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Welcome to OxPropFest 21



It has been a difficult 18 months for everyone. As Covid-19 has rampaged across the world creating so much misery in its wake, we have all had to adapt to this brave new world. It has forced us to look at our way of life differently and embrace change to all aspects of our personal and business lives. Nowhere has this more evident than in the Oxfordshire property sector which has once again risen to the occasion and produced a batch of submissions (39 in total), reflecting the depth of skills working across Oxfordshire and the ability of the property sector to respond to the many challenges experienced over this period.

Many thanks to all our twelve judges who gave up their time and experience once again to ensure that the OxPropFest awards continue to be credible and representative of the Oxfordshire property, design and construction sectors. And finally, many thanks to **Greg Searle MBE** who, as an Olympic Gold Medal oarsman, knows better than most the trials and tribulations of winning awards.

Good luck to all the shortlisted entries and I look forward to meeting you either on the podium or in the Hangar 113 Bar afterwards!

Joint Chair of the Judges:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Matthew Battle'.

MATTHEW BATTLE
Managing Director + Founder,
UK Property Forums

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nigel Tipple'.

NIGEL TIPPLE
Chief Executive Officer,
OxLEP

WELCOME

Drinks Reception

Welcome from tonight's host – Matthew Battle

Matt Batt Award

Moderator & Speaker – Greg Searle CBE

Starter and main course

Awards and collect donations for Access Sports

Dessert

More awards!

Hangar 113 Bar Opens

Carriages (11.30pm)

Moderator & Speaker – Greg Searle MBE



Greg Searle is an Olympic Gold Medal winner who has worked as a coach with organisations for 20 years to help improve their performance. Having won gold in Barcelona 1992, he returned to win Bronze in London 2012. He worked for Lane4 for 20 years and now supports organisations from the corporate and public sector including the NHS, charities, and sports such as the FA and the R&A.

Greg delivers interactive leadership development with the emphasis on the people in the virtual room. He challenges thinking and behaviour by encouraging the audience to take responsibility and ultimately action to drive their own, and their teams' performance. He is comfortable on the large stage, working virtually, or with smaller teams and individuals. He is an accredited coach with the EMCC. (European Mentoring and Coaching Council) and works on the MBA programme at the SAID Business School in Oxford.

He has also been busy as an Honorary Patron for the charity Access Sport and retains a keen interest in rowing as a Steward of Henley Royal Regatta and as a commentator for the Governing Body of World Rowing (FISA).



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Award for Best Planning Consultancy

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BLAKE MORGAN

Blake Morgan's roots go deep in the region but the firm thrives in the modern world too, as demonstrated by clients ancient (Oxford University in its joint venture with Legal & General) and modern (scientific pioneers at Harwell and UKAEA at Culham). Significant hires have bolstered the firm's comprehensive teams over recent years. A strong contender.



MILLS & REEVE

Mills & Reeve justify their participation in the OxPropFest Awards not only through their work over many years for Oxford colleges but in recent months for Thomas White Oxford and with Kedans at Abingdon Business Park. Navigating the planning intricacies for the company's complex new development at Oxford North has been a unique challenge! Maybe also time to get an office in Oxford?



WINCKWORTH SHERWOOD

Harnessing the strength in depth of its London property lawyers, WS's strategic decision to hire a highly regarded team to develop its Oxford office is paying dividends. The firm is applying its commitment to the ESG agenda in its work for Eco Village at Bicester and for East West Railway across the Arc.

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CARTER JONAS



CARTER JONAS has maintained strong growth despite the pandemic and has developed successful new working patterns. Planning wins have featured strongly, with consents obtained for the massive Rebellion Film Studios complex in Didcot and releasing from green belt constraints the Culham Science Centre, thus enabling the client to pursue its fusion energy programme, among other pioneering ventures.

SAVILLS



SAVILLS With some of the most high-profile transactions, such as Brookfield's acquisition of a majority interest in Harwell Campus and the development of the UK's Vaccination Centre (again at Harwell) under its belt, Savills is a leading player in the panoply of real estate agents in the region. The planning team was instrumental in gaining planning approval for Oxford North.

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Shortlisted for Best
Commercial Development



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Award for Best Planning Consultancy

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EDGE URBAN DESIGN

EDGE URBAN DESIGN Unashamedly sporting the spark of moxie, the gender aware Thame-based team of urban designers and planners wear their extensive skills and experience freshly, lightly and with humour. But as their clients attest, the depth of their commitment and vision for their projects is undeniable. Edge listen carefully and combine their vision with attention to detail.



