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FOREWORD

As Chairman of ProCon, and on behalf of the ProCon Board, I welcome you all to the 19th ProCon Awards.

Whether you, like me, are a veteran of these celebrations or are here for the first time, you are amongst friends.

We all have an interest in a thriving property and construction sector and our finalists tonight show how vibrant, varied and valuable our projects are.

We are here, in no small part, thanks to our sponsors. Your support means everything.

Thanks also go to our judges, for their time and expertise, and to everyone who entered the competition. It was a pleasure to study your projects and hugely encouraging to see the difference our professions are making to our built environment.

Last year we announced the establishment of the Pam Allardice Bursary Fund, in memory of our founder and guiding light. You will be pleased to learn that the Fund is already actively supporting the next generation of talent entering our industry.

Tonight, we are raising money for the children's rugby charity Wooden Spoon. Every pound you donate during this evening's raffle will be spent in our local communities supporting vulnerable children and young people. Please be generous.

Although this awards ceremony is where the spotlight is brightest, ProCon Leicestershire has a year-round presence.

Please do join us at our end of year get together next month and do attend our programme of events in 2023. And encourage your junior staff to join our Emerging Talent group.

Thanks to everyone who has made tonight possible. On behalf of ProCon Leicestershire, we wish all ProCon members and your guests a very enjoyable evening.



Umesh Desai
Chair, ProCon Leicestershire





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PROGRAMME

6.15pm	Wine reception Exhibition
7.15pm	Call through for dinner
7.45pm	Introduction Umesh Desai, ProCon Chair
8.05pm	Dinner
10.05pm	Charity raffle
10.15pm	Awards ceremony
10.45pm	Closing remarks
11.00pm	Casino
2.00am	Bar closes

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TONIGHT'S HOST

MATT POOLE



Matt enjoyed a 12 year playing career with Leicester Tigers during which he won several titles and competitions, playing for England at a variety of age group levels as well as touring with the Senior team to Argentina and South Africa. He also had the privilege of playing for the Barbarians and Randwick in Sydney.

Following his retirement he moved into the commercial side of sport which eventually led to him forming his own Events and Hospitality Agency in 2014 which now enjoys working with leading domestic and international brands on a variety of projects.

Along the way he realised that sometimes it's just easier to do the hosting yourself and as a consequence has been asked to host many prestigious events both at home and overseas and is honoured to be doing the same again tonight.

CHARITY



Wooden Spoon is the children's charity of rugby. We are a grant-making charity and fund life-changing projects across the UK & Ireland.

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Good luck to all of tonight's shortlisted companies.



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SMALL RESIDENTIAL

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An Award for a residential scheme located within the Leicestershire or Rutland boundaries judged by both a panel of experts and the ProCon membership. Schemes must have achieved practical completion within the 18 months prior to 30 June 2022, and not have been previously submitted for a ProCon Award.

The scheme is judged in terms of its impact in the following criteria:

- Creative approach to property development including the issues and challenges overcome
- Design excellence
- Construction quality and materials used
- Innovation used in the development/scheme
- Visual impact, internally and externally
- Sympathetic environmental impact and sustainable aspects
- Integration into the surrounding area
- Budgetary considerations

Residential for the purpose of these Awards is classed as any scheme which is used for living purposes e.g. single dwelling, care home, housing development, apartments, student accommodation. Properties can be new build, conversion or refurbishment.

Small Residential means single dwelling / 1 unit

Grange Farm, Walton submitted by Corporate Architecture



Grange Farm is a family's 'forever home' created from old and disused barns on a site that enjoys stunning all-round views across open countryside. By keeping the simple, traditional lines of the former buildings it was possible to include large, glazed areas within the house that brought in significant amounts of light throughout. The monopitch roofs to the barns became a key feature. Large open plan areas with extensive glazing throughout, including links within the house, resulted in large, airy spaces which make the most of the countryside views. The alterations to the site to create the single storey family home have integrated neatly into the surrounding area and represent a stylish addition to the village. The building sits on the original footprint of the old buildings and the height of the home is consistent with the former buildings and the roof angles have been kept as before. The tiled floor throughout links all the areas of the home and allows light from the glazed areas to be reflected, changing the ambience in different weathers and at different times of day.

