

# ABERDEENSHIRE DESIGN AWARDS 2010



Please state your reasons for nominating a scheme under a specific category e.g. in what way does a project demonstrate the criteria and qualities outlined in the guidance notes. The text must not exceed 200 words.

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Aberdeenshire Council may use information and images from the Design Awards for publicity purposes. This would include various channels such as the media, our website, plasma screen network and internal/external publications.

Please let us know if you would NOT wish to take part in publicity by ticking the box below.

All nominations must include the following supporting information:

**An A4 location plan scale 1:10,000 on which the nomination is clearly indicated.**

**Coloured images of the nomination.** You may provide as many coloured images of the nomination as you wish, up to two sides of an A4 sheet.

**Digital images** should be supplied as jpgs at a minimum of 300dpi, on CD.

All supporting documentation along with the detached Nomination form must be clearly labelled with the name of the scheme and the owner's name and address and sent to:

Planning Policy and Environment, Viewmount, Arduathie Road, Stonehaven, AB39 2DQ  
FAO Environment Planner (South Team) by 19th February 2010

**All incomplete nominations will be removed from the judging process.**

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Aberdeenshire Council recognises that good design is important to the public realm and in a wider context believes that development must be of benefit to the people. The aspirations of the Aberdeenshire Design Awards are to encourage the very best in environmental design, to stimulate and develop a deeper and broader interest in our traditional and recent architectural surroundings, and to improve the built environment within Aberdeenshire, thus raising the profile and benefit of good architectural design within our communities.

## What is eligible for a 2010 Aberdeenshire Design Award?

The Aberdeenshire Design Awards are given to outstanding design achievements in the categories of Housing, Business, Conservation, Rural Landscape Development, Sustainability, Craftsmanship and Public Art. Within the remits of the categories new build, regeneration, conservation, restoration, conversion and extensions may all be considered eligible. The entry must be located within Aberdeenshire. Anyone can submit an entry. The closing date for entries is 19th February 2010. All eligible works must have been completed within the last 2 years with the exception of Rural landscape Development and Public Art.

## Tiers of Design Award

Aberdeenshire Council awards three tiers of Design Award: Distinction; Highly Commended and Commended. In addition the Judging panel may make a Special Award for outstanding contributions made by a single Designer within Aberdeenshire.

- Distinctions are awarded to projects that make an *outstanding* contribution to the quality and appearance of their *immediate* and *surrounding environment*.
- Highly Commendeds are awarded to projects that make a *valuable* contribution to the quality and appearance of the *local environment*.
- Commendeds are awarded to projects that make a contribution to the quality and appearance of the *local environment*.

## The Judging Process

The judging process will take place over two phases. The first phase will be based purely upon the submissions made in accordance with the requests on the nomination form. Any nomination that fails to provide the required information in the manner prescribed will be removed from the award scheme.

The second phase of the judging process involves an in-depth study of the finalists, which may include a site visit by the judging panel.

In both phases of judging the panel will remain consistent and include the Chair and Vice Chair of the Infrastructure Services Committee, The Director of Planning and Environmental Services and a representative of the housing industry. In addition specialists in relevant fields may be invited to advise the judging panel on specific areas of relevance.

## Aberdeenshire Design Award Ceremony

The Council will invite all finalists and their nominators to the Award Ceremony, to be held on 2nd September 2010 at Haddo House, Tarves, Aberdeenshire. The winners will be announced at this time.

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## Guidance Notes

A project must be of a high standard to be considered for a Design Award. It must show exceptional merit and be of a quality which justifies at least local attention.

Within the three tiers of Design Award there is no set limit to the number of awards made in each category, and a scheme may be nominated under several categories. Normally, however, no more than two awards will be made to any one scheme.

Projects entered for the Public Art and Rural Landscape Development categories must have been finished within the past five years and schemes nominated for the other five categories must have been completed in the previous two years.

The schemes proposed for an Award will be judged on their relationship with their landscape setting and any neighbouring developments. Disabled access should be an integral design issue in conversion projects and new build schemes and a positive contribution to the sense of place applies to all.

## Awards may be given for the following categories of projects:

- **Housing** The award will be given to nominations that demonstrate consideration to surroundings, response to site constraints and opportunities, parking solutions, external appearances, finishes, detailing and workmanship. Nominations may include single houses, house extensions, house conversions or innovative methods of layout of new housing development.
- **Business** In this category new build, extension or conversion of buildings or other structures for retail, industrial, office or other non-residential use will be considered.
- **Conservation** The Award will be given to nominations that demonstrate exemplary work of a high architectural standard and make a substantial contribution to the local environment. Nominations may include alterations, extensions or conversions of old or traditional buildings, as well as new buildings which have been designed to fit into a Conservation Area or to be closely associated with an important Listed Building.
- **Rural Landscape Development** This category's nominees must demonstrate innovative and sympathetic treatment of a project with quality of workmanship and the materials used being a foremost consideration. The project must exhibit an improved environment for its users. Nominations may include buildings for agriculture, forestry or recreational use, or works including landscaping associated with new or redeveloped buildings, environmental improvement, land reinstatement, landscape management or recreational facilities.
- **Sustainability** This Award will be given to projects that demonstrate the best application of the principles of sustainable design and construction, including the re-use of land and existing buildings, the recycling of construction materials, energy consumption and/or carbon footprint. Eligible projects may include contemporary design of both new build and conversions.
- **Craftsmanship** Awards for high standards of craftsmanship in the execution of developments may be applied for separately, or awarded subsequently by the judging panel.
- **Public Art** This may include artworks within the fabric of a building, including lighting features or floorscapes or boundary features, free-standing sculptures and temporary installations. Emphasis will be placed on the quality of material and the impact on the surrounding environment.

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## Nomination Form

### Nomination

Name of Feature / Address .....

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Postcode .....

Month / Year of completion .....

Owner .....

Name and Address of Architect or Designer .....

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Tel No .....

Name and Address of Contractor .....

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Tel No .....

### Nominator

Name .....

Address .....

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Postcode ..... Tel No .....

**Under which category do you wish to nominate the scheme.** See criteria on attached sheet. Please note that a separate form is required for each category you wish to nominate a property under, one tick per form please! Photocopies of this form are acceptable.

**Housing**

**Business**

**Public Art**

**Rural Landscape Development**

**Sustainability**

**Conservation**

**Craftsmanship**