EDGARS

EDGARS 'Big Hairy Audacious Goal' is to be the Tesla of the planning world! Led by UKPF leader of the year, Jayne Norris, the firm has continued to enjoy strong growth through 2020, despite the pandemic. As committed to its staff as to its clients, the Edgars ethos continues to resonate through the property community.

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Award for Best Planning Consultancy

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LICHFIELDS takes a holistic approach to planning. Going beyond the many individual and prestigious instructions of which it is justifiably proud, the firm through its analysis, thought leadership and comprehensive experience is deeply immersed in the strategies and policies needed to deliver the buildings and infrastructure which the unprecedented growth throughout the county requires.



SAVILLS Oxford planning team has been instrumental in delivering planning consents for some of the most significant developments in and around the city for many years. Extensive expertise combined with collaborative engagement with the local planning authorities have enabled the team to deliver unique results for the firm's prestigious client base.

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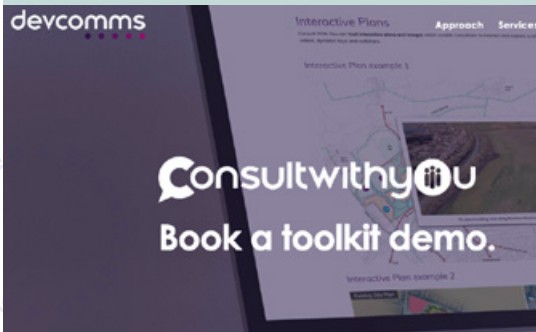
CABI HQ



CABI HQ, WALLINGFORD

A new building embracing passive design principles: this was the fundamental brief for the impressive and innovative HQ building for agri and enviro research organisation. The use of natural light and a design that enables the building to blend into its AONB location have delivered a strong contender in this category.

DEV COMMS - 'CONSULT WITH YOU'



DEV COMMS The Planning PR consultancy have devised 'Consult with You' - a user-friendly and accessible online tool for consulting on planning applications. Of particular use while we've all been working from home, the tool provides access to all aspects of a planning application, from monitoring representations to digital brochures, webinars and embedded surveys.

EARTH LAB



EARTH LAB demonstrates how pioneering design, use of materials and construction methods might give our planet a pause for breath and recovery. Designed to teach and inspire children how the built and natural environments can come together for their mutual benefit, the project combines clever design and a strong message for the future.



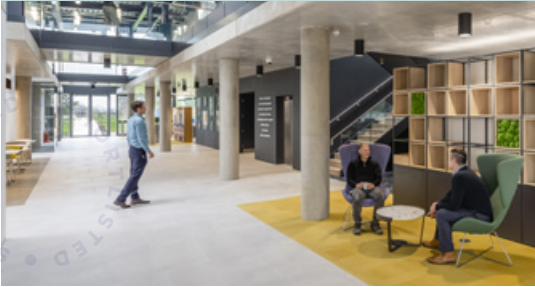
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CABI HQ, WALLINGFORD



The use of natural light for the innovative CABI agri and enviro HQ building and its orientation to 'follow' the trajectory of the sun have resulted in an interior feeling of 'outside, inside'. The heat in the building is constantly monitored and (radically!) the windows can be opened to deliver individual ventilation control.

EDGE SPACE, THAME



edge UD have treated us to a video presentation portraying the creation of their work den in Thame. We've come to expect something different from this group of pioneering urban designers and they don't disappoint. An open collaborative space, their enthusiasm and joy for their project, with multiple hints of pink, shine through. The edge team is one to watch!

ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE, OXFORD



The design and delivery of a new accommodation, study and recreational hub for graduates follow and complement the pioneering original 20th century design for the College. The team has achieved a beautiful synthesis of sympathetic architecture, exceptional materials and sustainable features, all of which enhance the original buildings and respect the surrounding environment.

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**GOOD LUCK
TO ALL THE
FINALISTS
TONIGHT!**



BIDWELLS

Award for Best Residential Development

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CLOUGH & ELLIS, OXFORD



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'Breath-taking spaces and pure design quality' were the key elements of the brief for this development of two luxury houses on Cumnor Hill. The extensive use of glass means the houses are full of light and the use of timeless materials in a sleek modern setting has delivered an exceptional result for their occupiers.

HAYFIELDS, SOUTHMOOR



HAYFIELDS, SOUTHMOOR

The best development in Oxfordshire' is how Hayfield Homes describes this eco-led, £27m scheme. Boasting a prize-winning public realm and working closely with Natural England, the 74 luxury homes are inextricably linked to the generous open spaces which incorporate mature and new trees, open fields and wildflower meadows. The sense of calm and place is palpable.