Contract value: £0.55m
Completion date: August 2021
Main parties involved:
Mr & Mrs Parkes
Corporate Architecture
Barry Dixon
Yan Clayton Building Contractors

The Old Barn, Laughton submitted by Corporate Architecture



The conversion of an agricultural building created a new, smaller home for a Laughton village resident of 40 years. The building is in a prominent position at an entry to the small village, so it was important to have construction and materials in keeping with the local vernacular. The house is predominantly timber clad with Crittall style metal windows and a standing seam roof, all combining to achieve a barn effect. The clients' wish was to move to a smaller and more manageable home in the village where she has many friends. Internally a clever use of light and layout within a smaller footprint has produced deceptively large living spaces. The home is discreetly future proofed in terms of accessibility. Simple materials, traditional lines and a soft colour palette have provided the owner with a backdrop to add her own touches to further develop a cosy and homely feel.

Contract value: £0.35m
Completion date: January 2021
Main parties involved:
Mrs Ellingworth
Corporate Architecture
Paul Diamond
Crewyard Construction

The Warren, Bitteswell submitted by brp architects



The Warren is a bespoke family home designed to include new and innovative materials and technologies to reduce its environmental impact. On the edge of Bitteswell village, the home was created using several specialist suppliers including an insulated foundation system from Sweden. The Warren has a fully automated building management system with intelligent heating and lighting control, security systems and a home cinema. Hybrid solar thermal roof panels collect energy and heat. A below-ground thermal energy bank stores the thermal energy from the panels. The Warren is a two-storey, domestic scale dwelling that was designed to look unimposing within its landscape setting. It was constructed with a timber frame which is clad externally with a combination of white render and Thermowood timber cladding. The cladding was bespoke and set out to a specific pattern. Slimline glazed windows and doors provide floor-to-ceiling glazing to the east wing of the house and large sliding doors provide access to the formal garden space.

Contract value: £0.95m
Completion date: June 2021
Main parties involved:
Mr and Mrs Hall
BRP Architects
Caplin Homes
Orangehouse

MEDIUM RESIDENTIAL

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Medium Residential means 2 to 10 units.

Briscoe Lane, Woodhouse

submitted by JMS Engineers, Reynolds Property and Staniforth Architects



Briscoe Lane is a development of nine new homes in a popular location. The two, three and four bedroom homes are designed to be low maintenance and energy efficient. Attention was paid to the use of traditional local materials and the style and detailing of nearby buildings. The project included access, parking, garaging and landscaping. The resulting development looks like its houses have been part of the village and the landscape for years. Key to the project's success was sourcing the materials to enable the new homes to blend into the surrounding village, including reusing Swithland slate. Established trees on the greenfield site were retained to add character to the project. 'No dig' construction was used on one section of roadway to avoid disturbing roots. The properties were given high-specification conservation rooflights to maintain a traditional look and feel whilst achieving modern thermal efficiency. The rooflights ensure an abundance of natural light.

Contract value: £2.1m

Completion date: March 2022

Main parties involved:

Reynolds Property
Keller Construction
JMS Engineering
Staniforth Architects

The Green, Orton on the Hill

submitted by JMS Engineers, Hayward Architects and Enviro Developments



Lancaster House and York House are two luxury new homes built at Orton on the Hill, a village with views over four counties. The brief to the architects was for homes built in a sustainable way with high levels of energy efficiency and reduced carbon emissions. Air source heat pumps and solar panels were deployed. Both houses feature clean lines and a large free flowing living space with high ceilings and large windows framing the views. Built in a conservation area, Lancaster House and York House are both around 4,500 sq ft each and were built to maximise their space in each plot. The objective was to create attractive and contemporary buildings that would enhance the character of the village. The bespoke designs have grand entrance hallways with oak and glass staircases. The heart of each is the kitchen, dining and family area.

