

Andrew Grant selected for influential new Design Group



Andrew Grant, founder and director of Bath based landscape architect Grant Associates, is one of ten people selected by the [National Infrastructure Commission](#) (NIC) to form an influential new [Design Group](#).

The Design Group will be champions for design excellence in all new national infrastructure. They will lobby to ensure that design is considered at the outset of every major project, and at every stage of delivery, to make the most of infrastructure schemes without increasing cost.

Andrew will be promoting the importance of landscape and environmental design as integral parts of major infrastructure schemes, helping to create resilient environments that deliver a better quality of user experience whilst supporting biodiversity and addressing the challenges of climate change. He will draw on Grant Associates' substantial experience of designing large-scale landscape architecture strategies for major schemes. Current projects include Curzon Street railway station for HS2 and a masterplan for Castellana Norte - a new district in northern Madrid.

Professor Sadie Morgan, a National Infrastructure Commissioner and Stirling Prize winner, announced the ten members of the Design Group saying its formation hailed a "pivotal moment" for the future of UK infrastructure.

The first National Infrastructure Assessment, published by the Commission last year, set out the benefits of effective design, highlighting it leads to an outcome that works well while enhancing the quality of life for the communities who experience it every day.

Andrew, along with four other candidates, beat off tough competition to be selected as the inaugural cohort of the pioneering initiative. This group of five will sit alongside three members of the Commission's existing expert panel, who informed the design recommendations in the Assessment. The tenth member of the Group is a representative from the Commission's Young Professionals Panel who will ensure a strong voice for the next generation.

The experience of the members spans transport, engineering, architecture as well as landscape. The Design Group is expected to meet formally at least four times a year. Its work will include undertaking research examining the added value that design can bring to infrastructure and developing design principles that could be applied to all nationally significant projects.

The members of the National Infrastructure Commission's Design Group are:

- Professor Sadie Morgan (Chair) – Architectural Designer – National Infrastructure Commissioner and Founding Partner of dRMM Architects
- Isabel Dedring – Lawyer and Management Consultant – Global Transport Leader at Arup
- Anthony Dewar – Civil Engineer – Professional Head, Buildings and Architecture at Network Rail
- Clare Donnelly – Architect – Director at Fereday Pollard Architects
- Andrew Grant – Landscape Architect – Founder and Director of Grant Associates

- Professor Hanif Kara – Structural Engineer – Co-founder and Design Director of AKT II
- Madeleine Kessler – Architect – Haptic Architects
- Lucy Musgrave – Urban Designer – Founding Director of Publica
- Judith Sykes – Civil Engineer – Director at Expedition Engineering
- Louise Wyman – Chartered Surveyor and Landscape Architect – Design Lead for the West Midlands Combined Authority



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Grant Associates has experience in all scales and types of ecological and landscape development including strategic landscape planning, master planning, urban design and regeneration and landscapes for parks, housing, education, sport, recreation, visitor attractions and commerce.

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