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Hello,

I understand that my comments are coming in late but I thought I would send anyway in case there was any chance that they would still be considered. I am an architect with experience in public realm design in London, and have also worked to give design guidance to London Borough of Harrow. I now work for Shane Birney Architects here in Derry and I am passionate about good urban planning and design! Unfortunately I was unaware of the deadline.

My comments predominantly refer to the place-making section of the report:

- 'Creating places' should not be used as a reference. It is out-dated, inspirational and generic.
- There should be acknowledgement that design quality is set by the council. This is important for architects to be able to promote quality in projects. There must be a robust and aspirational planning system.
- An in-house architect, or someone who has a focus on design quality would be a good way to improve overall quality of buildings in the city. This is the way the planning system is moving in England. Also in the south - Cork City has a city and county architect. Another way is to have design review panels for bigger projects to ensure these more prominent schemes are of the highest quality.
- The design objectives should refer to 'local specificity' - A need to move away from the generic.
- More mention of working with artists, community groups to improve the environment.
- There could be more images in the document, and they also need captions. The image attached is place in the place-making section with on mention of why it is there. See link below for an example of a great design guide from Hackney. Could there be more images of good quality design in other cities or towns which could be transferable.

[https://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/~-/media/lldc/local%20plan/local%20plan%20aug14/hwfi\\_design\\_planning\\_guidance\\_2014.pdf](https://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/~-/media/lldc/local%20plan/local%20plan%20aug14/hwfi_design_planning_guidance_2014.pdf)

I hope there can be included but understand if not,

Many thanks for reading,

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*Creating Places: Achieving quality in residential environments (May 2000)*

- 2.33 This guide describes the contributions to quality and sustainability that developers in Northern Ireland will be expected to make through the design of new residential developments.
- 2.34 It seeks to ensure that what is designed and built today will be cherished by both present and future generations.
- 2.35 The guide is for use by all those involved in the design of new residential developments and the rejuvenation of existing housing areas – primarily house-builders, architects, landscape architects, urban designers, planners and road engineers. It is intentionally not slanted towards any one profession or group, in the belief that what is said here is relevant to all those who have an interest in the design of the places where we live.

better use of existing facilities, land and infrastructure and seek to create a more sustainable city, as well as more compact sustainable settlements



**Place-making & Design Objectives (PDOs)**

- PDO 1) To Protect and Promote Built Environment and Townscape Features
- PDO 2) To Enhance the Value of the Natural Environment
- PDO 3) To Implement a Sustainable Transport Hierarchy
- PDO 4) To Sustain Social and Economic Vitality
- PDO 5) To Deliver a Consistently High Design Quality Throughout The District
- PDO 6) To Maintain the Character of the Countryside

PDO 1 - Protect and Promote Built Environment and Townscape Features