Contract value: £2.5m

Completion date: May 2022

Main parties involved:

Enviro Developments
Hayward Architects
JMS Engineering
Mallory Irvine

The Old Mill, Great Glen

submitted by
Corporate Architecture



The Old Mill is a low-density development of six new detached houses on the edge of Great Glen. The bespoke homes in a countryside setting were designed to have their own individuality through proportion, placing and materials. The site was challenging, with a foul main running across the site and an ancient right of way emerging during construction. A potential flood risk was managed by remodelling the topography. The Old Mill is a new hamlet of six homes in a leafy and attractive site. The dwellings face the access road at different angles, giving the development a varied appearance that avoids monotony and overlooking. A rich palette of materials, heavily influenced by the local vernacular, formed the basis of creating a bespoke finish for each individual dwelling. During construction some of the dwellings were bought early in their build, enabling the purchasers to shape the internal finishes, layout and, in some cases, the external footprint. All the properties were sold.

Contract value: £3.5m

Completion date: January 2021

Main parties involved:

Collingwood Developments
Corporate Architecture
PRP
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Large Residential means 11 units or more.

Hornsey Rise, Wellsborough submitted by Springbourne Homes



Nineteen luxury detached homes were created on a ten-acre rural site that was previously the setting of a care home. Large family houses were built, and a 1930s chapel was fully restored and extended into a home. All the homes have air source heating, including underfloor on the ground floor. Each feature open plan living spaces. A key architectural feature on the front of the houses is a significant amount of green oak. An electric car charging point was fitted as standard in the garage of each property. Although the former care home was derelict and dilapidated the landscape was stunning, offering panoramic views across the rich, coloured tapestry of agricultural Leicestershire and Warwickshire. All the homes enjoy a large, bright and open entrance hall, showcasing a feature staircase. The four bedroom homes have ensuites to all rooms, the five bedroom properties have three ensuites and a shared bathroom. Springbourne Homes restored a World War One memorial found during the site clearing. It is dedicated to 380 members of former printers' union NATSOPA who were killed and has pride of place in a new Peace Garden.

Contract value: £14m
Completion date: June 2022
Main parties involved:

Springbourne Homes	WMS
Hayward Architects	AM Norris
LMH	Vaillant
JT Ellis	PW Electrical
EML	Mallory
Sussex Hardwood	Kirby Proseal
HS Trade	NCF Carpets
Central Joinery	PRP Consulting Engineers & Surveyors

The Gate – Waterside Village, Loughborough submitted by HSSP Architects and Solus Homes



The Gate is a new building of 64 luxury one- and two-bedroom apartments. It joined its historic sister building The Mill to complete Phase 2 of the Waterside Village gateway hub into Loughborough. Waterside Village connects the railway station with the town centre, enabling neighbouring business expansion. It has created confidence for other developers to further local regeneration. The Gate's structure is unusual as it is constructed from five storeys of load bearing masonry. An industrial look was replicated by including exposed internal red brickwork, high ceilings, large windows and metal columns. The Gate needed to complement its converted Waterside Village neighbour The Mill, which dates from 1889. The Gate was designed to harmonise with The Mill but have its own modern identity. The Gate features a fully equipped gymnasium, a swimming pool, BBQ area, bike store and canal-side boat moorings. There is a concierge service based in the open plan reception area and shared communal working, socialising and eating areas.

Contract value: £8m
Completion date: March 2022
Main parties involved:

Solus Homes	BARK Design Studios
HSSP Architects	BEC Consulting
Charnwood Borough Council	OBP Windows
HSP Consulting Engineers	Balcony Life
WSP Safety	Blue Sun Energy
Kingsley Roofing	Grayfox Swimming Pools

Wyggeston Hospital Hub and Cottages, Leicester submitted by Corporate Architecture



Founded as an almshouse charity in 1513, Wyggeston Hospital has been providing sheltered housing, support and care for vulnerable older people in Leicester for more than 500 years. A new administrative and entertainment Hub and additional housing were added to the existing extra-care accommodation whilst a newly landscaped scheme was provided for residents to enjoy. To create a modern scheme in a traditional setting, external materials were carefully selected and past aesthetics were echoed in the new building styles. The Hub provides a clear focal point to the site. Created for the residents to access its facilities and activities, it also contains a fully serviceable commercial kitchen and large patio to host fundraising or celebration events. An attenuation pond has been placed at the heart of the site, as a focal resource for the residents, staff and wildlife. The new ground floor of the Hub is now fully occupied, and the café is in daily use. All the new eight apartments and six cottages are occupied.