KINGSMERE, BICESTER



KINGSMERE, BICESTER is not just a residential development; it's an entire village, with a heart and a community. Developer Countrywide have engaged with some of the biggest housebuilders to create a new 21st century community comprising approximately 2,500 new homes adjacent to Bicester. The development is enhanced by the intrinsic importance attributed to nature, sport, education, and retail.

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MOSAICS BARTON PARK, OXFORD



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SPRINGFIELD'S MEADOWS, SOUTHMOOR



SPRINGFIELD'S MEADOWS, SOUTHMOOR The future of residential development? This small but pioneering housing development in the Oxfordshire countryside is not only delivering highly contemporary and bespoke designs for their customers but achieving the holy grail of net carbon in so doing. Extensive use of timber, Passivhaus principles and local manufacturing are combining to produce beautiful houses.

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BELLHOUSE BUILDING



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COMMAND CENTRE



COMMAND CENTRE, BICESTER MOTION, BICESTER Bicester Heritage has achieved a unique reimagining of the classic RAF buildings here at the heart of the UK's historic motoring industry. Contemporary, yet totally in keeping with the heritage buildings, the Command Works and their fascinating and eclectic mix of occupiers pay respect to the past and embrace the future of our fascination with motor cars.

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DIDCOT QUARTER



DIDCOT QUARTER, DIDCOT These large and deceptively simple, albeit strikingly impressive, logistics buildings are giving new meaning to the word 'shed'. Distribution may be their purpose, but beauty, contemporary materials, an environmental focus and recognition that a place of employment should enhance the lives of those who work there have all been combined in this impressive design-led development.

ZEUS BUILDING



ZEUS BUILDING, HARWELL Science and technology in Oxfordshire are on fire. In response, Harwell Campus has delivered the Zeus Building. Daringly modern, but relatable to the traditional campus buildings, the development will flex to accommodate occupiers in all stages of their growth. Space, life sciences and energy tech will find their needs met by this stunning, sensitively designed new building.

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RADLEY COLLEGE, RADLEY



L SOCIAL RADLEY COLLEGE, RADLEY Manifesting the school's key pillars of 'people, place, partnership and purpose', the new accommodation and teaching block reconciled the tension between providing access to less privileged pupils and sacrificing an area of green belt. Collaborative engagement with the local authority was key and the constraints of the pandemic did not impede delivery.

ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE, OXFORD



ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE, OXFORD Designed to follow the contemporary design of its 20th century 'parent' buildings, this sizeable but somehow still intimate new accommodation, study and recreational hub for graduates achieves a beautiful synthesis of sympathetic architecture, exceptional materials and sustainable features. Especially appealing is the emphasis placed on the incorporation and reflection of the surrounding natural environment.

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WADHAM COLLEGE,
OXFORD



WADHAM COLLEGE, OXFORD Breathing new life into the site of a rather tired 1950s building, the Access and Undergraduate Centre at Wadham College is fresh and contemporary. The building's design complements its more traditional Oxford college companions and creates a welcoming space which will encourage undergraduates, current and aspirational, to come together and achieve their potential.

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KATH GRUNDY, WWA

Kathryn is one of WWA's young stars and is taking her undoubted design and architectural skills into the arena of accessibility and inclusivity. Derived from her own personal experience, her work promotes the provision of facilities for the less able, including those with profound mental and learning difficulties, which have been hitherto neglected in traditional design and procurement.



RACHEL WOODMAN, BIDWELLS

Leading on Bidwell's waste and renewables projects, with experience gained from her time with a statutory undertaker, Rachel adopts a holistic approach incorporating sustainability issues before presenting comprehensive recommendations to her clients. Rachel is carving out a fundamental role for Bidwells – and herself - in the increasingly important renewable energy sector.



REBECCA BACON, SAVILLS

A key member of Savills planning team, Rebecca is committed to the wider property community in the region. With a passion for making a difference to the built environment through a collaborative approach, she has worked on prestigious projects, including the new Life and Mind building in Oxford and residential developments around the city.



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Past winners have included (left to right) James Dipple / Jayne Norris / Angus Horner

BUT WHO WILL WIN THIS YEAR?

Past winners of this prestigious award have summed up the entrepreneurial and leadership qualities required to be successful not only within their own teams but also within the wider property community. Chosen from a mixture of submissions and from the sage advice of the OxPropFest judges, tonight's winners are worthy of the high standards which we expect from our 'leaders' in Oxfordshire.

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