

Stop Press!

Early 2009

New Commissions



Advising on a Major Heritage Initiative – Concerning YORK MINSTER

Based on his experience in overseeing and recruiting people for major regeneration schemes, Baron Isherwood has been assisting the Dean and Chapter of **York Minster** in the selection of a Project Director to be responsible for the crucial submission of detailed proposals to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a £10M grant towards the conservation of the East Front and Great East window plus other works to enhance the Minster as a heritage, cultural and tourism destination.

Sustainable Refurbishment - South Yorkshire - Research / Project Programme (and Grant-Aid Applications)

In 2009, Eira Hughes (HIRC/EHCSLtd) has been commissioned by TSY to devise a workable project - to back up TSY's new focus on **improving energy use and efficiency in the existing housing stock** across South Yorkshire and the Green Corridor - and to research the availability of EU and other grant-aid.

Bangor University Link

HIRC have recently been selected by the University of Bangor's Management Centre (www.themanagementcentre.co.uk) as one firm in a team of consultants to provide research and consultancy services to assist the Centre's work.

Design Advice Roles



In 2009, Eira Hughes DipLA, MCD, MRTPI, CMLI has been appointed as:

- (i) a **CABE Space Enabler**, by the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (the UK Government's adviser on such matters in England). CABE say: *"The CABE Space Enabling Panel helps local authorities and providers of open space to improve the public realm through better planning, design, maintenance and management. Space Enablers are allocated to projects and spend between 5 and 15 days on each assignment, providing guidance and advice on good practice. The panel forms a diverse and unique body of public realm expertise and benefits from broad geographical coverage across the country."*
- (ii) a **Member** of the **North West Design Review Panel** – by Places Matter! (based at the Tea Factory, in the regenerated Ropeworks area of Liverpool) and, in that role, has recently been providing observations on development ideas for city centre housing schemes and new parks – at the pre-planning application stage.

Other Recent Projects

The Doncaster Workshop on Sustainable Design and Construction (LDF / Planning) Policy

EH was commissioned to lead, organize and facilitate a Workshop for Doncaster MBC's Development and Planning (Urban Renaissance) Team – on the development of their **Local Development Framework (LDF) Policy on Sustainable Design and Construction**. The Workshop was well attended by developers, DMBC officers and various experts. EH was supported in this task by John Burns (of MacKeller Architects) and David Barrie.



Bramah Street Area, Carlton, Barnsley – Landscape and Planning Issues

Following on an earlier HIRC commission which advised on the scope for well-designed regeneration of number of sites in Barnsley, further advice was commissioned - by Transform South Yorkshire Housing Market Renewal (HMR) Pathfinder, plus The Green Corridor, and Barnsley MBC – on **Landscape, Planning and Green Belt Issues** associated with making the most of the housing regeneration options for the Bramah Street area. EH has been working on this latest commission with Michael Rushe (of ICE Architects, London) - who has advised on the architectural options. Their combined advice will enable the Clients to produce a good 'Landscape and Design Statement' to guide detailed design and a planning application.

Carbon Zero Agenda / Awareness Raising Seminar Programme for Housing Developers in South Yorkshire – FINAL EVENT

During 2008, Eira Hughes (HIRC/EHCSLtd) supported Yasmin Shariff (Dennis Sharpe Architects), Michael Rushe (Ice Architects) and John Burns (MacKeller Architects), with overall co-ordination by David Barrie (David Barrie Design, Regeneration, Media), in a major project to devise and deliver - for Transform South Yorkshire and Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Councils - a programme of awareness-raising and engagement with large and medium sized housing developers on '**carbon zero**' housing.



As part of the **FINAL EVENT**, Eira Hughes led / facilitated a **Workshop on Planning Issues**, where developers and local authority planners had an opportunity to discuss the implications of the new standards for homes in England for - planning processes, planning applications, the negotiation of planning agreements, achieving sustainable transportation systems, 'place-shaping', dealing with wider environmental issues, and surviving the 'credit crunch'.

Greening the Regional Economy – Greater Manchester

Baron Isherwood was recently engaged by **Watson Wyatt** to make a presentation to a North West finance and professional audience, on behalf of the Wood Street Mission, on the potential 'green' economy of Manchester, with particular attention to the contribution that can be made by Manchester's sizeable financial sector - an event unfortunately overtaken by the financial crisis!

'The World of Goods' – into French

A French edition of 'The World of Goods' (authors - the late Mary Douglas and Baron Isherwood) - '**Pour une Anthropologie de la Consommation**', published by the Institut francais de la mode, the translation of which required Baron Isherwood's assistance, appeared in French bookshops at the end of 2008.

Associates' News



Congratulations to Nia Hughes (of Keele University) on obtaining her PhD in Marketing (from Lancaster University).