Contract value: £4.75m
Completion date: January 2022
Main parties involved:

Wyggeston Hospital
Andrew Granger & Co
Corporate Architecture
S&S Contracting
BSP Consulting
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- Integration into the surrounding area
- Budgetary considerations / value for money
- How well the development meets occupier needs

Non-Residential for the purpose of these Awards includes commercial developments, educational establishments, retail, leisure, industrial and mixed use developments.

Small Non-Residential applicants have a contract value of £3 million or less.

Age UK Information Hub, Leicester

submitted by
Corporate Architecture



Age UK Leicester Shire & Rutland wanted to extend its space to create a new Information Hub.

The Hub is for older people and their families to talk in a relaxed, light and airy atmosphere with Age UK volunteers to learn about the assistance the charity can provide.

The deliberately simple glass form of the new building offers a contemporary aesthetic which harmonises with the Grade 2 listed existing Clarence House whilst offering a modern contrast to the intricate detailing of the historic asset.

Both the new Information Hub and the listed Clarence House have their own visual identity but share the space well together. Simple high quality glazed balustrades and paving provide a welcoming entrance to the building.

Internally the space benefits from a high ceiling which provides a real sense of space and light. Specialist solar glazing panels create a pleasant, temperate environment and the investment has helped to reduce air conditioning running costs and the panels will pay for themselves over time.

The new structure meets the needs of Age UK Leicester Shire & Rutland's service users and provides a popular focal point.

Contract value: £0.33m

Completion date: May 2021

Main parties involved:

Age UK Leicester Shire & Rutland

Corporate Architecture

DW Hicks Building

DWS

Salus

ISL Associates

Queniborough Aluminium Services

Inglehurst Junior School – Front Entrance and Extension, Leicester

submitted by Leicester City Council



Inglehurst Junior School's new entrance lobby and reception area enhances the front of the school as well as improving security and safeguarding.

The extension was designed by Leicester City Council's in-house architect and constructed using a modern structural glazing system to complement the most sensitive front elevation of the building. The design's transparency allows the school's original design and fenestration to be appreciated after the new development. This was an important element due to the school being locally listed as a heritage asset.

The scheme has not only enabled the school to have a focal point of entry but also provided a shop window that increases the perception of being integrated with the local community and wider surrounding area. Internally, there is a seamless transition through the glazing system into the ceiling finish, a polished concrete floor, exposed and surface fixed services, period lighting and raw and undecorated finishes. The contemporary design has not only enhanced school security and safeguarding, it has also created a light and spacious environment which has had an exceptional impact upon the school community.

Contract value: £0.3m

Completion date: February 2021

Main parties involved:

Olivet Group

Leicester City Council

Sutton in the Elms Baptist Church, Broughton Astley

submitted by Mayway, JMS Engineers and Axon Architects



Sutton in the Elms Baptist church was originally founded around 1646, making it the oldest baptist church in Leicestershire.

This thriving place of worship and social events for many local families needed an upgrade and expansion, as well as adaptation to ensure all members of the community could use the church.

The project saw extensive alterations and linked extensions to the existing Grade II* Listed church, alongside a new central multi-use space for welcoming, relaxing and socialising.

The project sought to link the church and the church hall, to create a large useable circulation space and café area. Previously on different floor levels, these areas had accessibility issues for some people.

The new central glazed hub came with additional multi-use rooms and meeting spaces, and included much improved toilet facilities and a modernised kitchen

The church also invested in the installation of energy efficient heating systems, along with improved thermal fabric on all existing structures to reduce their environmental impact and heating costs.

