

The JUDGES

The nominations are considered by a judging panel consisting of representatives from Maldon District Council, local amenity societies, the parish councils, Essex County Council and professional bodies.

The scope of the original awards scheme was expanded in 2008 to encourage the nomination of smaller householder schemes and to address relevant issues such as climate change, sustainability and energy efficiency within design. A new category was introduced and the design category broadened. The judging process is guided by approved criteria, summarised as follows:



BUILDING CONSERVATION AWARD

This award is given to a scheme which is outstanding in terms of the conservation of built heritage. Factors considered by the judges are the quality of workmanship, use of sympathetic traditional materials, inventiveness, positive contributions to the continuing 'story' of the building and whether the project invests a new lease of life in a building which was previously neglected.

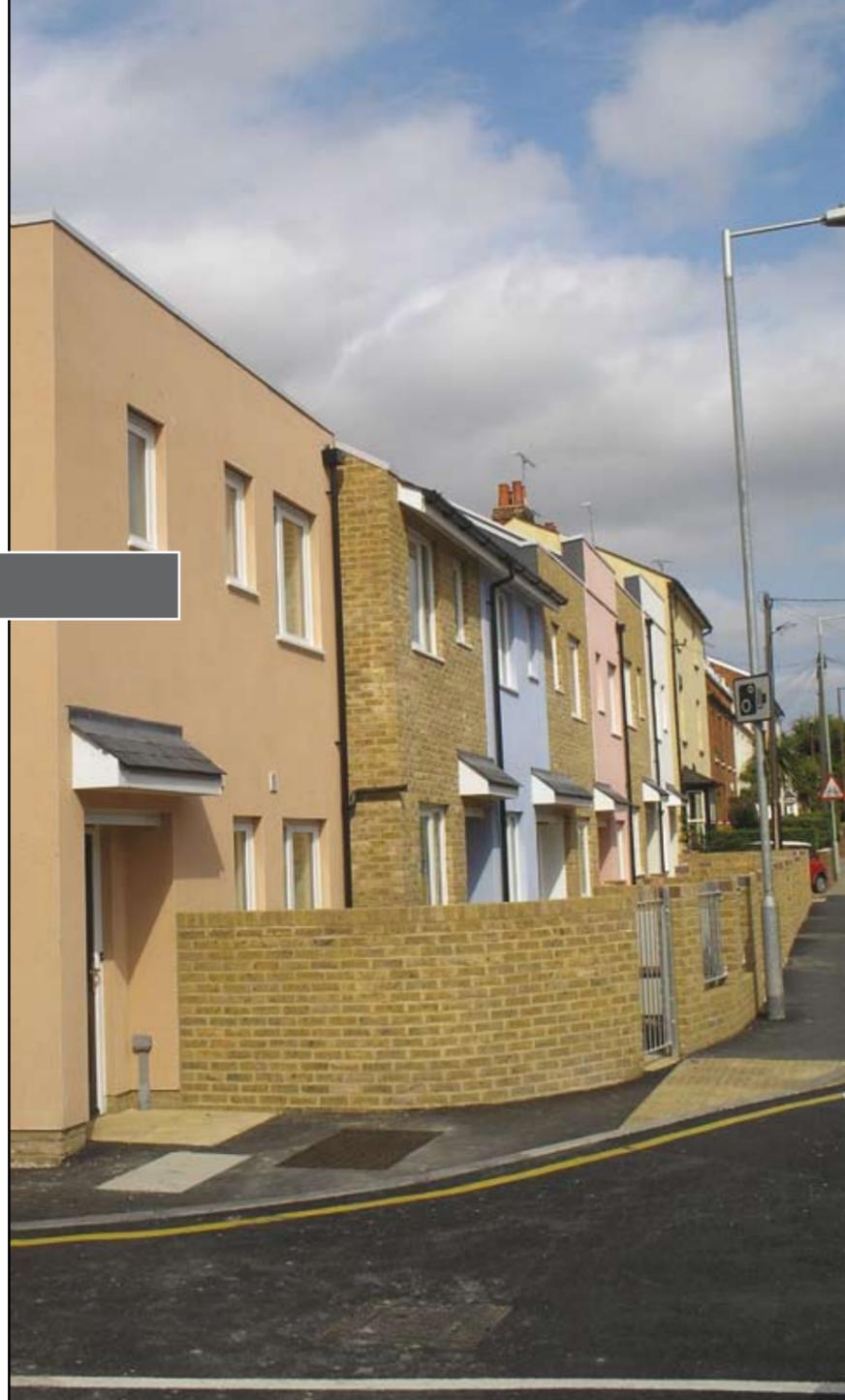
**NATURE CONSERVATION/LANDSCAPE AWARD**

This award is given to a scheme that contributes to the diversity and distinctiveness of a particular landscape and/or environment. Factors considered by the judges are the benefit to local wildlife or the environment, the provision of educative interpretation for the public, the quality of design and execution and the provision of future management and maintenance.



DESIGN AWARD

This award is given to a scheme which is outstanding in terms of its architectural design. Factors considered by the judges are whether, by means of the style, form, fenestration and materials, the scheme is visually attractive, conveniently arranged according to its function, executed to a high standard, and relates well with its surroundings.



SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

This award is given to a scheme which contributes to the broad goals of energy / resource conservation or sustaining local communities. Factors considered by the judges include efforts to minimise impact on the environment by exploiting renewable energy or energy efficiency, the effective use of micro-generation technology, the use of water saving devices, the re-use of derelict buildings in which energy was invested in the past, use of The Building Regulations and the Code for Sustainable Homes to achieve reductions in carbon emissions, minimising levels of long distance transportation.

