

Guildford Borough Council Shortlisted for National Planning Award

We're in the running for a prestigious national planning award.

Our Weyside Urban Village (WUV) regeneration scheme has been shortlisted in the National Planning Awards. The awards recognise outstanding work by councils, consultants, and developers. Our nomination is for the 'Best use of council land and or property in placemaking'.

Our entry outlines our strategic approach to this. We're releasing land and designing a 20-minute community.

WUV will create a new neighbourhood alongside the River Wey. It will deliver 1,550 new homes of which 40% will be affordable. Our approach is also enabling major upgrades to community facilities in the borough. A new modern sewage treatment works, and a state-of-the-art council depot have been approved.

The scheme will also deliver new public spaces and a nature reserve. New health facilities, community and employment spaces will add to the new neighbourhood. A network of walking, cycling and public transport connections also form part of the plan.

Other shortlisted projects are all in major cities including London, Liverpool, and Birmingham.

Deputy Leader and Lead Councillor for Regeneration, Cllr Tom Hunt said:

"I'm delighted that our approach to placemaking has been recognised as outstanding.

"Being in the same category as three major cities shows the breadth of our ambition.

"I'd like to thank all our partners and the local community who have worked with us on the scheme. Our nomination shows the effectiveness of our partnership working and community collaboration."

The winners will be announced at a ceremony on 8 June 2023.