Contract value: £0.66m

Completion date: June 2022

Main parties involved:

JMS Engineers

Axon Architects

Mayway Construction

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Small Non-Residential applicants have a contract value in excess of £3million.

Leicester Children's Hospital, Leicester submitted by Pick Everard



The East Midlands Congenital Heart Centre for the region's children was relocated from Glenfield Hospital to its new city centre home at Leicester Royal Infirmary. The children's department is now part of the larger Leicester Children's Hospital within the LRI. The relocation took place over three phases, with the first and largest element being a new-build extension to the Kensington Building to house the outpatient department, new cardiac theatre and new hybrid catheter lab. The internationally renowned children's heart service moved from its Glenfield home, where it had been since 1993. The new space includes a new cardiac ward, diagnostic department and cardiac paediatric intensive care unit. One challenge the team faced was the constrained site building. It was next to the existing maternity building that was a live environment, as well as a busy street. The approach was to use modular construction methods to minimise disruption. The cardiac ward and outpatient department were designed to feel as homely as possible, whilst still maintaining the clinical requirements for a hospital setting, as patients and parents can be there for several weeks.

Contract value: £15m

Completion date: August 2021

Main parties involved:

Pick Everard
MTX Contracts
Brown and Kirby
DGM Builders
AFL Architects

Rider Levett Bucknall
Sutcliffe Consulting
Ross Quality
University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust
Interserve (now Tilbury Douglas)

New Trade Park – Panniers Way, Oakham submitted by Wilten Construction



Panniers Way is an 18 unit industrial and trade counter development on the northern edge of Oakham in Rutland. The site is within a wider scheme of development aimed at boosting the local economy and creating employment in the growing town. The units range from 1,000 sq ft to 9,000 sq ft, with cladding colours chosen to blend in with the surroundings. The design and build contract aimed to use the latest techniques to achieve an EPC A energy rating. Faced with rising costs of materials and labour during and after the coronavirus pandemic, Wilten Construction was asked to find significant savings in the construction costs. By modifying the soils on site and remodelling the external levels to achieve a balance of cut and fill, four thousand cubic metres of material did not need to leave the site. Some 99 per cent of waste generated on the site was recycled. And the development incorporated permeable paving as sustainable drainage. By practical completion the scheme was fully let.

Contract value: £4.6m

Completion date: June 2022

Main parties involved:

Tungsten Properties
Wilten Construction
HTC Architects
PRP UK

Space Park Leicester submitted by Pulse Consult and Shephard Epstein Hunter



Space Park Leicester is a collaborative community of industry, academics and students working together to drive growth in space and space-enabled sectors. It builds upon the heritage and space science excellence of the University of Leicester and aims to support the ever-expanding growth of the space sector, boosting economic performance in the East Midlands region. The community of users in the building prides itself on undertaking world-leading research, impactful innovation and offering a wide range of skills and educational development opportunities. Space Park Leicester is the result of successful collaboration between the City and University of Leicester and many public sector partners before and during design and construction. The project transformed a long-disused and contaminated brownfield site in a flood risk zone into a generator of social, economic and environmental improvement. The four and five storey pavilions and two storey specialist laboratory wing, which is capable of upward extension, sit alongside parkland, furthest from the adjacent low-rise housing to the west and close to mature tree canopies.

Contract value: £46.4m

Completion date: November 2021

Main parties involved:

University of Leicester
Pulse Consult
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PROPERTY DEAL

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An Award for the team that have pulled off the best property deal in Leicestershire and Rutland. The deal must have been completed in the 18 months prior to 30 June 2022 and not have been previously submitted for a ProCon Award.

We are not necessarily looking for the biggest deal but a deal that stands out from the norm and has had or has the potential to have a huge impact in its making.

