated that the development project has achieved particular benefits for the local community such as improving opportunities for all, creating an educational or recreational resource or another community interest?

d) Design and Standard of Work

- How does the project exhibit quality in the design and workmanship of the final build?
- What level of attention to detail has been demonstrated in the finished project?
- Has the design approach that has been communicated been met by the design solution?