The development will be judged on the following criteria:

- Level of complexity of the deal
- Innovation related to the deal
- Vision and purpose of the deal
- Challenges faced and overcome
- Financial aspects of the deal and related performance
- Commitment to placemaking and regeneration
- Commitment to environmental and sustainability factors

East Midlands Pharma – Crosslink, Leicester submitted by Fortus



This deal was for a 15-year lease on a 90,000 sq ft facility for healthcare company EM Pharma. The land is at the intersection of the A6 and A46 to the north of Leicester and is being developed by Rotherhill for EM Pharma. The company, part of the Day Lewis Group, wanted new warehouse and office space to accommodate its ongoing growth. It expects to move in during the first half of 2023. Old Dalby based EM Pharma was keen to remain in Leicestershire when it needed more space in which to expand. It's a big investment for the company at a key moment in its timeline of growth. The 15-acre site is being developed by Rotherhill, a commercial property development and asset management company based in the East Midlands. EM Pharma briefed the property team at Fortus on its requirements for this blank canvas project, including high quality office space, large service yard area, allocated parking and dock access points.

Contract value: Undisclosed
Completion date: April 2021
Main parties involved:
EM Pharma
Rotherhill
Fortus

Europcar and Charles Street Buildings, Leicester submitted by Charles Street Buildings



This deal was for 16,752 sq ft of grade A office space at the Great Central Square development in Leicester. The deal was for Europcar's new headquarters. The car hire business has been in Leicester for more than 35 years, many of those years at its previous HQ on Welford Road. The new offices at No. 1 Great Central Square were speculatively built alongside the Lane 7 leisure venue and new Adagio and Novotel hotels. The deal was completed at £20 per square foot, the highest headline rent achieved in Leicester. Working with the joint agents APB and M1 Agency, Europcar took two floors of the new premises. The offices are part of the £50 million redevelopment of the five-acre area. Great Central Square is also part of Leicester's waterside regeneration project and sits opposite the city's Highcross shopping centre.

Contract value: £0.33m pa
Completion date: October 2021
Main parties involved:
Charles Street Buildings
Europcar
APB
M1 Agency

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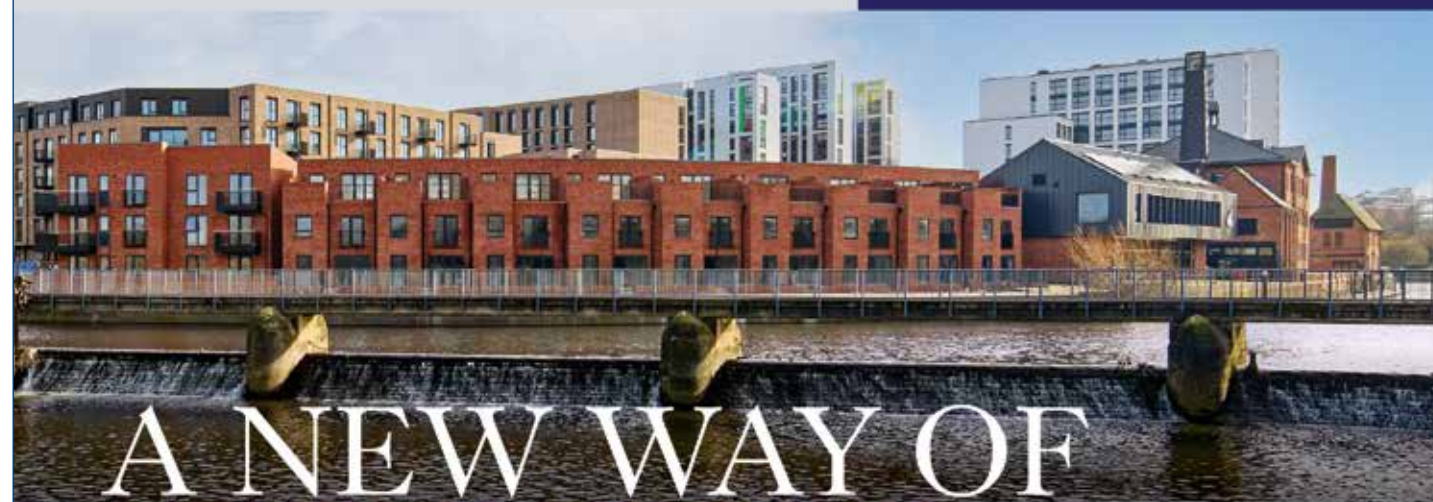
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The development will be judged on the following criteria:

- **Catalyst for the regeneration of the wider area** – the extent to which the project has acted as a catalyst for the regeneration of the surrounding area or created opportunities for this to happen in the future
- **Economic regeneration benefits of the scheme** – jobs created or saved, investment brought in, training provided, etc
- **Social, community and environmental regeneration benefits** – including facilities for local residents, support for community groups, sustainability features, etc
- **Response to constraints and other regeneration factors** – e.g. how dealt with brownfield land, contaminated land, listed building status, etc
- **Quality of design** and building/conservation works
- **Development sensitivity** – to the surrounding area
- **Innovation** used in the project
- **Budgetary considerations** – e.g. funding streams accessed, public versus private funding received, etc.

Snibston Colliery Park and Visitor Centre, Coalville submitted by A+G Architects



The new visitor centre at Snibston Colliery was created to bring visitors back to the site of the former Snibston Discovery Park which closed in 2016. The former colliery’s pit headstocks are scheduled monuments and the site’s owner, Leicestershire County Council, proposed a new visitor centre and café to kickstart regeneration in the area. The industrial heritage site is again a popular school trip destination and the play area and mountain bike trail are busy. Snibston Colliery was operational for 150 years until 1986 and the headstocks and other listed buildings are part of the region’s industrial heritage. The new visitor centre includes a café, meeting room, offices and other facilities. Although modest in scale, the visitor centre has had a profound effect as a catalyst for further regeneration. The project was constructed using off-site panels. It features zinc cladding and a saw tooth roof invoking the industrial feel of the area.

Contract value: £3m
Completion date: October 2021
Main parties involved:
Leicestershire County Council
Fortem
The Environment Partnership
A+G Architects
BSP Consulting
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Space Park Leicester submitted by Pulse Consult and Shepherd Epstein Hunter



Space Park Leicester is a collaborative community of industry, academics and students working together to drive growth in space and space-enabled sectors. It is forecast to contribute £750m a year to the UK space sector over the next decade and support more than 2,500 direct and indirect jobs in the East Midlands. With an annual turnover of £16bn, the UK space sector is an increasingly important part of the UK economy. Space Park Leicester is a regenerative use of publicly owned disused brownfield land which promotes economic growth in association with neighbouring development which contributes positively to society and the climate change emergency. The University committed to Space Park Leicester’s Phase One without certainty that later phases would follow. But Phase Two was realised quickly, justifying the initiative and creating a sense of place to attract companies and researchers and act as a regeneration pump-primer. Local firms have the opportunity to locate their business on a short- or long-term basis at Space Park Leicester.

Contract value: £46.4m
Completion date: Novemeber 2021
Main parties involved:
University of Leicester
Pulse Consult
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The Gresham, Leicester submitted by MDA Consulting, rg+p and Aimrok



The Gresham has transformed the Grade II listed former Fenwick department store, a Leicester landmark, into 121 serviced apartments plus flexible offices, meeting spaces, restaurant and rooftop bar. The façade has been carefully restored with the timber shopfronts being hand-painted with a heritage colour palette to reflect the historic context of the building. The interior design used materials sensitively chosen to respect the building’s fabric. The finish of the apartments is of a high standard with rooms benefiting from high ceilings and large windows. The former Fenwick store is an iconic building that has been an important part of Leicester’s history since the 1800s. Its closure in 2017 had a detrimental impact on Market Street and Belvoir Street, leading to the closure of many other small independent shops. The Gresham has helped breathe life back into the building and area. It is encouraging more shops to reopen on Market Street and Belvoir Street and in the surrounding area. The flexible co-working offer provides incubation spaces for start-up businesses in the heart of the city, helping to boost the local economy and provide employment opportunities.

Contract value: £12.7m
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